



FROM THE Gallery



THE NEWSLETTER of the VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION - November /December 2017

Valley Art Gallery

2022 Main Street
Forest Grove, Oregon

503•357•3703
www.valleyart.org

Hours: Mon.–Sat., 11 a.m.
– 5:30 p.m., and other
hours on special occasions.

Valley Art supports
working artists,
encourages beginning
artists, exhibits
exceptional artwork
and offers affordable art
classes to the community.

Board meetings are held
monthly at the gallery on
the fourth Tuesday at 6:30
p.m. They are open to all
who might like to attend.

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Annual Artist Event 2017 – Valley Art: The Next Chapter

Members' Night is Friday, November 10.

The Annual Artist Event is coming soon. The event begins on Nov. 10 with Members' Night. From Nov. 11 to Nov. 19 the gallery will host events and the opportunity to meet some of the artists that make Valley Art what it is.



*"Blue Tree," pastel
by Jane Aukshunas*

Here are the events that are :

Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. will be a Coloring Book Night. Feel free to bring coloring books of your own or purchase a Forest Grove-themed coloring book from a visiting Public Arts Commission representative. Crayons and some markers will be available.



*"Oceanside Clarity" by
April Hoff.*

All ages are welcome and there is no charge; come early to browse all the new artwork on display.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 3 to 6 p.m., clay artists Michelle Gallagher and

Jan Igaki will be demonstrating in the gallery.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 3 to 6 p.m. painters Helvi Smith and April Hoff will be showing painting on various surfaces.

Thursday, Nov. 16, from 3 to 6 p.m. Lyn Jacobs and Polly Gottesman

will be talking about — and showing how — making wreaths that birds can eat.



*Hogwash Pottery's
gorgeous blue jars with
bright green frog friends.*



*Paul Rasmussen's wooden bowls
will be featured during the Annual Artist
Event.*

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Annual Artist Event — Oregon artists fill gallery *continued from page 1*

Friday, Nov. 17, Valley Art Education Chair April Hoff will host Fri-Date Night from 6 to 8 p.m. and facilitate creative time



Cherry Blossom Barn, a delicate watercolor by Emily Miller.

with your kids while you browse the gallery. Only \$5 with Valley Art purchase receipt; otherwise \$10/hour. Email education@valleyart.org for reservation link. Drop-ins are ok if space is available.

Sunday, Nov. 19, from noon to 4 p.m. is Family/Community Day at Valley Art. We will have a fun art project suitable for all



This delightful lidded pot and other great pottery items, by RED (Reena Dodeja), will be for sale during AAE.

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members of our community.

The gallery has extended hours during the Annual Artist Event. We are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and Noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

We hope you can come to Valley Art Gallery and see new work from our existing artists as well as the new ones who have been added. ●

“No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone.” Volunteer!

WANTED

YOUR  **HELP**

flexible / after-hours available for some needs

**Artsy Cohort • Calendar Assistant • Desk Attendant
Fundraising Chair • Grant Sleuth • Inventory Checker
Marketing Chair • Office Chair • Photography Aide
Social Media Maker • Sponsor Solicitor
Volunteer Coordinator**

To volunteer your efforts, call the gallery at 503/357-3703 or email office@valleyart.org. Thank you!

valleyart.org

Retrospective honors longtime artists — Fran Richards, Dave Johnson

The September 9th Valley Art artist's reception brought visitors, friends and guests into the gallery to celebrate the work of **Fran Richards** and "Old" **Dave Johnson**.

It was such a pleasure to greet these longtime members of Valley Art.

Fran's paintings, collected from over 40 years of work, were a moving tribute to the growth of an artist, woman and mother.

Dave's rich, heavy glass work with its jewel-like tones is a testament to his dedi-



Fran Richards brought oils, acrylics and pastels into the gallery in September/October.



Dave Johnson (above, far right) invited his friends to Valley Art to enjoy his show.

see special guest and local artist Evelyn Fritz who came to see the show. She and Orson Marcel had a great time together talking (right).

Again, we want to thank our volunteers and artists. Without them, Valley Art would be nothing.

Thank you, everyone. ●



cation as he continues working in this timeless art form.

Thank you to our reception committee volunteers Bev Camp, Margaret Hoerber, Jan Peiffer, Eloise Green, Jobina Lacock and Mary Welch.

Merrie French, our perennial Valley Art hostess, and a number of board members also attended and brought food.

