



NWDC NEWSLETTER

Northwest Designer Craftartists

April 2023

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This month the NWDC Board and I have made strides toward developing a vision for NWDC's exhibitions and public programs. I have been working closely with the exhibitions committee to identify and connect with partners around the region and will soon announce several opportunities for NWDC member exhibitions.

I have also connected with BAM ([Bellevue Arts Museum](#)) about continuing to present our Invited Lecture Series and recently toured the new headquarters of the [Native Arts and Culture Council](#) here in Portland and have begun talks about developing a collaborative program.

After much consideration, we have unfortunately decided to postpone the upcoming Oregon Symposium. We learned that the opening and closing weekends land on national holidays and our series of workshops would conflict with the NBO Conference in Tacoma. We plan to reschedule the Oregon Symposium at PNCA for 2025 to ensure that the event is as well attended as possible.

This new development has prompted us to begin plans for a Washington Symposium in 2024. We will update you with details soon.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, April 30, 2023

3 PM to 4:15 PM

Cheryll Leo-Gwin NWDC Member Artist Talk: “Underground with a Rabbit”

Navigating an underground world with a rabbit: my encounter with that hare was my earliest experience with surrealism. Alice in Wonderland is still a favorite story. The juxtaposition of opposite shapes, colors, sizes and concepts continue to influence my work. Decades later, I continue to chase the rabbit to incredible places creating work from low tech materials to high tech digital collages, animation and the yet to be discovered. - Cheryll Leo-Gwin

Image Caption: “Where Spring has Gone” (view A), Sterling silver, acrylic, pearls, photo-enamel, rabbit fur.

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NWDC Store Spring Submissions Beginning May, 2023

We will be updating the NWDC Store next month. Look out for an email announcing our updated Spring inventory.

Current artists include: Barbara De Pirro, Mark Ditzler, Kathleen Faulkner, Gina Freuen, Zia Gipson, Nancy Loorem Adams, Anna Macrae, Dorothy McGuinness, Lin McJunkin, Naoko Morisawa, Gabriela Nirino, Jill Nordfors Clark, April Ottey, Denise Snyder, Teri Jo Summer, and Mary Tyler.

Images (left to right/ top to bottom): Dorothy McGuinness, Lin McJunkin, Gina Frauen, Kathleen Faulkner, Naoko Morisawa, Denise Snyder.



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Naoko Morisawa

Happy Room — Mosaic Collage

February 2, 2023 - April 6, 2023

The reception of Naoko Morisawa / Morisawa Studio's *Happy Room — Mosaic Collage* has been overwhelmingly positive. The exhibition is ongoing until April.6th. Visit the exhibition to see over 60 works by Naoko Morisawa.

Visit the website to learn more: <https://seattle.gov/arts/experience/galleries/arts-at-king-street-station-gallery/2023-morisawa-and-fey>.

Naoko is also excited to announce the installation of their piece *Rough Stone*, installed last week at Walla Walla Community College. The piece was installed in its permanent new home to be shared with the math and science students in this beautiful new building.



April 3 - June 9, 2023

Bella Yongok Kim Solo Exhibition

TCC(Tacoma Community College) Gig Harbor Campus, 3993 Hunt St. Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Reception: May 4, 4-6 pm

Bella Yongok Kim will present about two dozen recent artworks, all of which are made of recycled plastic packaging materials.

As an artist, I want to be a part of the environmental movement and reduce the consumption of energy and resources while doing my creative activities. In my surroundings, it is easy to find leftovers and packages of food or merchandise that are going to be thrown away. As I see their colors and textures as unique, special, and still gorgeous, I collect these plastics every day and prepare them for transformation, then I cut, wash, and dry them. Those pieces are in various sizes and colors. I regroup them based on colors and textures, then sew and patch them to create the whole artwork. This transformation of useless materials into meaningful

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Allied Arts

Gallery at the Park

2023 Juried Show Applications Are Open!

Entry Deadline: Monday, May 1

Show Dates: June 27 - August 18

Reception & Awards Ceremony: Friday, July 7, 6 - 8 PM

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Applications are NOW LIVE for all six of Urban Craft Uprising's spring and summer shows! Find out more details about any of these shows by visiting our Makers page.

Edmons Spring Fest: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Gobble Up Show: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Derby Days: Friday & Saturday, July 14 & 15, 2023

Magnuson Park Hangar 30: Saturday & Sunday, July 29th & 30th

Handmade Gift Show: Monday, July 31st

Tacoma Summer Fest: Saturday, August 12th

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