

Serving artists from Oregon City and the surrounding communities.

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Featured Speakers

TRAG Members

This month three of our members will be giving presentations showcasing their work. On the agenda are Russ Eversole, Paula Lewis, and Mike Wonser. The TRAG Board members will be looking for volunteers for future presentations. Please let one of them know if you are interested, and when. The presentations are a chance to introduce yourself to the membership, discuss the work, and contribute to the Guild's goal to educate and support local artists.



Russ Eversole. Russ is our Guild president. He fashions wooden containers, and his own exclusive neck sculptures, a.k.a. knitted scarves and wraps. "I have been interested art most of my life, and dabbled in oils, acrylics, and some watercolor; tried multimedia, with some small successes, but it is woodworking that I have found my greatest joy. Now all I have to do is keep improving. Four—no, almost five years ago, I packed up all I owned in a U-haul, put my dog in the passenger seat, and headed for Oregon City. What I found when I got here is a home and good friends that encouraged me to do my 'art' and get involved. I thank each of them and hope to do more of both."

Paula Lewis. By day, Paula is a graphic artist for the Clackamas Education Service District. She prepares pre-press layouts for production. When the time clock strikes 4:00PM, Paula transforms into her more artistic self. "I look for opportunities to escape to my Main Street studio. It's quiet, roomy, full of paints, brushes, blank surfaces, and inspirational images collected through the years. The studio is close to home, but away from home. It's mine, uninterrupted." Paula will talk about faux textures and mural rendering. She will present three-dimensional samples of her decorative painting. Visit her website www.paulaflewis.com.



Mike Wonser. Mike's impressive background was featured last month. If you attended the June meeting, you observed his critiques as he talked about his thoughts on members' work. This month Mike will present his own photography and painting.

A Note from the President by Russ Eversole

Greetings, I am still trying to get my mind in gear with this President thing, but with the help of a few friends I may make it.

There is one little comment I feel I need to make no matter how uncomfortable it may be, and that is that we need paying members to keep this Guild going. I honor all who are doing their best for the Guild, and we would not be going or growing with you. I was a non-paying member most of last year, so I know how that little expense can get away from a person. But the fact is that without the dues, we have no financial base to continue, so if you can, please become a paying member again, so we can continue to grow.

Membership dues can be paid to Mindy Benfield, membership coordinator, or Melanie Monge, treasurer. Dues can also be sent to:

Three Rivers Artist Guild
P.O. Box 2648
Oregon City, OR 97045

Please be sure to read the related article on Membership and its benefits. It's money well spent!



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Second Annual Holiday Art Show & Sale

Those of you who attended the June TRAG meeting know that we are starting to work on the 2ND Annual Holiday Art Show & Sale. This year it will be on the weekend of November 14–15, 2009.

We still need someone to do the placement for the advertising. This job entails e-mailing the text for the show to the various advertising sources, e.g. *Clackamas Weekly*, *The Oregonian* Holiday Bazaar listing, etc. It is not a hard job, but requires some time. We would appreciate anyone who has some experience in advertising to help with this.

We also need more volunteers to help with set-up and take-down. About an hour before artists come to set up on Friday, we need to move tables and chairs from the show room and mark booth layout. We could use some muscle for this job. After the show, tables and chairs need to be brought back into the room and set up as they were before the show. Many hands can help to make this a quick job.

If you would like to have a booth, or be part of the community booth, please fill in the form and e-mail it back to me, along with 4 or 5 images of your work in small .jpg for the e-mail form, by August 15, 2009. The committee will respond to you around the first of September with information about your participation in the show.

Last year's holiday art show was lots of fun for those who participated, and for those who attended. We're looking forward to an even better show this coming season. Call to Artist forms must be received by August 15, 2009. Artists will be sent application packets with information on the show and booth requirements by September 1, 2009.

Please complete the following information and e-mail it back to janicegunderson@comcast.net along with 4 or 5 low resolution .jpg images of your work. Images must depict the work that will be shown in your booth.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ TRAG member: ___ Yes ___ No

Art medium(s): _____

Signature: _____



Art Festivals and Events

Oregon City Farmers Market. The Oregon City Farmers Market is now held on Saturdays from 9AM–2PM. Market manager Jackie Hammond-Williams would welcome artists to set up anytime at the market, in the walkways, to paint and sketch the market, then bring the artwork back to sell one weekend in September. For more information, please contact:

Jackie Hammond-Williams, Market Manager, 503.734.0192

www.orcityfarmersmarket.com

marketmanager@orcityfarmersmarket.com

Meetings will now be held in the lower level of the Pioneer Community Center.

