

# CONNECTIONS

NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DESIGNER CRAFTS COUNCIL, INC

Fall 2009

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I have been thinking a lot about community lately. I don't think I am alone on this as the editorial in the last Outpost News touched on the same topic.

The nature of the work of the craftsman, the busy lives we lead and the distance between us can at times be isolating. Experiences and events we get to share with friends and colleagues help to bind us together and create meaningful connections.

Our WDCS community is built on the common love of craft, whether you are an artist, gallery owner, educator or patron. This sense of community was so strongly displayed this summer at our Morning Glory Fair. In the face of adversity (the winds and rain) it was fantastic to see everyone pitch in to help each other, hold down tents, clean up debris, help set up shop again and offer encouraging words!

I feel it too on a smaller scale when I work with the WDCS board in planning and promoting our organization. The more you get involved, the more you feel part of the community. I encourage you to get in involved with WDCS. Let us know what we can do to serve you better, attend our programs and workshops, volunteer to help at events or in the Morning Glory Gallery and join us in sharing our passion for crafts.

Fondly, Barb Chappell

## Morning Glory 2009 EXTREME ART FAIRS



Advertising for Morning Glory, all over the city on the bus boards.

If there was a reality show following the life and times of artists on the show circuit, this years Morning Glory Fine Craft Fair would be a great episode.

The weekend started out with a drizzle, escalated to torrential downpour, with wind gusts of course, followed by hot humid weather with a grand finale of another storm front. In spite of that, spirits were high, patrons were buying and our silent auction was a great success. Many thanks to show chairperson, Barb Heimsch, the staff and management at the Marcus Center, our tireless volunteers and all the exhibiting artists.

Thank you to our jurors, Terry McCarthy and Ann Wydeven who spent a day and a half speaking to and viewing the artists work before selecting this years award winners. Congratulations to this years winners:

### Best in Show

(Invited Back to Morning Glory 2010)  
\$500 Mary Miller (Mixed Media)

### WDCS Awards of Excellence

(Invited Back to Morning Glory 2010)  
\$200 Donna Muncshau  
(Fiber/Wearable)

\$200 James Parker (Photography)  
\$200 Cynthia Auxier (Mixed Media)  
\$200 Jorn Lynae Mork (Jewelry)  
\$200 Nolan Prohaska (Glass)

**Marcus Center Award of Excellence**  
\$100 Pat & Brent Cox (Glass)

**WDCS Honorable Mention**  
\$200 Larry Sanders Certificate  
Debra DeWolff (Jewelry)

\$100 Artist and Display Gift  
Certificate Susan Baehmann  
(Printmaking)

\$100 Artist and Display Gift  
Certificate Nanette Allen (Ceramics)

\$50 Cash in honor of Jules Hirsch  
Judy Goskey (Jewelry)

\$50 Cash WDCS John Dennison  
(Ceramics)

### Purchase Awards

Pekel Construction Purchase Award  
Laura Livermore (Fiber/Wearable)

Terry McCarthy Studio Purchase  
Award Mary Miller (Mixed Media)

Terry McCarthy Studio Purchase  
Award Kim Wilson (Jewelry)

**Next Years Show dates are  
August 14-15, 2010**

Applications will be at [www.zapplication.com](http://www.zapplication.com)

# WDCC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Please keep us informed of your accomplishments. Submit information to WDCC, 3900 W. Brown Deer Rd., Suite 130A, WI 53209, or [fiberwood@aol.com](mailto:fiberwood@aol.com)

## Member News

### In Memoriam David Schlueter

**In Memoriam:** Long-standing WDCC member David Schlueter passed away in July. Many of you will remember David from his years as an exhibitor at Morning Glory or in recent years helping as a volunteer at the show. David was a talented metal artist creating studio art furniture as well as a journeyman in drafting, welding and machining. He was deeply influenced by the work of Charles Macintosh but was always able to infuse his own artistic sensibility into his work. In collaboration with glass artist Catherine Lottes, their work received the CEED Artistic Achievement award in 2006, for best use of recycled material. David and his work will be missed and we offer our condolences to his family and friends.



### In Memoriam Nick Rostagno

Nick Rostagno, owner of Dark Star Galleria, a ceramic studio, passed away unexpectedly in September. Our condolences to all his family, students and patrons.



100% recycled black glass table top in collaboration with Catherine Lottes.  
Metalwork by David Schlueter.

