

Northwest Designer Craftsmen

www.nwdc-online.org

January 2012

Members' Only Site:

https://sites.google.com/site/nwdesignercraftsmen

January 22, 2012 Annual Members' Meeting 2-4pm @ the Frye Art Museum

We will discuss various reports by board members, talk about the financial health of NWDC, and discuss how the new online voting went. We will honor new Lifetime members, introduce newly voted-in members with images of their work, have a preview of the 'how to photograph 2D & 3D artwork' (class on a CD) and have a social. Details in Megan's President's Letter on page 3.



NWDC Annual Show and Tell Wednesday February 8th Schack Art Center - Everett

Image Bank February 8

Members wishing to participate in one of our most entertaining programs of the year, the Annual Image Bank "Show and Tell," are asked to e-mail up to 5 images, jpeg formatted between 1200 and 1500 pixels to Lanny Bergner at Lbergner@wavecable.com. Lanny will compile the images into a Power Point presentation. Participating members will be asked to give a brief verbal description of the projected works. This is a great chance to show your recent work and get to know the work of fellow NWDC members.

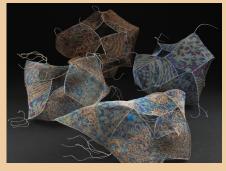
This year the program will be held at the Schack Art Center 2921 Hoyt Ave., Everett, WA 98201

5-6pm Board Meeting

6-7 pm Tour Lanny's show, "Mesh" in the Schack Gallery, transition to the potluck

7-9 pm finish pot luck & Image Bank "Show & Tell"

Monday February 6th is the last day images can be submitted; but PLEASE send your images early so as not to plug up Lanny's e-mail box.





Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, January 22, 2012 2-4pm Annual Members' Meeting Frye Art Museum, Seattle

Wed. February 8, 2012 6-7 board meeting 7 pm Tour Lanny Bergner's show at the **Schack Art Center** -**Everett**, pot luck & image bank

Sunday February 19th 2pm NWDC lecture series at BAM NCECA Panel Discussion

Wed. March 14, 2012 6-7 board meeting 7-9 pm **Cameron Anne Mason** Phinney Neighborhood Center Community Hall

Wed. April 11, 2012 6-7 board meeting 7-9 pm **Margaret Ford** Phinney Neighborhood Center Community Hall

Sunday April 15, 2012 2pm NWDC lecture series at BAM **Patty Warashina**

Wed. May 9, 2012 6-7 board meeting 7-9 pm (being finalized) Phinney Neighborhood Center Community Hall

Wed. June 13, 2012 6-7 board meeting 7-9 pm **Mary Ann Peters** Phinney Neighborhood Center Community Hall

Sunday June 24, 2012 2pm NWDC lecture series at BAM **Lloyd Herman** The Evolution of Craft **NWDC** needs a President-elect or someone to come onto the Board who is willing to train to be President. Megan is ending her term (absolutely!) at the end of December 2012. For an easy transition, it would be great to have a 'president elect' in training for six months or so (before the summer). Megan has done a superb job taking NWDC through bylaw rewrites, standing rules rewrites, and general reorganization of everything NWDC. We have a strong board, which will make the job of president a bit easier. Please give this some thought. We will be talking about this at our January Members' meeting on January 22 at the Frye Art Museum.



Cameron Anne Mason will be presenting her work at our monthly meeting @ the Phinney Community Center. Wed. March 14 7pm.