It was also good to

27th annual Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival's fan-tastic!

A beautiful day and an enthusiastic crowd led to a great day of Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival in downtown Forest Grove.

Thank you to our main sponsors Woodfold MFG. Inc.; Ballard Town Chiropractic Clinic; Forest Grove High School; City of Forest Grove — Engineering, Parks, Street depart-



Huehca Omeiyocan played during Chalk Art.

ments & CEP Grant; Artingales; Maggie's Buns; City of Forest Grove Light & Power; Pizza Schmizza; Frye's Action Athletics; United Church of Christ; and Waste Management of Oregon.

Thank you to Roylene Read (right), and Philip Thias, co-chairs of Chalk Art.

Thank you, also, to our guest artists who in-



cluded Raziah Roushan, left.

See you next year on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 — for another year of Sidewalk Art. ●

VALLEY ART Classes, Workshops & Groups • November/December 2017

ONGOING CLASSES:

Quilting Studio - Fridays, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This is an ongoing class and may be joined at any time. All levels, from beginning to advanced, are welcome. This is the time to do your own work, get expert advice on a special project, and meet with other local quilters. Join the fun! Register in person at the gallery on Friday. Cost is \$28/year for Valley Art members and \$43/year for non-members.

Watercolor Class - Watercolor Class - First and third Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - Noon; evenings may also be available. OPB's Artbeat-featured instructor Irilla Swanson teaches adults watercolor painting. All materials are provided but you may bring your own. Step-by-step demos for beginners; problem-solving and direction for experienced painters. Cost is \$120 for the three-month session (\$20 per class). To register, email irillaswanson@comcast.net, or call 503-285-4399.

Oil Painting Class - First and third Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., evenings may also be available. OPB's Artbeat-featured instructor Irilla Swanson teaches adults water-soluble oil painting. All professional materials are provided: water-soluble oil paint, oil painting paper and brushes. The instructor provides examples from nature, and helps you capture your own ideas from your photos. Step-by-step demos for beginners; problem-solving and direction for experienced painters. Cost is \$120 for the three-month session (\$20 per class). To register, email irillaswanson@comcast.net, or call 503-285-4399.

Senior Art Media Sampler - Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Nov./Dec. (55+). Art Media Sampler introduces participants to an art medium at each class with just enough time to sample the technique in a project. This class is exclusively for those 55 and older. \$12 per class or discounted multiples, all materials provided. Call April 503-929-4088, email april@artingales.org, or register online artingales.org.

Team Art: Creativity by Association - *Note: Changed dates in November.* Thursdays, Nov. 16 & 30; Dec. 14 & 28, 10 a.m. - Noon. Have FUN and bond with other Valley Art members/artists. Gather together with like souls to work on art or craft projects you bring. Pros and beginners welcome. Come to the back door and ring the bell. (Front door open at 11 a.m.) There's a one-time yearly cost of \$15 for a Valley Art membership. All help and inspiration is free! You will make new friends and learn new techniques. To register, email education@valleyart.org. Questions? Call 503-341-9701.

Forest Grove Camera Club Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. September – May. The Forest Grove Camera Club is a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and the Columbia Council of Camera Clubs. The club participates in a variety of competitions, evaluations and provides programs as well as field trips. To join, contact Carol Berget at cberget@msn.com. Cost is \$25 annual membership / \$5 students / \$10 associate memberships.

GUIDED PAINTING:

"Beach Grass" with Susan Curington - Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Using acrylic paint, various mediums and a few secret techniques, you'll be guided step by step. No experience necessary. Non-painters and pros welcome. All Art materials provided - canvas, paint, mediums, brushes, etc. You'll go home with a finished painting! \$75 includes all supplies. Preregister with Susan Curington, 503-357-4844; www.susancurington.com/events. Public welcome to come and observe Susan teach this during Valley Art's Annual Artist Event.

"Sand Dollar Serenity" with April Hoff - Saturday, Dec 16, 1 - 5 p.m. Come relax and paint a serene sand dollar acrylic, all materials provided. \$40, VAA members; \$50, non-members. Notice changed from Nov. 18. Email april@artingales.org for discount code. Register at artingales.org.