**B**eth Wenger Johnstone's necklace "Garden X-Treme" was chosen as 1st prize winner in the Lampwork/Jewelry division of the "Fires Around the Lakes: Ten Years After" juried glass exhibit. A photo of this piece was shown on the cover of the Door County Peninsula Pulse which featured an article on Beth.

[http://ppulse.com/Articles-c-2009-06-25-87923.113117\\_A\\_Bigger\\_Torch](http://ppulse.com/Articles-c-2009-06-25-87923.113117_A_Bigger_Torch).



**Kristin Gereau** won the "Award of Excellence" at the Geneva Fine Art Fair for her knitwear fashion designs.

**Charu Swaminatha** will be launching her new collection of jewelry on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 at "Off The Vine" wine lounge, 5823 S Madison St, Hinsdale, IL

**For Sale:** 2 Soft sided jewelry travel cases with trays. One has 7- 1" trays, 2 -1 ½" trays, 1-2" tray. The second one has 7 -1" inch trays, 1 -1 ½" inch tray and 2 -2" trays. \$45.00 each. Black padded tray inserts also available. Contact: [Sybille1@earthlink.net](mailto:Sybille1@earthlink.net)

### Has your contact information changed?

In November, we will be publishing a new Membership Directory for 2009-2010. If you have any corrections or changes to your listing, please contact membership chair Kristin Gereau at: [kgtextiles@hotmail.com](mailto:kgtextiles@hotmail.com).

## WDCC members enjoy a creative weekend



Mary Mendla and workshop participants model their Shibori dyed scarves.

WDCC members enjoyed a creative weekend on October 3-4 with the presentation of two outstanding workshops at Mt. Mary College.

Betty Helen Longhi returned to Milwaukee to teach an informative, two-day workshop on shell forming and roll printing of metal. Participants created a series of bracelets and cuffs from sheet metal and experimented with ways to add texture and change the form of a metal pattern with the rolling mill.

Down the hall from the hammering, students in the shibori dyeing workshop were playing with wonderful silk fabrics and colorful dyes. Fiber artist Mary Mendla shared her tips and techniques for using the Japanese art of shibori resist to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind hand-dyed scarves. Participants wrapped, twisted and tied the fabrics, putting color in and taking color out to create interesting variations of color, texture and shape. Regardless of artistic background, the chance to work in a new technique and medium was a great way to stretch the imagination and break up those creative blocks. And everyone left with three new fashion accessories!

*Mindy Brooks, Program Chair*



Metalsmith Betty Helen Longhi demonstrates forming techniques.



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# CONNECTIONS

## Morning Glory Gallery Gets Ready for Holiday Season!



**G**orgeous fine craft work by more than 50 WDCC members is featured in the Morning Glory Gallery at Milwaukee's Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. With new work arriving weekly, the gallery is a stunning space filled with colorful jewelry, fiber, ceramics, leather, wood, photography, glass, sculpture and mixed media. The gallery celebrated its three-year anniversary this summer, and is a popular destination for shoppers who are attending a performance of the Milwaukee Ballet, Milwaukee Symphony, Florentine Opera or Marcus Broadway series. Not only is the gallery open each Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12 noon to 6 p.m., it is also open during all performances in Uihlein Hall.

We are pleased to continue to showcase and sell work by our talented WDCC members, in partnership with the Marcus Center. As the holiday season approaches, consider the Morning Glory Gallery as your own one-stop source for all your gift-giving needs. Plus, volunteer opportunities are available to those who would like to assist in the gallery during show times and then get to see the performance for free. Call the gallery at 414.765.7227 to express your interest in volunteering. We hope to see you this holiday season!



Char Behrens was the featured artist in the Morning Glory Gallery during Milwaukee's Gallery Night this October.



Gallery Manager Barb Caprile and volunteer extraordinaire Cheryl Libber work the gallery during Gallery Night.

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (studio/work) \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a  craftsperson  educator

collector  arts administrator

other \_\_\_\_\_

Media \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- \$45 Individual (1 year)
- \$80 Individual (2 years)
- \$75 Gallery/retail shop (1 year)
- \$125 Gallery/retail shop (2 years)
- \$75 Partnership - 2 artists working collaboratively on same body of work (1 year)
- \$125 Partnership (2 years)
- \$30 Full-time student
- \$30 Senior citizen (65 and older)
- \$350 Life member (one-time payment)

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