Pioneer Center
615 5TH Street
Oregon City, Oregon

Meetings are held at the Pioneer Community Center on the second Monday of every month. The business meeting begins at 6PM. The regular meeting begins at 7PM. All members are welcome to attend the business meeting.

Agenda for Monday, July 13

6PM Business Meeting

- Welcome
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
- Website Update
- Holiday Art Show & Sale
- *Art in Windows* Program
- New Business
First Tuesday
Willamette
Terrace Festivities

7PM General
Membership Meeting

- Welcome by President
- Nominations for
President-elect
- Member Presentations

Art Festivals and Events

Arts Festival in the Forest. August 15 & 16, 2009. The Arts Festival in the Forest is accepting applications for the seventh annual juried art show in West Linn's Mary S. Young Park, sponsored in part by the city of West Linn. The festival has been well attended and has earned a reputation for visual and performing art excellence

Exhibitor fees are \$125.00. Booth spaces are 10'x10' with no more than 2 artists per booth. If you exhibited last year, you can fill out the application form found at www.maryyoungartsfestival.com, and mail it with your check (made payable to Art in the Forest) to Deanna Hanson, 30951 SW Riverlane Road, West Linn, OR 97068 by June 15.

First time exhibitors must include 4 images of their work (either photos or on CD). Please do not send a booth fee until notified of your acceptance. Artists will be chosen by a selection committee.

Contact Deanna Hanson at 503.703.5767, or at deannahanson@wbcable.net.



Art Submissions Needed

for the Gallery at 221 Molalla, September Rotation

Committee members are seeking art submissions for the September rotation at the Gallery at 221 Molalla. This gallery is for guild members only so if you do submit, please make sure your dues are current. The committee selects and installs artwork on a rotating basis three times a year at the Planning Department gallery. Rotation periods are Jan–April, May–August, and September–December.

Submission Guidelines for Artists. The available wall space includes several walls in the reception area; a hallway leading to the lunch room; and conference room, which includes a large wall. Currently the photographic works by Ingrid Aubry, Ellen Shefi, and Mike Wonser, and several weavings by Mary Wonser.

For the September show we would like to open up the possibility or other media, including 3-D. This would include textiles, glass, metal and wood that can be hung on a wall. All work must be suitably prepared for hanging. Preferably, artists will submit three or more works. However, this is not mandatory.

Submit images of your work via e-mail to: Lynda Orzen at orzep@comcast.net. Images should be .jpg file format (small format for e-mail, please). Subject line should read: Planning Dept. Show Submission + artist's name. If you have questions or comments, please e-mail Lynda at any time. If, for some reason, you cannot e-mail pictures of your work, please contact Lynda to make alternative arrangements.



Downtown's Art in Windows Project

The *Art in Windows* Program is officially underway. Committee members Laura Rambo, Paula Lewis, Mike Wonser and Lynda Orzen met with downtown manager Lloyd Purdy on June 23 at the Verdict. (Members Elisabeth Miles and Glenda Richards were

unable to attend.) Committee members walked downtown and identified windows that might qualify for the program. Looking at unoccupied buildings in particular, the committee didn't rule out empty business windows. Lloyd will make contact with the business owners and explain the program. Once the owner agrees, committee members will determine what type of art will best suit the location.

One location has already been identified for the program and artwork was installed July 2 at 900 Main Street behind the Coffee Rush. Contributing TRAG artists are Diane Wright, potter; Ingrid Aubry, photographer; Laura Rambo, photographer; Elisabeth Miles, fused glass; Lynda Orzen, fiber art; Paula Lewis, muralist and Mike Wonser, photographer and painter. There was an opening event on July 10 in conjunction with the Liberty Plaza concerts.

Thanks to building owner Don Slack for allowing the use of the space, and thanks to all committee members who stepped forward to donate time and experience to this wonderful project. The gallery space will only be open for special events, but walk by at any time to view the artwork. This project will begin opening many doors to artists in the downtown community.



Membership Renewal

Please send your dues (only \$25 per year, \$35 per household) made payable to TRAG, and send along with a completed application form to:

Three Rivers Membership Guild
PO Box 2648
Oregon City, OR 97045

Please Note: we are asking all existing members to fill out a **new** membership form as well, so that we may update our records.

What does your membership pay for? Here is just a sampling:

- P.O. Box
- Scholarship fund
- Newsletter production and printing
- Nametags and other miscellaneous office supplies
- Professional services (attorney and CPA)
- Chamber of Commerce Membership
- Guest speakers for our meetings
- Insurance for events
- A link to your website from the Three Rivers Artist Guild website

In return, we get 11 exciting and educational programs a year, plus the opportunity to show our work in multiple venues and contribute to the artistic enhancement of our community.