OTHER MEDIA:

Monotype Mondays – Join artist April Hoff for printmaking without a press, creating monotypes using rich non-toxic Akua inks. All materials provided, but feel free to bring your own stencils, textured surfaces, and porous papers. \$30/person/class or \$25 Valley Art members with code. First Mondays 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Some mini-Mondays, 4:15-5:30 p.m., and evenings 6-8:30 p.m.) Ages 12+. Space is limited; register at artingales.org or email april@artingales.org.

Drawing Tuesdays - 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Valley Art welcomes drawers aged 14+, all skill levels, most Tuesdays. Sketchbook and drawing supplies provided. \$25 first class, \$15 each additional. Register at artingales.org or email april@artingales.org.

Watercolor Greeting Cards with Elise Wahl - Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6-8 p.m. Create your own colorful set of greeting cards using watercolors. Share the natural beauty of the winter season by creating cards that feature species and scenes found

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—*Watercolor Greeting Cards continued*—

in Oregon. No experience necessary. \$15 covers instruction, materials, and hot drinks. Register through November 26th at elise@timberdoodlestudio.com, with "Watercolor Cards" in the subject line. Instructed by Elise Wahl from Timberdoodle Studio (TimberdoodleStudio.com).

POTTERY:

Monday Adult Pottery - Any level, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 30 – Dec 18 (okay to enroll late) Focus is on handbuilt and thrown pottery. Contact Christine at huraytc@gmail.com to register for class. Cost \$125 for members/ \$135 for non-members.

Tuesday Pottery Classes (Intermediate+ preferred) with Bob Hackney. Dec. 5 – Jan. 30, 6 - 9:30 p.m. Cost for each session of classes is \$140 for Valley Art members, \$150 for nonmembers. No production work allowed. Students will throw on the wheel. Clay is \$10-\$20 per bag and tool kits are \$15. Bring an old towel for clean up, wear old clothing and closed toe shoes, and be prepared to discuss the work. Fee prorated and late enrollment upon instructor approval. Contact Bob at 971-331-3094 or bobalouche@gmail.com to register.

Thursday Pottery Classes (ages 16+) with Bob Hackney – Thursdays, Nov. 2 – Dec. 28, 6 - 9:30 p.m. Cost for each session of classes is \$140 for Valley Art members, \$150 for nonmembers. Beginners and all skill levels welcome. No production work allowed. Students will throw on the wheel and handbuild. Clay is \$15-\$20 per bag (\$10 if recycled) and tool kits are \$15. Bring an old towel for clean up, wear old clothing and closed toe shoes. Fee prorated and late enrollment upon instructor approval. Contact Bob at 971-331-3094 or bobalouche@gmail.com to register.

Kids Clay Play (Ornaments!) Fridays, Nov. 3 & 24, 4-6 p.m. Kids aged 5+ will make clay ornaments, then glaze their creations with education chair, April Hoff. Fired ornaments available by December 11. \$40, register online artingales.org.

Saturday Adult Pottery - Any level, Nov. 4 – Dec. 23, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with Christine Hurayt. Focus is on wheel thrown pottery. Contact Christine at huraytc@gmail.com to register for class. Cost is \$125 member/ \$135 non-member.

Sunday Pottery Classes (ages 16+) with Bob Hackney – (ages 16+) Sundays, Dec. 3 – Jan. 28, Noon - 4 p.m. Cost for each session of classes is \$140 for Valley Art members, \$150 for nonmembers. Classes Sundays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Beginners and all skill levels welcome. No production work allowed. Students will throw on the wheel and handbuild. Clay is \$15-20 per bag and tool kits are \$15. Bring an old towel for clean up, wear old clothing and closed toe shoes. Fee prorated and late enrollment upon instructor approval. Contact Bob at 971-331-3094 or bobalouche@gmail.com to register.

Thanksgiving Clay Break for Kids with April Hoff – Nov. 20-22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Kids will get tactile with clay, making projects and engobes to color stain their creations before firing. Sign up for one, or all for a discount. \$20 per class, or \$50 for all three. Register online, artingales.org.

December Clay Fridays for Kids - PARENTS WELCOME. Dec. 8, 15, 22; 4-6 p.m. Per request, we're allowing a parent to join their kid(s) in these clay classes. We'll work on handbuilding techniques and glaze our creations. Finished projects will be available in January. Cost is \$20 per child, or \$30 for a parent/child duo and includes all materials. In January we may offer this option on Saturdays at the same time. Register online at artingales.org.

