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Anchorage Clay Arts Guild
Newsletter

January
2025

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ACAG Members & the Local
Clay Community,

It fills me with joy to return as your president for 2025! Having been away from the board for a few years, I'm amazed by how our guild has grown and evolved. The foundations built by our longtime members, along with new faces with fresh perspectives, make our clay community truly special.

Whether you're a master potter sharing techniques and tips, a passionate beginner discovering the magic of clay, or somewhere in between, our guild thrives because of each member's unique contributions. I'm particularly excited about our upcoming 2025 events, including a workshop with Eva Funderburgh in May, our popular sales events at Bell's Nursery in the spring and the fall, and our 2025 group show at the Girdwood Center for Visual Arts.

This year, I invite you all to get involved in ways that spark your interest. Whether it's volunteering to grow our sales events, participating in workshops, or sharing your ideas for new initiatives, your engagement makes our guild stronger. Let's work together to keep our community vibrant and relevant to Alaska's diverse clay arts scene.

Thank you for your continued support and creativity. Here's to a year of growth, learning, and creating beautiful things together!

- Lynne

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are thrilled to announce the new board for 2025. We look forward to their leadership and contributions in the coming year.



President: Lynne Jablonski (907-529-6969)
Vice President : Mike Divens (907-313-9378)
Treasurer: Iris Boser (907-240-8385)
Secretary: Lejonique Trim (907-302-7212)
Member at Large: Dawn Spyker (812-786-2307)

**A huge thank you to longtime board members from the past year:
Thais Thomas, Mary Pritz, and Penny Panlener!!**

EXCITING NEWS!

We are delighted to share that our guild has been awarded a \$1350 grant from the Alaska Community Arts Development Grant. This generous funding will be used to support a workshop, **Another Way to Work in Clay**, aimed at enhancing our members' skills and fostering artistic growth and collaboration between the Guild and the Community.

Many thanks to Guild member, Reyne Athanas, for obtaining this Grant. Reyne, your work is truly appreciated!!



Eva Funderburgh Sculptures

BUSINESS

**Dues for 2025
are due! :)**
**Please mail \$25 to
ACAG
PO Box 241151,
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dawn Spyker

New Board Member**

Art Teacher

West High School

Pottery/Sculpture/IB

Visual Art & Art Club

ACAG Member since November 24'



The intention of these pieces was to create forms which felt visceral and alive. Forms that could easily be natural growths within the flora of a forest floor seen during a walk through the woods. Forms that look strong and rigid yet mysteriously fluid. I was influenced by human anatomy, botany and entomology.

Each piece was glaze fired multiple times using underglazes, over glazes and various reticulation glazes until the desired look was achieved.



Title: Corum
Size: 24" X 26" X 26



Title: Telson
Size: 28" X 10" X 30



Title: Diaphysis
Size: 32" X 28" X 30



Title: Ommatidium
Size: 28" X 24" X 26

UPCOMING EVENTS ●●●

These are the exciting events planned for the coming year:

Spring Sale at Bells Nursery - Likely in April. If you can lend a hand to help, it would be wonderful! The Holiday Sale was very successful! This is currently planned as a 2 day event.

More to come!

Another Way to Work in Clay - May 16-18 / This workshop will be with Eva Funderburgh - a sculptural artist from Seattle. Visit her website to see her work: <https://evafunderburgh.com/> We are joining with other community organizations including UAA and West Anchorage High School to help make this workshop a success. More to come as we approach the workshop.

Summer Saturday Member Workshop - Details to come! ☀️

Girdwood Center for Visual Arts (GCVA) - The entire month of October. This year we have the opportunity again to present our art for sale at GCVA. This is an every-other-year opportunity for our Guild. More information as October approaches.

Holiday Sale- Details to come! 🧶

Closing Thoughts

As we embark on a new year, let's continue to support and inspire each other in our artistic journeys. The Anchorage Clay Arts Guild is a community where we share our passion, learn from one another, and grow together. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful community.

Happy creating!