Left: "Vessel Four" Silk Overlay, 2009 49.5 x 14.75 x 4.75 inches

http://www.cameronannemason.com/about/

NCECA @ BAM

In 2012 the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts annual conference will be held in Seattle. Thousands of visitors will come to Seattle and the Pacific Northwest to see the best and brightest of contemporary ceramic work. Join Bellevue Arts Museum's own Stefano Catalani, UW Professor Jamie Walker, arts professional Marge Levy, and Wally Bivins, Director of Pottery Northwest for a panel discussion and preview of the exhibitions and artists involved in this national event Sun. February 19th 2pm at Bellevue Arts Museum



President's Letter

From NWDC President Megan Corwin:

I hope you are all having a fun New Year and holiday season! NWDC is moving into 2012 with great lectures and an exciting Annual Meeting on January 22nd from 2 to 4pm at the Frye Art Museum (it was such a hit last year we decided to return). Please be sure to come early to see the exhibits. We will welcome our two new lifetime members, Agnes McLin and Leslie Campbell. Joline El-Hai has prepared a PowerPoint of the work of our new members Teresa Sullivan, Julia Rapinoe, Lin McJunkin, Gail Lurie, and Eva Funderburgh, who have been asked to give a brief talk about their work. "In Memoriam" will be a chance for us to honor our members who have passed on. Last, but never least, you will be invited to come up to the mike and talk to the membership, ask the board questions or share whatever you think the organization should hear. The board is particularly interested in your response to the new on-line jurying process.

When you first enter the auditorium you will be handed a couple of CD's. We are pleased to announce that we are joining with the Contemporary Quilt Arts in making available a CD of how to photograph two-dimensional work and one of how to photograph 3-D as well. We will also supply you with a CD of the important documents that define our organization such as the current By-Laws, Standing Rules, member roster, the mission statement and a comprehensive history of NWDC. We have been working towards supplying all members with useful related information. Now we have another reason to go through our history and collate the information. In 2014, we will celebrate 60 years of Northwest Designer Craftsmen. The 50th exhibition was impressive and showed the depth and importance of our members' work. Our exhibition committee and focus group are working on making the 60th just as good. Ron Pascho, our exhibition chair, contacted several museums to see which one will be interested in hosting. Once we have a host museum, we will look into traveling the show.

NWDC has a beautiful website. It is our goal to make it more informative as well. We have voted to hire a web technician to add a calendar page to the website that will have current and changing information about shows, lectures, and events of interest to NWDC. We have a dynamic future ahead of us.

Megan Corwin

Summary of the 12/14/11 board meeting: The December board meeting was held at Megan Corwin's house and 11 members attended. The main topic of discussion was the agenda for the January meeting at the Frye Art Museum. We talked about presenting the new members, lifetime members and other news and discussions. We talked about upgrading the website, and agreed to hire a programmer to add a calendar page to the website. There are still 30 members who have not paid dues, and Loren is eagerly waiting for their dues payments. We will have a campaign to bring back lapsed members who want to rejoin the group. Ron Pascho talked about forming a focus group for the upcoming 60th Anniversary exhibit, and the work they have been doing to find a venue for this exhibit in 2014.

Check out this link about craftsmen as business people from Forbes Magazine: http://www.forbes.com/sites/dailymuse/2011/12/09/what-every-entrepreneur-can-learn-from-the-crafting-industry/

NWDC HOLIDAY PARTY

"Thank You" to David Chatt for hosting!!

"Thank You" to Lois for organizing!



David Chatt, Candy Anderson& Eva Funderburgh

It is always fun to get together. Good friends, Good food, Good times!

Ron Ho, guest Ann Milam & Ron Pascho



Agnes McLin



Don Myhre & Nancy Hewitt





Bobby Goodboy



Nancy Loreem, Ron Pascho & Thom Harrington



Photos by Ron Adams. Thanks Ron!

NWDC MEMBERS' NEWS



Lin Holley will show new metal-plus-clay Spirit Houses at the "Made at Pratt" exhibition, Opening 1st Thursday, January 5th through January 29th, 2012 Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios in Pioneer Square 312 S. Washington Street, Seattle WA 98104

Cheryl Richey has an exhibition of her pate de verre sculptures and fused glass pieces in a 2-month show called "Abiding," which opened in December at ArtsNow Gallery in downtown Edmonds. Paintings by Cheryl Richey (www. cherylrichey.com) are also on display.

