

ART OF CLAY WICHITA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

APRIL 5 - JUNE 29, 2019



Michaela Valli Groeblacher – *Clown #2* (detail) – First Place Mary R. Koch Memorial Award



Welcome to the Art of Clay: Wichita National Exhibition. This exhibition represents a twist on the classic Wichita National, the organization's longest running show. Historically, the exhibition has featured craft media, but this 2019 show has a focus on ceramics and sculpture made of clay.

Sculpture and ceramics represent two strong programs in the Mark Arts School of Creativity, and we are proud to bring the work of leading contemporary artists in these media to Wichita.

We are also fortunate to be showing a concurrent exhibition by the two esteemed jurors of Art of Clay. Marko Fields and Diego Valles: Two Friends Under the Influence is on display in the School of Creativity commons until May 11. This exhibition comes to Mark Arts straight from Claytopia in Minneapolis. Claytopia is the annual conference of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts.

Education is at the heart of the Mark Arts mission, so it is with great pleasure that we offer four visiting artist workshops in conjunction with the Art of Clay. Fields, of Minneapolis, will teach narrative approaches to surface and form. Valles, of Mexico, will teach the traditional techniques of potters in the Mata Ortiz village of Chihuahua. Wichitan Jennie Becker, whose work was selected for this exhibition, will offer instruction in refining technique on the potter's wheel and in a second workshop will address glazing with multiple colors.

We encourage you to take your time with this exhibition. Enjoy the varied subject matter and technique. Thank your helping inspire the artist in each of us!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Dorrah".

KATY DORRAH
Executive Director

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AWARD WINNERS

FIRST PLACE MARY R. KOCH MEMORIAL AWARD – \$1,000

Clown #2 by Michaela Valli Groeblacher of Lindsborg, Kansas

SECOND PLACE – \$750

Turtle Earth by Jamie Smith of Courtois, Missouri

THIRD PLACE – \$500

Victoria by Linda Ganstrom of Hays, Kansas

HONORABLE MENTION – \$250

Industrial Teapot by Scott Dooley of Springfield, Ohio

Night Waves by Sheldon Ganstrom of Hays, Kansas

Always Only by Stephanie Lanter of Emporia, Kansas

Ball Buster by Von Venhuizen of Lubbock, Texas



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The mission of Mark Arts is to be a vibrant arts hub in Wichita and the region by providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning.

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JUROR MARKO FIELDS



During my teaching career, I placed a good bit of emphasis on the critique process and, ultimately, adjudicating a grade-point value for a student's work was one of the most demanding aspects of my job.

In jurying a competitive exhibition, the stakes are much higher and the work is better, but many of the principles I have embraced remain the same: delivery of content; mastery of materials; technique and craftsmanship; and the visceral, emotional or intellectual response evoked of the viewer.

This show, The Art of Clay: Wichita National Exhibition, assembles a dazzling array of exquisite work; culling the accepted works from the pool of entries was challenging, but determining the award winners was especially so. Yet, when Diego and I compared our top 20 lists, they were nearly identical, though the orders varied. Frankly, we would have both been satisfied with any of three pieces garnering first place, and we would have gladly given out another five honorable mentions. The work at the top is extraordinary.



Marko Fields founded, designed, constructed and is the primary owner of Mojo Coffee Gallery in Minneapolis. He is widely exhibited, collected and published.



JUROR DIEGO VALLES



It is truly an honor and a privilege to jury or curate an art show. Nobody has such a detailed and complete access to the whole body of artwork in an exhibition but those curating and jurying it. But most of all, it is so much fun and excitement to go through all the pieces and be able to look at them with a sense of wonder and curiosity trying to unravel their secrets and the intentions of the artist.

And this exhibition is not the exception! The amount of artistry and craftsmanship shown in each one of the entry pieces is mind blowing and inspiring.

I had so much fun thinking of all the possibilities and stories the pieces are talking about: Is that one an old vessel unearthed by a flash flood now resting on the riverbed taking a sunbath for the first time in a thousand years? Is that a seed that came from out of space waiting for the right time to bloom? Was this one a dream of rain and warmth for one's beloved land? Or is it insomnia? Is she ascending out of a life of burdens and finally letting it all go thinking of the amazing possibilities of what's next after the journey is finally over? This one for sure is dancing! It must be dancing! And it got a partner! Then a table set for three in a fresh evening of October. Now this must be twins of different fathers! Or, it could be different versions of one's personality, one true self and one how we are perceived. And so on. The stories are endless if we just spend enough time looking at each one of them, and they grow every time you come back again.

So next time you have the opportunity to hold a ceramics piece in your hands do it! And feel it! That is the wonder of clay, a three dimensional set of experiences for body and spirit. Doing it while jurying an exhibit is a blessing.

Diego Valles is a master potter from Mata Ortiz, Chihuahua, Mexico, who was recognized as the Premier Visual Artist of Mexico (Under 31 category) in 2010. He is internationally collected, exhibited and published.