KIDS CLASSES:

Me & My Grown-Up with April Hoff - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 - 11 a.m. Preschool Art (2 - 6 years + adult) Bring your little one and make art with kid safe materials and professional guidance. One grown-up per child required to participate, preregistration required. Wear art-making clothes. \$12 per class includes child and adult. Register online at artingales.org.

Art Club for Kids – Thursdays, Nov. 16 & 30, Dec. 14 & 28; 5:30-7 p.m. Art Club will guide students through art media focusing on a different discipline each month. \$15 per class, \$50 for all four. Art club is flexible enough to allow more experienced artists liberty to work on personal projects with materials, instructor guidance, and feedback. Space is limited; register online artingales.org.

Paint 4 Kids – First Fridays - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. November Fall Leaf, December Winter Scene. Paint Nights aren't just for grown-ups! Designed for kids 7+. Artingales instructor April Hoff will guide young artists through a new colorful acrylic painting each month. \$20 each. Space is limited, preregistration required, artingales.org.

Kids Clay classes listed under Pottery; see three options.

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Special Fri-Date Night - Nov. 17, 6-8 p.m. for Annual Artist Event. Let the kids make art while you view new work in the gallery for The Next Chapter, this year's Annual Artist Event. Maybe you'll wrap up some of those Christmas gifts early. Special price, \$5/hr payable that night, or register and pre-pay online artingales.org to ensure your space. Parents must stay on premises.

3-D Winter Snowflakes for kids and adults ages 7+, Dec. 16, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Join us for 3-D snowflake making. April will show you step-by-step how to create a beautiful dimensional snowflake that you can use for years to come if properly stored. All materials provided. \$15 each or discounts for multiples; email for details. Register online at artingales.org.

Winter Art Break for Kids, Dec. 27-29, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Do you and the kids need a reprieve during the long winter break? Bring them in for art making! Sign up for one day, or all three for a discount. We'll be painting, making paper projects, and rolling up some Akua ink. \$20 each, or \$50 for all three. Sibling discount for multiple registrations, email first. april@artingales.org, register online artingales.org.

Check valleyart.org for updated class offerings.

WORKSHOPS:

Carving, Printing, Trading Books with Jeanne Levy, two Saturdays - Nov. 18 & Dec. 9, 1-5 p.m. Carve stamps in soft blocks and print them in a series of small books we will trade with each other. We will use colorful pigment ink stamp pads to print our carvings. Be thinking of shapes, objects, creatures you would like to create. No previous experience necessary. Fee: \$30 for non-members; \$20 for Valley Art members. Email femminismo@yahoo.com. Class limit is six. (Third day may be added.)

Printing Colorful Quilting/Sewing Blocks with April Hoff, Sunday Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m. Learn to print your own beautiful fabric squares using luscious Akua ink and objects with personal meaning. Bring rigid textured or uniquely shaped objects that can be pressed onto a 5" surface, or use the many materials available in class. Fabric provided. Use your squares for any sewing project, or frame them separately. Only 8 spots in this class, register early. Artingales.org or 503-929-4088.

If YOU would like to teach a class at Valley Art, submit a detailed proposal to April Hoff, Education Chair, email - education@valleyart.org. In the subject line put "Class Proposal."

Check valleyart.org for updated class offerings. Scholarships are available. We received a generous grant from the Siegel Foundation and can help students of all ages pay for the class they want to take. Email education@valleyart.org. org for information on getting an application. Filling out the paperwork is a simple process.

DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY IN THE GROVE — December 2nd in Forest Grove, Oregon



Elf Workshop at Valley Art on Sat., Dec. 2 - begins at 11 a.m. Join us during the downtown celebration and make a FREE ornament.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Year-end goals, goals, goals — by Jeanne Levy

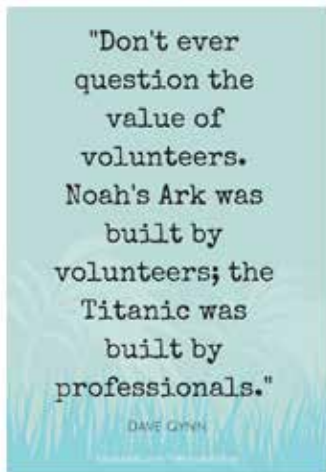
We are so close to another year ending that we can fairly taste the eggnog! Scary, isn't it?

Our Annual Artist Event begins with Members' Night on Friday, Nov. 10. All members get 10 percent off their purchases that night only. With that extra ticket in your mailing, bring a friend along. The event continues through Nov. 19.