"Abiding"

December 9, 2011 – February 10, 2012

ArtsNow Gallery

Edmonds Conference Center

201 4th Ave. N (corner of 4th and Bell)

Edmonds, WA 98020 425-640-1243

www.edmondsconferencecenter.com

Hours: Mon – Thurs, 9am – 5pm; Friday, 9am – 3pm

Reception for the Artists: Thursday, January 19, 2012, 5-8pm with refreshments and live music.



"Clear Sea Fan" Fused glass 9" x 15" x 1/4"

Angel Fund

Every year several NWDC members are unable to renew their membership dues because of financial hardship. There is an ongoing fund in place for those in such need called the "Angel Fund." The fund's ability to assist depends on member contributions. Could you be an angel and make a donation to help a fellow artist pay their dues? Your donations are tax deductible. If you are able, please send your check ASAP made out to "NWDC Angel Fund" to:

Loren Lukens, NWDC Treasurer / 4208 SW 100th St. / Seattle, WA 98146 Any amount, no matter how small, will help and will be appreciated. **Thank you!**

NWDC MEMBERS' NEWS



"the Eloquent Silver Curve.
THE JEWELRY OF FLORA BOOK"

Flora Book Rabinovitch has a retrospective at the Tacoma Art Museum. It opened in July and it will be there until the end of January. It's a wonderful show that should not to be missed.

Tacoma Art Museum 1701 Pacific Avenue Tacoma, WA 98402 Tel. 253 272 4258

Photo: "Jaine's Veil" 1996. Silver beads and nylon monofilament, 12"x26"x12" Photo: Roger Schreiber

Agnes McLin & Leslie Campbell Receive NWDC Lifetime Memberships

In honor of their countless hours of volunteer time and endless efforts for NWDC, we want to thank Agnes McLin and Leslie Campbell for all they have contributed to our group. We salute them, and thank them.

NWDC is a better organization due to their time and talents.



Dona Anderson has a piece in the show called "Crossing Over" made with bamboo 15" x 94" x 30"
Green from the Get Go: International Contemporary Basketmakers December 2, 2011-January 21, 2012
Curated by Jane Milosch, browngrotta arts
Presented by Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA

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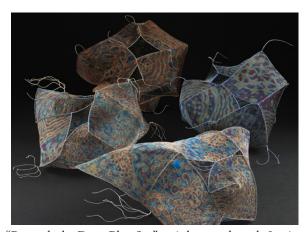


Barbara Walker has been chosen to teach a plysplitting workshop at Braids 2012, the international conference of the Braid Society, August 19-25, in Manchester England.

http://www.braidsociety.com/confer.htm

Left: "Illusion Blocks" (detail at right) Ply-split, artist-made 4-ply cotton cord, 14" x 14"





"Beneath the Deep Blue Sea" stainless steel mesh & wire.

Lanny Bergner's Solo Exhibition "Mesh" will feature a selection of metal mesh studio works created since 2005 as well as recent flame treated works done on stainless steel mesh.

The Schack Art Center Gallery 2921 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, WA January 5 – February 23, 2012

Opening reception: January 5, 5:00 – 8:00 pm Workshop: February 5, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Lecture: February 18, 6:00 – 7:00 pm http://www.schack.org/exhibits/

Think about 2014!

Why 2014? That's the year the NWDC will celebrate its 60th anniversary. When it arrives, the Board would like to present the Pacific Northwest with a very special show that highlights both the history of the NWDC and the work of the current membership.

As chairman of the Exhibition Committee, I am fortunate to have the support of an exceptional focus group to help create the framework for this show. They are Nancy Megan Corwin, Lloyd Herman, Leslie Campbell, Jill Nordfors Clark, Lynn Di Nino, and Delores Taylor. We are very excited about this opportunity to showcase the NWDC, and of course, invite your suggestions during the planning process. There is one way you may be able to help now, send me your ideas for the theme of the show. An ideal theme, "0-60," has already been taken by the North Carolina Museum of Art for an upcoming exhibition. So, if you have an another idea for consideration by the focus group, please e-mail it to me; ronpascho@metalk-atworks.com.

