



## Clay Space—The Next Chapter

### May 2025 Newsletter #4



Clay Space, the nonprofit, has a new website! It is still a work in progress, but it's up and running for you to sign up for classes, workshops, and studio reservations. There is info about the transition to nonprofit and all the newsletters are posted. You will need to create a new account and then you will be all set!

<https://www.clayspaceeugene.org/>

The Board of Directors is looking for someone with web design skill and experience with WIX to help with updates to the website. Please contact a board member if you can help!

Please note: If you are accustomed to using the app to sign up, it is not available at this time, but will be at some point in the future.

### Committee Updates

#### **Board of Directors—Janiece Woodland**

- Effective 4/25/2025, the board welcomed Gabby Thompson as a new member. We are extremely excited to have her as part of the board.
- We have another person joining Clay Space in a new capacity, starting June 2. Mariah Williams will be the new Assistant Studio Manager for the duration of 2025 and we hope she will move forward into a bigger role next year and beyond. After a period of mentoring throughout the summer, Mariah will take over the reins from Denise to manage the studio. Denise will remain a member of the board and the studio, as well as taking time off to travel and sail!
- If you would like to save \$100 a month on your membership, consider supporting our clay community by becoming a studio monitor! If interested, contact Emily in the office to learn more about the position and commitment.

#### **Finance —Janiece Woodland**

- Rate changes for all forms of membership and private studio rentals will start on June 1. All members will be required to sign a new contract because of the change of legal entity. New class fees were implemented with Session 3. **Members will need to update their payment method for the new organization before June 1st, so please stop by the office to do so asap.**
- If you were unable to attend the membership meetings that were held in April and you need more information about the rate changes, please contact Janiece@clayspaceeugene.org and she will email you the presentation and/or try to answer your questions. Plans are to have the presentations on the website in the future.
- The new “Pay to Play” offering (pay more in lieu of 2 hour work requirement) will be available on June 1. If you are interested in the upgrade to your membership, let Emily know by May 15th if you want it to be in effect by June 1.

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#### Events—Deb Babcock

- The Events Committee has been quite busy. On Saturday, April 26, we hosted 75 visitors who were part of the **Maude Kerns Artist Studio Tour**. Lots of volunteers from Clay Space made this event run smoothly -- from elegant snacks made by Jackie Clark, to the 12 members who served as tour guides, to our four featured artists, and a few members who opened their private studios for people to poke their head into.
- Coming up, we have another **Studio Tour** from 11 am - 1 pm on Sunday, May 25 that is open to family and friends of all Clay Space members as well as the members of Local Clay, the group that puts on Clay Fest. Lee Dwyer is heading up this event.
- On Friday, May 30 from 6 pm - 8 pm, Clay Space will be open for the **Whiteaker Last Friday Art Walk**. We will allow visitors into the Gallery, East Classroom and as far down the hallway as the Featured Artist and Challenge displays. We plan to offer refreshments and possibly have a demo or other activity in the East Classroom.
- Sunday, June 8th, is a big fundraising event for Clay Space, headed up by Cathy McGrath, Cecilia Story and Jeff Keating. We are collaborating with Whiteaker Printmakers and Wildling Collaborative Arts to host the **Second Avenue Art Fest** in the parking lot next door. A food truck, live music, demo tent, kids play-in-clay tent, and around 50 vendors will fill the lot from 11 am - 5 pm. **See notice below about vending or volunteering.**
- The shelving in the hallway between classrooms is up and running, showcasing our **May Featured Artist**: Megan Anderson, and another set of shelves is for members who have work to show featuring the **Challenge Theme**: NESTING. You may put your work on these shelves throughout May and June. See the signage and entry forms for details. Many thanks to Jackie Clark with assistance from Megan Anderson on the challenge display.

Events Committee: Deb Babcock, Jackie Clark, Lee Dwyer, Geraldine Moreno, Meg Littler, and Emily Kidder.

#### **Opportunity to vend or volunteer at the 2ND AVE ART FEST on June 8**

We have 25 vendors from Clay Space signed up for the June 8th sale. The invitation to vend originally went to folks that vended at last year's spring sale or holiday sale, plus staff and instructors. We find that we may have room for a few more vendors, so if you are interested, email Cathy McGrath at [cjmcgrath@comcast.net](mailto:cjmcgrath@comcast.net) by May 10 for more information .

We need several volunteers to assist at the Kid's Clay table during the Art Fest. Email Christine Hutchinson at [chutch@charter.net](mailto:chutch@charter.net) for more information or to volunteer at the sale as a roving helper.

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#### **Volunteer Time Tracking—Muffie Fulton**

- Now that Clay Space is moving to non-profit status, all members will need to report all volunteer hours using this simple [online form](#). As a reminder, all members are expected to volunteer 2 hours each month. It will only take a few seconds to fill out!
- We have also implemented a new way to sign up for studio tasks. You can sign up using this [online spreadsheet](#). We know this sheet is a bit challenging for some folks to get to easily on their phone or computer, so we are looking at ways to simplify it. Stay tuned for more to come!

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

- We held a constructive instructor meeting on April 27.
- We issued an Instructor Handbook to all current instructors to assist in creating cohesive information being given to current and new students.
- We are continuing to work on the best formats for providing studio policies and code of conduct to new/current students and existing members.
- Laurie Kinder has joined Mariah and Janiece on this team.

#### **Current Board Members**

Denise Railsback
Janiece Woodland
Sherri Jackson
Tabitha Buzby
Meg Littler
Gabby Thompson



*Featured Artist*  
Barbara Herman

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

We are signing an addendum to transfer the current lease, which ends in mid-2027, from Clovermoon Clayworks (Denise and Kevin's company) to Clay Space Eugene .



Brunson Moody  
*And yummy food*

#### **Scenes from the Maude Kerns Studio Tour**



*Event Organizer*  
Deb Babcock



*Featured Artist*  
Yvonne Stubbs

### Ways to Donate to Clay Space

#### **MONETARY DONATIONS**

On the new website there is now a place where you can choose to make a monetary donation to Clay Space. It can be found on the Nonprofit Roadmap page. Click on [this link](#) to take you there. As always, check with your financial advisor for claiming donations on your tax return.

#### **WISH LIST**

Do you have any of these items that you aren't using anymore? Donate them to Clay Space and help make life a little easier for the office staff.

- Heavy paper cutter
- Scanner/copier/printer
- Shredder
- Laminator