

Serving artists from Oregon City and the surrounding communities.

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May Meeting at Studio M Mosaics



Our monthly meeting, to be held this Monday, May 11, will be a social gathering and demonstration at the studio of member Jill Montgomery. Jill is a mosaic artist whose studio has been featured in the Oregonian for its charm and beauty.

About Jill: "A native Oregonian, I live on a small farm in Oregon City with my husband Todd and our two teenagers Megan and Eric. I love the beautiful Northwest, and spend as much of my free time as possible in the garden and greenhouse. Aside from gardening and spending time with my family, I enjoy collecting vintage pottery and antiques.

In early 2001, I purchased my first book on mosaics: *Mosaic Techniques and Traditions*, by Sonia King. I read the book over and over again, and then I purchased several more books. It was difficult to satisfy my curiosity of the art. My first project, a birdhouse, was completed in March of 2006, and the obsession took hold."

Jill's address is 15651 S. Carus Rd., Oregon City, phone number is 503.260.7731, or e-mail at jillian@studiommosaics.com. Visit her website studiommosaics.com for a little preview.

This meeting is also an opportunity for open nominations for TRAG's new President-elect. We will meet at 7PM.



Autumn Breeze, by Jill Montgomery. 3 - 18" x 20" panels



From the Newsletter Editor

Members are now encouraged to contact Paula Lewis directly with editorial copy, event announcements, and Guild business. Paula will publish the information in the TRAG newsletter. Deadline for submission is the Wednesday prior to the regular TRAG meetings, which take place on the second Monday of the month.

Digital transmission is preferred, formatting files as .doc or .pdf; photo images in .jpg format. Hard copy is also accepted in person at the regular meetings. Please e-mail information to paulalewis1@mac.com. Phone number is 503.475.1006.



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Call for Artists

...from Lake Oswego and West Linn. Onda Gallery seeks local artists who reside in Lake Oswego or West Linn to exhibit in their gallery June 5–27. All styles and mediums will be considered. Send an image of your work, along with a short bio to oswego@ondagallery.com. Onda Gallery, 220 A Avenue, Suite 104, Lake Oswego, OR 97034, 503.496.3922. Deadline: May 13.

...for the 27TH Rose Art Show 2009, part of the Portland Rose Festival sponsored by Oregon Society of Artists. Artists may submit works based on the Rose Theme or this year's theme of "Bridging Communities." Applicants may submit two paintings. Open to artists living in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, and British Columbia. Artwork may be in any medium or style, but must be in 2D. No photography or sculpture. Visit www.oregonsocietyofartists.com or call 503.228.0706. Delivery deadlines at Oregon Society of Artists, 2185 SW Park Place at St. Clair: May 26, 10AM–4PM; May 27, 10AM–12PM.

...for Photography. Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition Competition at Newspace Center for Photography (Portland) August 7–30. Winning images will be shown at the Center during the month of August 2009. The competition is open to all photographic themes and processes. Juror: Chris Pichler, publisher, Nazraeli Press. Visit www.newspacephoto.org/callforentries. Send your form with a CD of images to: Newspace Center for Photography, Juried Exhibition Competition, 1632 SE 10TH Ave., Portland, OR 97214. Postmarked deadline: May 29.

...Open Call for Artists. The Visual Arts Open Show, a component of the Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts (June 26–28), is one of the largest open art exhibits in the Northwest. Visual Arts Open show promotes the works of recognized and emerging artists from all disciplines of the art world. This exhibition is unjuried and open to all Northwest artists. Cash awards and ribbons will be given. Visit www.lakewood-center.org. Registration: June 21 from 1–4PM.



Grant Opportunities

...for Clackamas County Artists and Organizations only. The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition seeks proposals from county-based individuals or organizations for grants funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT) to support Clackamas County community-based cultural events, programs and organizations. For guidelines and more information about what the grants would fund, visit www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org. Clackamas County Cultural Coalition, PO Box 2181, Oregon City, OR 97045, 503.655.0525. Deadline: May 30.