Ron Pascho



"The Clay Edge" March 20, 2012 to April 22, 2012

NWDC Ceramic Artists at the Northwest Woodworkers' Gallery

www.nwfinewoodworking.com

2111 1st Avenue Seattle, WA 98104 206 625-0542



Store hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM / Sunday 12- 5 PM Mondays- Closed

Images for Regional Publicity January 1, 2012

Opening of Show: March 20, 2012

Artist Reception March 29, 2012 5 pm-9pm (artist presence required)

De-installation April 22 or 23rd

Ongoing NWDC Shows

NWDC Show "Touchable" at the Maude Kerns Art Center

May 25, 2012 to June 29, 2012

http://www.mkartcenter.org/

191 East 15th Avenue Eugene, OR 97403 (541) 345-1571

The inspiration for this show is work that is touchable, and will include sample pieces by each artist that can be "touched" by show visitors.

Delivery of Artwork: May 16, 2012 10am – 5pm

Opening of Show: May 25, 2012

Artist Reception May 25, 2012 5pm – 9pm De-installation June 30, 2012 8am-finished

Gallery Hours: Monday to Friday: 10.00 AM - 5.30 PM, Saturday: 12.00 PM - 4.00 PM

-Call For Entry-

Clay? IV Kirkland Arts Center Exhibition

March 26 - May 19, 2012

Juried by University of Washington, School of Art Professors Doug Jeck, Jamie Walker, and Akio Takamori **Deadline for Entries: Sunday, January 8, 2012**

Kirkland Arts Center is proud to present the fourth installment of its biennial contemporary ceramics exhibition, Clay? IV in conjunction with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts' (NCECA) 46th annual conference in Seattle, Washington. Juried by University of Washington, School of Art Professors Doug Jeck, Jamie Walker, and Akio Takamori, Clay? IV explores the versatility of clay as a medium of expression. Showcasing a range of sizes, scales, subject matter, and techniques, the artwork of this exhibition is both a testament to the enduring legacy of clay and to the future of the field. Online Application & Information: http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1122093-kpTQlzQtwg



UPDATE for the NWDC.ORG Website

Calling all members! Our NWDC.org web site needs some updating. Please submit high resolution, digital photographs of your work for the NWDC Website homepage slideshow. Images may be in .jpg or .tif format, at least 72dpi, and a minimum of 400 pixels tall or wide. These are minimum require-



ments. Feel free to send larger images which will be formatted accordingly. If you would like to be included in one of the NWDC Member's Gallery page, you are welcome to send a second image along with your artist statement (125 words or less), media, and personal website url. Please email your files directly to the Website Liaison, **Trudee Hill**: trudee@trudeehill.com Questions regarding digital image formatting, slides, etc. may be sent to Trudee as well. Thanks! - Trudee

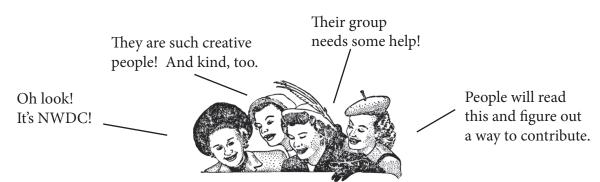
How to submit information to the NWDC newsletter

The deadline is the 15th of the month for the next month's newsletter. What is appropriate to submit? Anything in your professional life you would like to share with NWDC members: exhibits, awards, classes, art or studio sales, studio space, opportunities, call for entries, etc. Be sure to include all the information: who, what, when, where & why.