EXHIBITING ARTISTS



CHRIS ARENSDORF Topeka, KS
Platter 14" x 3" \$200



JENNIE BECKER Wichita, KS
Goddess Torso 1 19" x 15" \$2,000



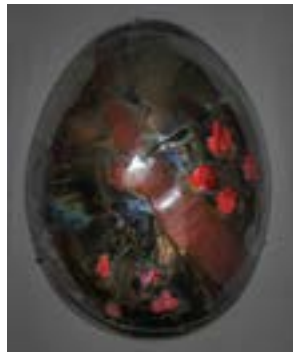
JESSE BAGGETT Wichita Falls, TX
Oared Vessel 12" x 12" x 4" \$220



JENNIE BECKER Wichita, KS
Stay the Course 22" x 22" \$1,000



JESSE BAGGETT Wichita Falls, TX
Perception 12" x 8" x 8" \$1,000



JENNIE BECKER Wichita, KS
The Shell in Black 20" x 15" \$900



DEREK DECKER West Palm Beach, FL
Life Line 23" x 9" \$3,000



SCOTT DOOLEY Springfield, OH
Teapot 13" x 9" x 4" \$375



DEREK DECKER West Palm Beach, FL
Smoke Mask 22.25" x 9" x 8" \$2,500



KAT DORCAS Allen, KS
Placeholder (Lorem Ipsum) v. 5 8" x 5" \$200



HONORABLE MENTION

SCOTT DOOLEY Springfield, OH
Industrial Teapot 18" x 10" x 7" \$675



STEPHEN DURHAM Wichita, KS
Untitled 1 4" x 7" \$150

EXHIBITING ARTISTS



STEPHEN DURHAM Wichita, KS
Untitled 2 5" x 6.25" \$125



HONORABLE MENTION

SHELDON GANSTROM Hays, KS
Night Waves 36" x 16.5" x 6" \$3,500



PATTI FOX Shell Lake, WI
Doctor's Orders, One Glass a Day
17" x 10" \$1,600



SHELDON GANSTROM Hays, KS
Please, Place a Red Dot 36" x 12" x 6" \$1,850



LINDA GANSTROM Hays, KS
Death Mother 71" x 32" x 32" \$10,000



SHELDON GANSTROM Hays, KS
Show Me the Place 42" x 21.5" \$2,500



SHELDON GANSTROM Hays, KS
Twins 28" x 18" x 9" \$2,500

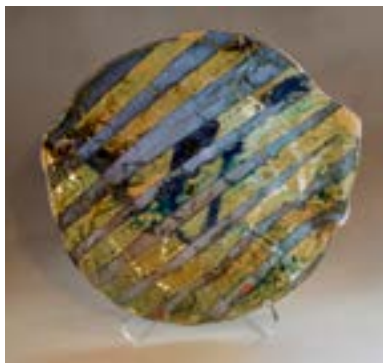


DALE HARTLEY Emporia, KS
Tall Form in White, Brown & Blue-Gray
25" x 13" x 9" \$1,200



THIRD PLACE

LINDA GANSTROM Hays, KS
Victoria 69" x 32" x 32" \$10,000



DALE HARTLEY Emporia, KS
Plate with Blue Stripes 13" x 14" x 4.5" \$600



DALE HARTLEY Emporia, KS
Blue Stripes 33" x 23" x 19" \$3,000



JOSH HEIMSOOTH Sedalia, MO
Alternative Power 40" x 26" x 10" \$5,000

EXHIBITING ARTISTS



JOSH HEIMSOTH Sedalia, MO
Rusty Platter 25" x 25" x 5" \$1,800



STEPHEN HEYWOOD Jacksonville, FL
4-Teapot 6" x 8" x 5" \$250



JOSH HEIMSOTH Sedalia, MO
Tentacle Tea Set 18" x 18" x 10" \$2,000



STEPHEN HEYWOOD Jacksonville, FL
H-Teapot 5.5" x 7" x 5" \$250



DOUGLAS HEIN Salt Lake City, UT
Sema 14.25" x 4" x 3.5" \$300



BERIT HINES Largo, FL
Three Amigos 7" x 12" x 4" \$150



BERIT HINES Largo, FL
Vase *Twilight* 11" x 10" x 3.5" \$375



KATIE IDBEIS Wichita, KS
The Gathering 10" x 2" \$300



BERIT HINES Largo, FL
Vase *Cyclone* 9" x 8" x 6" \$175



KATIE IDBEIS Wichita, KS
Down the Rabbit Hole 10" x 2" \$300



BRENDA JONES South Fork, CO
Kitchen Still Life 25" x 18" x 18" \$950

EXHIBITING ARTISTS



BRENDA JONES South Fork, CO
Road Trip 26" x 15" x 15" \$950



MCKINNA KRAUS Hutchinson, KS
Ocular Aura 12" x 8" \$160



EMMA KAYE Philadelphia, PA
Stormy Bowl 13.5" x 13.5" x 5.75" \$375



HONORABLE MENTION

STEPHANIE LANTER Emporia, KS
Always Only 5" x 9" x 12.5" \$1,000



EMMA KAYE Philadelphia, PA
Totem Bowls Sm: 5.5" x 5.5" x 2.75" Med:
7" x 7" x 3" Lg: 9" x 9" x 3.75" \$425