...RACC Project Grants support not-for-profit organizations and individual artists in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Grants of up to \$6000 available for 2010 project-based arts programming. Guidelines and applications available first week of June. Visit www.racc.org/projectgrants.



Meetings will now be held in the basement 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 6:30PM. The regular meeting begins at 7PM. All members are welcome to attend the business meeting.

Important

Please note: the May TRAG meeting is taking place at Studio M Mosaics (see article on page 1).

Open nominations will also take place for the position of President-elect.

Plan to arrive at the usual time of 7PM. There will be no business meeting this month.

Membership Renewal

Membership dues for 2009 were due January 1ST. The board unanimously voted to keep dues at only \$25 per year (\$35 per household) in light of the tough economic times we all face. Please send the dues 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. You can find the membership form on page 5.

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

- Insurance for events
- Newsletter production and printing
- Nametags and other miscellaneous office supplies
- Scholarship fund
- Chamber of Commerce Membership
- P.O. Box
- Professional services (attorney and CPA)
- Guest speakers for our meetings

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. We are pleased that we can continue to offer the membership at such a reasonable rate.

Effective June 1ST, members whose dues are not current will be omitted from the TRAG roster and the newsletter mailing list. To continue receiving the monthly announcements, events, and activities affiliated with TRAG and its members, please make a payment to Mindy Benfield, membership coordinator or Melanie Monge, treasurer.



Art Rotation at the 221 Molalla Gallery

On Friday, May 1, the artwork at the Oregon City Community Development Division was rotated and new work installed. The new installation will continue through the end of August 2009. All artwork on display is for sale, but must remain on display through the end of the rotation period. Prospective buyers may contact the artists directly. A book with artist bios and business cards is kept at the front desk for those seeking further information.

The current installation is primarily photography-based, along with one weaver. The TRAG artists represented are Mike Wonser, photography; Mary Wonser, weaver; Ingrid Aubry, photography and photo collage; and Ellen Shefi, photography and photo painting. The new exhibit is already getting rave reviews from staff and visitors. The public is welcome to visit the facilities on the second floor at 221 Molalla Avenue.

The gallery is open to TRAG members only. The previous installation was painting and the next installation in September will be a variety of media from fibers to wood, metal and glass. We will be seeking new artists to install the first of September 2009. If you are interested in applying, please contact Lynda Orzen at orzep@bctonline.com.

Main Street Update

Our new Main Street manager Lloyd Purdy has really hit the ground running. Aside from the recent bridge closure and pending closure for several years, his plate for the week of April 27 looked something like this: second meeting of Blue Collar Creative Concept Marketing, funding request to City Hall, Taste of Downtown Video Series at Mi Famiglia, Finish Draft I of Preserve America Grant, Bridge Closure Campaign and Survey Development I and II, Bridge Closure Meeting with downtown business owners, Planning "Bridge Walk" event for downtown business owners, tour of Downtown with Rotary's Filipino Guests, Retail Survey meeting, finalize press release on Downtown Data and Rollout of Retail Survey, and Urban Design Studio visit to Eugene. Did I mention Lloyd is only working part time? The board members of the Main Street committee get one of these updates every week!

Speaking for the Promotions committee (which I co-chair), our work plan includes creating a handout on the Main Street Oregon City program, creating a newsletter or blog site till we have a website established, a "Best of" Award series, the Grand Opening Dedication Ceremony & Community Celebration for the Jon Storm Park Improvements, "Willamette Terrace" and McLoughlin Blvd. Enhancement Phase 1, a Bridge Closure Party, and a First Thursday event. The last was discussed briefly at our last TRAG board meeting.

