



## Clay Space—The Next Chapter Newsletter #2



### THE ROAD TO BECOMING A NONPROFIT

The interim Board of Directors and the committees have been busy getting together and working on their tasks for the future of Clay Space. The biggest news is that there is now a page on the Clay Space website called Nonprofit Road Map. Here is the link to the page:

<https://www.clayspaceeugene.com/nonprofit-road-map>

This page explains what is happening with the transition to a nonprofit organization, including some history of Clay Space and what you can expect in the near future. The information will be updated as things progress and these newsletters, with updates from the working committees, will continue to come out every month or so. Please take the time to read the web page and this newsletter so you can be informed about upcoming changes and opportunities.

### CURRENT COMMITTEES AND LEADS

Committee	Lead Name
Ceramic Materials	Janiece Woodland
Committee Oversight	Lee Dwyer
Communication	Cathy McGrath
Workshops and Outreach	Megan Anderson
Education Oversight	Mariah Williams
Facilities	Steve Gab
Finance	Sherri Jackson
Future Facility	Tabitha Buzby
Events	Deb Babcock
Grants	Meg Littler
Legal	Sherri Jackson
Nonprofit	Denise Railsback

#### Current Board Members

Denise Railsback

Janiece Woodland

Sherri Jackson

Tabitha Buzby

Meg Littler

### New Opportunities for Members

We know that there is a wealth of knowledge and experience within our membership, and we hope to draw upon it. Below is a list of skills and expertise that we need to facilitate the work being done to become, and to thrive, as a nonprofit. If you have any of these skills, are interested in becoming involved, and are available to donate some time, please reach out to Janiece, Tabitha, Meg, or Sherri.

- Web page design/maintenance—experience with creating websites with integration points
- Legal expertise—(nonprofit or business related)
- Facility maintenance—painting, carpentry, dry-wall/tape/mud, etc.
- Graphic design

Most of these will be on an “as needed basis” with the exception being Web page design/maintenance. There will likely be more opportunities to help in the coming months, so stay tuned!



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### Committee Updates

Committees with no updates will likely have something to report for the next newsletter.

#### **Education Oversight—Mariah Williams**

Education Oversight committee is working on and discussing creating the following:

- Instructor Handbook
- Studio Policies and Procedures handout for day one of classes and general studio use
- Standardization of a studio tour for incoming students on day one of classes
- Glazing 101
- The ceramic process from beginning to end

#### **Education —Megan Anderson**

The Education committee has been renamed "Workshop and Outreach Opportunities" with a focus on community engagement and offering class opportunities during underutilized studio times. We met on 1/19 and will meet again in a couple weeks with updates.

#### **Facilities—Steve Gab**

The Facilities committee has been gathering a list of needs and wishes since the first work party. Stay tuned for a little bit of progress and a lot of opportunities to help!

#### **Future Facility—Tabitha Buzby**

With approximately 2 years on the current lease, there is not a rush to find a new facility, nor has it been decided that a move is what will be best for Clay Space. However; in order to be prepared for that option, the new Facility Research Committee met in early January to identify some requirements for a space. The committee plans to meet with a commercial real estate broker in early February to explore available opportunities.

#### **Events—Deb Babcock**

The Events Committee met in January and has several events planned for this spring. Here is what we have lined up to participate in so far:

- Maude Kerns Artist Studio Tour  
Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Whiteaker Fourth Friday Art Walks  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m., starting in April or May.
- Studio tour for Local Clay members  
Sunday, May 25, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Host our 3rd annual Spring Pottery Sale,  
Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., partnering with Wildling Studio.

For most of these events, we are looking for members to feature. This is an opportunity to display and sell their work, make some connections with potential customers, and support Clay Space with a small portion of proceeds from their sales going to our organization. We would love to have as many members as possible be featured throughout the year. See the email sent on 1/16/2025 about applying to be a "Featured Artist".

Contact any member of the Events Committee to be put on the list. Members are: Deb Babcock, Lee Dwyer, Jackie Clark, Geraldine Moreno, and Meg Littler. You may also let Emily Kidder in the office know if you are interested.

### **Support Your Studio!**

We have quality Clay Space aprons and T-shirts for sale in the office. See Emily or Anna to purchase them.

Aprons \$30—one size, adjustable

T-shirts \$22—small, med, large, XL