Please allow your e-mail account to accept e-mail from BEN1323@aol.com in order to receive the most current roster, newsletter and other TRAG notices.

Minutes from the June 8, 2009 TRAG Meeting

- **Business Meeting.** President Russ Eversole opened the meeting at 6:10PM.
- **Treasurer's Report.** Melanie distributed current report to members. A copy is attached to minutes. Of note, old bank account is still open waiting for last check to clear.
- **Membership Report.** Tonight is first time we will be charging a fee for unpaid members to participate.
- **Volunteer Coordinator Report.** New revised member info sheets will be here at the next general meeting.
- **May Meeting Report.** As was stated in newsletter, the meeting at Jill Montgomery's was well attended and enjoyed by all. If you are interested in hosting a meeting at your studio, please contact Russ Eversole.
- **Website.** Kellee Beaudry reported she has the site initially formatted ready for interested members to review and give feedback tonight. In the break between meetings members can review her work.

Old Business

- **Scholarship Committee.** We still need members to form a Scholarship Committee. The committee will formulate the program, getting parameters and information set. There is \$450.00 in proceeds from the heART of Oregon silent auction already on the books. Jim Hall volunteered to chair the committee. If you are interested in being on this committee please contact Jim Hall.

New Business

- **Web Domain Renewals.** 3 reserved web domain names are up for renewal. A motion to retain Three Rivers Artist Guild domain was proposed by Debbie Ellis, seconded by Mary McCarty. Motion passed.
- **Art in Business/Main Street Project.** We need committee members who would work with the Main Street Coalition to identify potential windows where art displays could be safely placed. The concept would also apply for upcoming at events, shows, etc. The time commitment estimate is 5–7 hours per month. TRAG committee members would keep the concerns of the artist in focus: UV damage as well as insurance etc.
- **1ST Tuesday in Oregon City.** Russ will research more and contact Annie Howden in regards to the program.
- **General Meeting.** Russ opened the General Meeting at 7:05PM.
- We still need nominations for President-Elect. The floor was opened for nominations. Paula Lewis was nominated and seconded. Russ Eversole was nominated and seconded. Motion was made and seconded to close nominations. Election will be held next General Meeting.
- **Art in Business.** Oregon City's Main Street Revitalization Program is looking at Art in Businesses. The objective was explained and a TRAG committee needs to be formed to meet with the Main Street Manager and existing committee to help formulate this program. The following members have stepped forward to help: Paula Lewis, Mike Wonser, Glenda Richards, Beth Miles and Laura Rambo. Thank you!
- **November Holiday Art Show:** Pat Wendt has agreed to co-chair the 2ND Annual show with Janice Gunderson. Mary McCarty has agreed to chair the volunteer committee. The show & sale will be held at the Pioneer Community Center. The schedule is as follows: November 13—move in, November 14 & 15—show & sale. Booths will be 8'x8'. Call to artists will be in June & July. There will be a community booth as well, staffed by artist participants.
- **Featured speaker was Mike Wonser, including art critiques.** Mike opened the critique with this quote from Clive Bell: "Art is a manipulation of raw materials into a significant form that creates an esthetic experience for the viewer." He also explained and related the criteria that judges use and he would utilize in tonight's critiques:

1. Impact
2. Design & Composition
3. Technical/Craftsmanship
4. Presentation.

Mike had informative critiques for members who submitted fabric, glass, water color, pencil, photography, sculpture, toleware, basketry, metal and wood working. We all learned something new! Thanks Mike.

- **Meeting adjourned** at 8:45PM.



Membership Application

To mutually enhance artistic and business skills through presentations, discussions and educational topics; provide networking and information regarding gallery openings, art shows in the community, and art event updates.

For new members only! Please mail along with check to PO Box 2648, Oregon City, 97045 or bring to next meeting and give to Treasurer.

Name of artists(s)		
Business Name:		
Mailing address: City, State, Zip		
Email and Web Address:		
Telephone numbers:		
Day:	Evening:	Cell:

In which media do you work? (check all that apply, and add brief description in the space below)

Drawing	Painting	Printmaking
Book/paper arts	Photography	Film/video
Sculpture	Fiber/fabric	Ceramics
Glass	Jewelry	Woodcraft
Other		

Please give a brief description of your work:

Galleries that currently represent you:

Website(s) on which your work is displayed and/or sold:

Please attach any current curriculum vitae, artist biography, or artist statement.

Membership dues are \$25.00 per person and \$35.00 for a household. Dues run from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year. **Please note, membership dues are not prorated.**

Dated: 2009

Your Initials:

Membership Paid on:

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