With all of these promotions and events, the committee is in dire need of more members to share the fun, and, okay, the work! It would be wonderful to get more artistic minds on this committee to facilitate the process of getting more art in the downtown and businesses. If you are interested in attending a meeting for the promotions committee or would like more information, please e-mail me at orzep@bctonline.com. — Lynda Orzen



Art Festivals and Events

2009 Wilsonville Festival of Arts—Art on the Town. Saturday, May 30, 10AM–6PM and Sunday, May 31, 10AM–5PM. Clackamas County Visitor Center at Town Center Park, 29600 SW Park Place, Wilsonville, Oregon. Presented by the Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council and hosted by the Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce

Wine & Art Festival. Join us in beautiful Canby, Oregon June 5–7 for the 17TH annual Canby Wine & Art Festival— a celebration of art, food, wine, and music. You'll find artwork from various mediums, from painting to sculpture. Sample fabulous culinary creations from local chefs and sip the best of local wines as you relax, or dance, to great music. Check out our event extras: lunch winery tour and special lodging and entertainment packages. Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4TH Avenue, Canby, 503-266-1136. Event Hours: Friday, 5PM–9PM; Saturday, 11AM–8PM; Sunday, 11AM–5PM.

TRAG Business Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2009

- Pioneer Community Center. Anne opened the meeting at 6:40PM.
- Approval of Minutes of 3/09/09.
- Corrections were made to minutes. Motion made by Melanie Curry and seconded by Ingrid Aubrey to accept with correction.
- **Treasurer's Report.** Copies will be e-mailed to appropriate officers; the new bank account has been opened at Bank of the West. Due to an outstanding check the Bank of America account cannot be closed until all checks have been processed.
- **Volunteers are needed** to serve on the Scholarship Committee. Particularly needed are those with possible financial or grant writing back grounds
- **Web Site.** Drafts of content are in process.
- **Job descriptions** of each board position are being written up by board members.
- Ad for the Guild was placed in the Chamber of Commerce annual guide. A **voicemail number** is now available for contacting TRAG. Someone at the next board meeting will be appointed to check voicemail regularly and route information to appropriate persons.
- **heART of Oregon report.** Lynda Orzen is out of town. It was reported the show almost broke even. There were only 12 booths sold. A shared Guild booth was created which had good response from Guild members. The foods prepared and served by the center were also minimized, which was helpful. The \$1000.00 earned on the Friday night silent auction will be split between the Scholarship Fund and Meals on Wheels program at the Center. Attendance was fair for Friday night; however, the attendance for the rest of the weekend was very low. Discussion followed regarding dates, moving event back to February, need for volunteers to step up to put on these shows. Guild as a group to decide direction.
- Discussion ranged from bringing back the 1ST City Arts Fair, to coordinating with concerts in the park or as a tag-a-long on other summer events such as the Antique Faire. Volunteers were requested to step forward to create a committee to work on a summer show.
- 7:10PM business meeting ended.

General Meeting

- Welcome and introduction of guests.
- **heART of Oregon.** Anne recapped the information from the business meeting.
- Lengthy discussion followed among members as to possible future events. The Guild was reminded the primary purpose of the Guild is **education**, not putting on shows.
- **Guest speaker** was Betsy Bostwick, Public Art Manager for the Clackamas Arts Alliance. Her focus was on *How to Apply for Professional Public Art Projects*. Betsy explained RFQs and RFPs, and why the Arts Alliance generally uses RFQs. She also urged the Guild members to become involved in serving on a selection committee or steering committees. These notices are on their website at www.clackamasartsalliance.org.

Announcements.

- **Art Show.** Portland Convention Center. Seven Art Guilds represented. April 24, 25, 26, 2009.
- **Poetry reading at Café Breve.** Guest Lars Nordstrom. 6–8PM. April 20, 2009.
- **Anne** announced she has accepted a job in New York state and will be moving. Russ will be stepping up for the remainder of her term as president. She will be at the next board meeting. Anne encouraged all members to attend the board meeting, as well to express interest in serving on the board.





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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