How should it be formatted? Please send your information in plain text, either in an attached "Word" document, or in the body of an e-mail. The newsletter editor will copy / paste. Please, do NOT send your text in PDF files or jpeg copies of gallery post cards! The newsletter editor cannot copy / paste text from PDFs and JPEGs.

What about Images? We want images! They need to be in jpeg format, 72 dpi, about 400 pixels on the longest side. Please include name, title, medium, dimensions, etc. Website addresses are great too.

The deadline is the 15th of the month. Send to Jan Koutsky: jankoutsky@comcast.net Please put "NWDC Newsletter" in the subject line.



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Each & every aspect of NWDC could use a bit of help. Please think about contributing a few hours each month to the common cause.

President - Megan Corwin - nmegan@mindspring.com 206-781-2646

The President presides over all meetings & conducts business, holds all documents of the group, leads the board, is alert to the membership and creates forums for discussions & goals, temporarily replaces board members who leave mid-term.



Megan would love to have a **Social Media Manager** (blog, facebook, video, roaming photographer) for NWDC. We are sorely in need of an **Archivist** (who will work with our UW student to get NWDC items into the UW Library), a **Roster Manager** (this does not take much time at all each month and does not require coming to any meetings).

Vice President - Interim - Rosette Gault - rosette@rosettestudio.net 206-284-7805

The Vice President schedules programs, works closely with education chair to organize programs of interest to members, finds location for meetings, provides information to the newsletter, arranges payment to speakers, makes sure events run smoothly.

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Posey has graciously agreed to be our interim vice president until we can get someone permanent. It would be great if the VP could also take photos at events for publication in the monthly newsletter.

Secretary - Katherine Holznecht - khartiste@hotmail.com 425-481-7788

The Secretary records minutes at board meetings, requests electronic copies of committee reports to compile an accurate record of the NWDC business, writes a draft of minutes for approval of the board, writes a summary for the newsletter, the final version is sent out, printed and saved to a flashdrive for the archives.



Katherine needs a clone (don't we all?). There are times when Katherine is not able to attend a particular meeting. We need a **second secretary** to coordinate with Katherine. If we had two (or three?) secretaries, the job would be lighter and more enjoyable. "Many hands make light work."

Treaurer - Loren Lukens - <u>llpots@comcast.net</u> 206-935-6740

The treasurer collects & deposits dues, pays bills, keeps & reconciles the budget, presents regular financial reports to the board, prepares a yearly budget, completes tax and filing fee forms, is liason with investment management company, works with accountant when necessary.

Loren would like to remind everyone of our NWDC **Angel Fund**. Is there a member who is in financial need to pay their annual dues? We can help - with thanks to our Angel Fund. If you are able to help a fellow NWDC member, please give. Loren is the board member to contact. Our other pleas: **Please pay your annual dues**. There are still **30** people who have not paid.

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What Does NWDC need to be a *thriving* organization?

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What can you do to help our organization? We all need to do something.....

Archivist - VACANT The Archivist acts as liaison between NWDC & UW Pacific NW Special Collections Library, receives & stores submissions to NWDC archives, takes care of archival printing & binding of the NWDC newsletters, prepares and delivers any further NWDC submissions to the UW Pacific NW Special Collections Library.



Our 60th Anniversary Show is quickly approaching. We have to look good on paper when the Exhibitions Chair approaches museums to host our show. Our NWDC "packet" is in great need of some sprucing up. We need a good history, resume, mission statement, etc. We need someone to get all things NWDC organized. We have the information. We just need a few people to make it happen. The archivist will also submit our records to the UW library. We have a UW student who will work with us. Please!! Help!! Hurry!!

Education - **Lin Holley** - <u>lin@palmstogether.net</u> 206-322-7593 & David Traylor - <u>studio@dirtcircus.com</u> 206-706-5901 The Education Chair arranges yearly programs, works with VP to secure locations, arranges AV equipment, makes sure the VP gets the publicity into the newsletter, works with Education Publicity Chair to publicize programs.