Valley Art will have its annual **Elf Workshop** during the Saturday, Dec. 2 "Holiday in the Grove," 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the kids by to make a holiday ornament as long as supplies last.

You may not have thought of this, but at year-end it's time to plan for an end-of-year giving opportunity. Valley Art is a 501(c)(3) organization and depends on donations of all sizes to finish the year on a positive note. And a donation might shave a bit off your taxes.

Yes, nonprofits are always asking for money because that is what enables us to complete our mission: Valley Art supports working artists, encourages beginning artists, exhibits exceptional artwork and offers affordable art classes to the community.



We are looking forward to another great year in 2018 that includes bi-monthly featured artists, lots of great art in the gallery, a January rededication, reception and celebration of our new storefront, our February 10th Celestial Carnavale with masked merry-makers, wonderful food, and an interactive art experience.

We would like to say thank you to our volunteer gallery attendants: Marcia Alajoki, Marilyn Amey, Joan Bolen, Nancy Bond, Kay B., Bev Camp, Carol Dean, Angie Decker, Betty Farr, Koka Filipovic, Eloise Green, Marge Hayes, Jonny Helderma, Margaret & Jerry Hoerber, Jobina Lacock, Bev Lundin, Linda Mann, Christiana Mayer, Dianne Muhly, Jan Peiffer, Paul Rasmussen, Jimi Smith, Rita Smith, Mary Stare, Nita Stewart, and Fran Strachan.

Without all of you our doors would stay closed.

Many of these gallery attendants also volunteer to serve in other ways — on committees and on the Valley Art board. Many thanks.

With a yearly \$15 Valley Art membership you support art and artists in Washington County. Along with your informative newsletter, you get early entry and a discount during the Annual Artist Event, and many classes are offered at a discount. During the Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival individuals and families get a discount.

Won't you join us in 2018 and help us support the arts?

Thank you! ●

Artist Focus on Wendy Stammer

by Marge Hayes

I became enamored with Wendy's work when I first started volunteering at Valley Art. Her "whimsical functional" pieces as she describes them are colorful, highly textured, and gorgeous. The piece I fell for was an elephant, trunk happily raised, wearing a crown and standing on three feet as opposed to four. That tripod design resonates throughout her work.



Wendy Stammer

Wendy comes from a family of artists and, in fact, many of the textures she uses are from her mother's linocut designs. She's always been surrounded by art but felt the creative itch to work in clay in 2003, and has been one of Valley Art's fabulous artists since 2013.

Nature serves as her main inspiration, using plants and animals, and puts the fun into function. Each piece is hand-built and takes approximately a month to complete.

Wendy's creative process begins with the texture and something in mind. Sometimes the pattern in the clay will determine what she makes but mostly what's in her mind is what materializes. Beads have recently been incorporated into her designs. She has experimented extensively with finishes often using both matte and shiny surfaces to very fine effect. The glazes are tested to ensure no failure.

When asked what is her greatest challenge ... coffee cup handles. The clay must

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Check your address label to see when
your membership expires. Renew soon!

Join the conversation. Scan this QR code to
like Valley Art on Facebook.



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Upcoming Events

Check our website - www.valleyart.org - We will list our bi-monthly scheduled artist shows in the gallery and update our class lineup.

Our 2017 Annual Artist Event (AAE) "Valley Art: The Next Chapter" will be November 11-19. Many artists in many media will have new work in the gallery just in time for holiday shopping.

In January 2018 (date TBA) we will celebrate at the gallery with a reception and rededication of our completed storefront rejuvenation. Check our website.

On February 10, 2018 the Celestial Carnavale will feature great food, and team interactive art! Be part of it. Check our website for details.

Valley Art is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that benefits the community with art classes and other artistic outreach. Your membership and tax deductible gifts will help support Valley Art programs in the years to come. Our organization is entirely volunteer-run and we could use your talents, too. Call 503-357-3703 to find ways you can contribute to this Forest Grove asset!

ARTIST Focus,

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dry very slowly going into its first kiln, bisque stage, and then into a second kiln at a higher temp.

She recommends to anyone interested in this medium to take a class and, fortunately, Valley Art has talented and skilled pottery instructors well-versed in both throwing on the wheel and hand-building.

Wendy Stammer has found her way into building beautiful pieces that are clearly her own signature. Come on in to the gallery and see these terrific works in person. ●

