

Oregon Potters Association

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INTRODUCTION

NEXT OPA GENERAL MEETING: Friday, November 3 at Multnomah Art Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy in Portland.
6:30 pm: General Meeting: If you have items for the agenda, call OPA President Mark Heimann in advance, markmann@ccwebster.net. Bring items for the swap table and snacks to share. Pick up your Holiday Studio Sale Guides.

7:30 pm: Program: Watch a demonstration by Grace Sheese. She will show the techniques she uses to decorate the surface of her work. This includes carving and sliptrailing. For examples of her work, see www.gracesheese.com.

NEXT OPA BOARD MEETING: Thursday, December 7 at Julie Asbury's, Potluck dinner at 6pm, meeting starts at 6:30. Take I-5 to the Woodburn exit (#271). Go east on Highway 214 (left turn off the freeway if your headed south, right turn if you headed north) a little more than a mile. Turn left on Boones Ferry Road. Go one long block and turn left on Henry's Blvd. Turn right on Aletha Street. It's the third house on the right.

OPA BUSINESS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, MARK HEIMANN: Greetings and Happy Halloween!

First of all, let me say that every time I attend a Showcase Steering Committee or Board meeting I realize what a fine and dedicated group of people we have leading the OPA. The sheer number of hours these folks dedicate to our association boggles the mind. We all owe them a debt of gratitude and a show of support for their hard work.

Elections are coming up soon (January), so think about the job you would like to do for OPA. Help us produce Showcase or put a little time into one of the numerous projects that we sponsor throughout the year. Vacancies are posted in this newsletter

In the light of recent Showcase and other events, it seems pretty clear that we need to be cognizant of our insurance programs. OPA does not carry medical or damage insurance for our members, at Showcase or elsewhere. All payments come out of Showcase or general fund dollars. I have been looking into a group program for the OPA but the industry doesn't seem to be interested. So I would highly encourage everyone to make sure that they have some type of medical insurance. In addition, consider a policy that covers your clay work in the event of breakage at a show, or while traveling to and from that show.

Our Board has begun a new focus on our membership and mentor programs. We would like to extend a cordial and tangible welcome to all members, both new and renew - not just at joining but continual -- providing help, guidance and resources. Forums, letters, potters sharing techniques - how would you feel welcomed? What can OPA do for you? What would you like it to do?

We have a mission and a vision, and we are evolving into a strong community arts group with a respected voice and public identity. Stand with us, keep us strong, stay involved.