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Lin has done a wonderful job on our programs this year, hasn't she?! Isn't it great to have these programs happening? Have you ever thought, "Wouldn't it be great if..." Do you have ideas? Lin is interested. She needs ideas & suggestions for future meetings. And, maybe a little more help, too.

Exhibitions - Ron Pascho rpjh1@frontier.com 425-788-081

The Exhibition Chair Secures NWDC exhibition opportunities, organizes and works with teams to ensure the logistics for exhibitions. Encourages member participation, maintains a well-rounded committee, attends board meetings, handles exhibition budgets, coordinates with publicity.



Ron is looking for ideas & venues for future exhibitions. Do you have ideas? Please contact him. Ron is also looking for a snappy title for our 60th Anniversary show ('zero to sixty" is already taken elsewhere). Please share ideas with him. We are all thankful for our 60th Anniversary Show Focus Group: Ron Pascho, Nancy Megan Corwin, Lloyd Herman, Leslie Campbell, Jill Nordfors Clark, Lynn Di Nino, and Delores Taylor.

Hospitality - Lois Harbaugh - <u>lois.harbaugh@gmail.com</u> 425-454-0098 & Don Myhre <u>donmyhre@mac.com</u>
The Hospitality Chair helps us with our parties by getting them organized, sends the information to the newsletter, and communicates with other members of the board as needed.



Lois would like 2 or 3 helpers to cycle through the vaious social events. She needs a helper at each event to simply replenish water, paper plates, etc. to make our parties run more smoothly.

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What Does NWDC need to be a *vibrant* organization?



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You will get more out of NWDC if you become involved.

Membership - Joline El-Hai - jblelhai@comcast.net 206-354-8694

The Membership Chair processes new member applicants, creates Power Point online ballot, tallies ballots and announces new members, advises applicants of result of jurying process, introduces new members at the Annual Membership Meeting, maintains current membership lists, emails NWDC information to members, develops communications materials regarding membership application.

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Joline needs someone to manage the **Roster Database**. This job is not difficult. No meetings are required, but our roster does need to be updated a few times each year (e-mail addresses change, people move, etc.) This is one of those tasks that is piled on top of everything else Joline does. It needs to be split apart. ("Many hands make light work.")

Joline would also like to remind people about the **Angel Fund.** Please donate and help to support our fellow artisans.

Newsletter - Jan Koutsky - jankoutsky@comcast.net 206-935-2306

Many "Thanks!" to our proofreaders: **Polly Adams Sutton, Ginny Conrow & Natalie Olsen** The Newsletter Editor receives items from members by the 15th of the month, compiles the newsletter, sends a preview to proofreaders for final editing, sends the final version to the Membership Chair for distribution to NWDC members.

Publicity - Tina Koyama - tina.k@juno.com 206-522-0794

The Publicity Chair works with the exhibitions chair to publicize NWDC shows, organizes gallery/venue press releases at regional & national level, maintains a budget, communicates with members, maintains database of press release contacts, sets deadlines for when images are due for press, works with publishers on post cards, brochures, etc., proofs prepress, works with Education chair as necessary.

Roster / Data Base - Vacant - The Roster - Database Chair maintains current member list with contact information in a database and hard copy, updates all changes to individual records, supervises the creation of the annual 'Membership Directory'.

Web Liaison - Trudee Hill - <u>trudee@trudeehill.com</u> 310-908-6675

The Website Liaison receives updates for web site and works with web master to ensure the NWDC site is current, reviews bill from web developer and forwards to the treasurer, presents updated reports to the board, places periodic updates in the NWDC newsletter, works with committee chairs, updates content on site, occasionally asks for input from board & members to improve NWDC website.



Call for Images! Please read the call for images and information to update the NWDC web site on page 9.

Image Bank - Lanny Bergner - <u>lbergner@wavecable.com</u> 360-229-0514

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