



ART MATTERS

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ART Matters, Now More than Ever .

Today, the arts matter more than ever, providing us with multiple media to connect us while we are socially distanced from one another. The expressive and emotive aspects of art lend a much-needed outlet for the stresses that have challenged even the most optimistic among us.



SAA'S ONLINE MARKETPLACE | NOW OPEN

Like many arts organizations, the Covid-19 pandemic drastically altered how the Bush Barn Art Center serves artists and the community. Although the Art Center is currently closed to the public due to state mandated closures and to ensure the safety of everyone in our community, the Galleries Program continues to operate and find innovative ways to keep artists connected to their patrons.

To this end, on November 28, 2020, SAA launched the Bush Barn Art Center Online Marketplace.* The new online platform continues to serve the artists and our community with opportunities and interactions in the arts while respecting everyone's safety. It is a dynamic and interactive platform, and its ease of navigation will encourage shoppers to come back again and again.

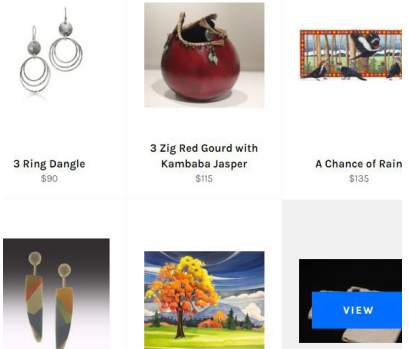
So we invite you to come and explore SAA's new online marketplace. Shop by artist or medium, or maybe you'll prefer to view the full catalog to get an overview of the exquisite art offerings. Whichever way you choose to shop, expect to be WOWED!

Begin shopping for work by your favorite artists, or maybe you'll discover some new favorite artists. Visit the online marketplace on SAA's website: www.salemart.org

You can also start your holiday or solstice shopping for an original work of art-work that is as unique as your loved one! Holiday Highlights can be accessed on the Home Page.

Curbside pickup will be available. For additional questions, please email Galleries@SalemArt.org or call 503.581.2228

* The Online Marketplace was made possible through the City of Salem Nonprofit Covid-19 Assistance Grant.



SAF&F APPLICATIONS | OPEN NOW!

Take part in 2021 Salem Art Fair & Festival. All applications, including Visual Artists, Performing Artists, Common Ground, Food Vendors and Kids' Court are now available online. With over 35,000 attendees, you can be a part of the largest community-building event of its kind in Oregon. For more information, visit www.SalemArt.org and click on the 'Art Fair' tab.

We look forward to welcoming you back!



FROM SANDRA BURNETT:

In a mere couple of weeks, I will be stepping into retirement. It is a poignant moment for me as the Salem Art Association has been very near and dear to my heart over the last 11 years. But Salem Art Association consists of the people who serve there, volunteer there, participate and visit for the enrichment of the arts. It is the community that I shall miss the most.

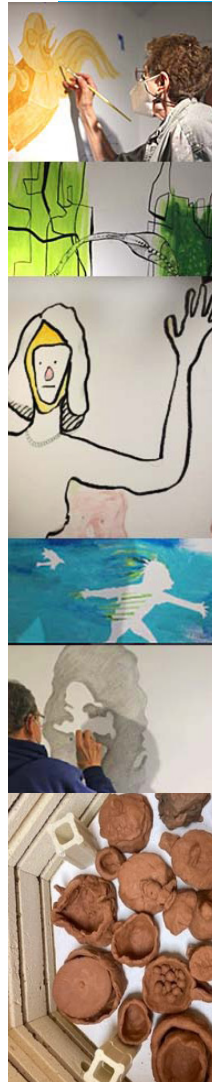
SAA has made it a mission to enrich the community with art and empower artists with access and opportunity. The renovation of the Annex, the Centennial Project, the establishment of the Bush House Museum as a nonprofit, and many more endeavors were all in pursuit of this mission. I am conflicted in leaving behind such meaningful work, but it is time.

Of course, there were trials along the way. I am proud of SAA's staff and board for dauntlessly facing the many challenges over the years. Indeed, hardship forms resilience in those that persevere. The nimbleness required to overcome this year's challenges shows the strength of the organization and its people.

It is with my usual optimism that I venture into a new chapter of my life, confident that the organization will be strong and that those steering the ship will continue to strengthen the arts and build community through shared cultural appreciation and participation.

Thank you Salem! This has been a very rich experience for me!

Sandra Burnett
Executive Director



COMMUNITY ARTS EDUCATION (CAE) Keeping Artists & Community Connected

The Collaborative Body: Here & Now is a dynamic group project made up of 15 artists, working at different times, to transform the Annex by creating work directly on the walls and other surfaces, as well as creating art installations. The project interweaves a living piece of art infused with the creative minds and practices of a variety of artists. On-going from October 15 to the reopening of SAA, the project will be shared out virtually throughout the process. As part of the Stroll By Exhibit Series, sneak peeks can be seen through the Annex doors facing the park.

CAE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

At Kings Valley Charter School, SAA's long-time Teaching Artist Nancy Kurz is providing a series of art zoom classes to 110 students in the elementary grade classes. Each student receives art kits to correspond with each zoom lesson. The most recent lesson Kurz taught was in clay, introducing students to the basics of clay in which each student was able to hand build an original clay pot. Talented Students!

Thanks, once again, to the generous funding received from SAA's Galley Guides, the School Programs have been able to develop art projects, purchase art materials, and compile another 500 Art Kits to be distributed to underserved youth. The two new Art Kits are designed to connect to YouTube videos: Talented Students!

- Calligraphy, created by Terri Lyn Greybeal
- Zine making, created by Austin Rich

During this year of unexpected closures, Gallery Guides have maintained support of art education and awareness in our community. Working with SAA staff, funding was provided to assist development of alternative Community Arts Education programming until regular activities are possible. As we approach the coming year, members are excited to resume greeting visitors at the Bush Barn Art Center, hosting artist talks and receptions, and funding additional art opportunities for students and families.

In July, look for the sno-cone booth, a Gallery Guide tradition at the Salem Art Fair and Festival for more than 40 years. Funds raised from the sno-cones support arts education projects.

Jane Cummins Fidler
Gallery Guide

SAVE THE DATE: VIRTUAL CLAY BALL – 2021

Join us for a fun interactive event as the 22nd annual Clay Ball goes virtual. The Clay Ball has long been one of Salem's social highlights, and this year will be no different. This year's theme *Through the Looking Glass* is sure to generate an exciting atmosphere throughout the evening where virtual guests will find plenty of opportunities to engage in playful and fun activities.

Saturday, February 20, 6:30 pm, Live Streaming Program with Live Auction

Wednesday, February 17, Silent Auction opens