STEPHANIE LANTER Emporia, KS
Right (Now) 23" x 14" x 13" \$1,600



STEPHANIE LANTER Emporia, KS
Unsaid 38" x 22" x 16" \$1,400



SAM MENDEZ Gainesville, FL
Static 8" x 8" x 23.5" \$650



PAUL MCCOY Waco, TX
Chamber IV 15" x 5" \$600



MARIO MUTIS Gainesville, FL
Muyscubun 64" x 24" x 12" \$2,312



PAUL MCCOY Waco, TX
Triptych I 8" x 18" x 6.5" \$600



MARIO MUTIS Gainesville, FL
Ukansuka 14" x 90" x 90" \$2,312

EXHIBITING ARTISTS



KYOUNGHWA OH Grand Junction, CO
Influenced XXII 8.5" x 13" x 6" \$1,200



KYOUNGHWA OH Grand Junction, CO
Influenced Gold #2 7" x 12" x 5.5" \$1,200



AIMEE PEREZ Miami, FL
Aguila Bicefala 25" x 18" x 12" \$4,500



AIMEE PEREZ Miami, FL
The Cloud Maker 22" x 13" x 13" \$3,500



SARAH PETTY Fairfax, VA
Bramble Baby 8" x 1.5" \$220



SARAH PETTY Fairfax, VA
Breaking Tradition 7" x 15" x 10" \$1,800



SARAH PETTY Fairfax, VA
Homesick 5" x 5.75" x 8.25" \$2,000



BILL RANEY Waco, TX
Dusty Too 9" x 7" \$750



TYLER QUINTIN Topeka, KS
Object Memory 2 (Long Summer Days)
9" x 16" x 10" \$2,000



BILL RANEY Waco, TX
F in Ceramics 7" x 6" \$750



TYLER QUINTIN Topeka, KS
Structure and Harmony 10" x 10" x 2" \$500



GARET REYNEK Wichita, KS
Espy 4 36" x 24" x 20" \$1,100



AMANDA SCHNEIDER Philadelphia, PA
Worry Box 3.25" x 3.5" x 2.75" \$200



GAYLE SINGER Oklahoma City, OK
Interwoven Composition #1
27.5" x 12.5" \$1,200



ELIZABETH SHRIVER Coralville, IA
Short Bubble Form 14" x 4" x 4" \$650



GAYLE SINGER Oklahoma City, OK
Interwoven Composition #3
35.5" x 15" \$1,200



ELIZABETH SHRIVER Coralville, IA
Tall Bubble Form 19" x 5" x 5" \$850

EXHIBITING ARTISTS



JAMIE SMITH Courtois, MO
Corrugated Vessel 8" x 6.5" \$1,800



MICHAEL STUMBRAS Carbondale, IL
Empty Set Canister Teapot 7" x 9" x 6" \$675



JAMIE SMITH Courtois, MO
Moundbuilder Style Stamped Vessel
19" x 17.75" \$5,200



JAMIE SMITH Courtois, MO
Turtle Earth 18" x 16" \$3,600

SECOND PLACE



MICHAEL STUMBRAS Carbondale, IL
Heart Burial Urn 13" x 6" x 6" \$925



AUSTYN TAYLOR Wichita Falls, TX
Zeitgeist 12" x 12" x 6" \$1,700



TRISH VANOSDEL Wichita, KS
Cascade 72" x 28" x 28" \$4,500



BETH THOMAS Galveston, TX
Sea Dragon Ewer 18" x 5" \$1,800



TRISH VANOSDEL Wichita, KS
White Butterfly 60" x 18" x 18" \$5,000

EXHIBITING ARTISTS



FIRST PLACE

MICHAELA VALLI GROEBLACHER
Lindsborg, KS *Clown #2*
33" x 14" x 12" \$5,500



BRUCE VANOSDEL Wichita, KS
On the Edge 28" x 8" x 12" \$1,600



MICHAELA VALLI GROEBLACHER
Lindsborg, KS *Clown #3*
34" x 16" x 12" \$5,500



HONORABLE MENTION

VON VENHUIZEN Lubbock, TX
Ball Buster 11" x 24" x 9" \$2,500



BRUCE VANOSDEL Wichita, KS
Wave Crest 12" x 10" x 20" \$1,600



VON VENHUIZEN Lubbock, TX
Metastatic Node 20" x 20" x 11" \$1,900

CALENDAR

SPRING CLASS QUARTER

April 1 - June 8

MARKO FIELDS AND DIEGO VALLES: TWO FRIENDS UNDER THE INFLUENCE

April 5 - May 11

SPRING ART FAIR

May 10

SCHOOL OF CREATIVITY: ABSTRACT PAINTING, DRAWING, SCULPTURE, PRINTMAKING

May 17 - July 7

SUMMER YOUTH STEAM CAMPS

May 28 - August 9

SUMMER CLASS QUARTER

June 24 - September 9

THE NEW COOL: EMERGING REGIONAL ARTISTS

July 19 - September 21

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September 23 - December 7

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September 27 - November 2

KANSAS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY NATIONAL EXHIBITION

October 4 - December 14

HOLIDAY TABLES

November 8 - 10

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