

CONNECTIONS

NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DESIGNER CRAFTS COUNCIL, INC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year started out full throttle and hasn't stopped since! In January, we staged a memorial exhibit to honor Simon Kops, one of our dearest members who passed away last year. In February, photographer Larry Sanders shared his expertise on the Zapp digital show application process at a special half-day seminar. Then, in March, we held our annual meeting in conjunction with jurying of slides for the Morning Glory Fair.

In April, we hosted a special business marketing workshop with Chris Osgood from Springboard for the Arts. And we also staged a handsome 80th Annual Show. In May, we traveled to New York for a weekend stay including a docent tour of the newly redesigned Museum of Modern Art. (There also was plenty of free time to take in a Broadway show, visit the Empire State building, and enjoy a delicious meal at one of thousands of New York eateries).

And now we are gearing up for another Morning Glory Fair, our 31st to be exact (please read the enclosed article for all the details). But as soon as that is over, it's time to host an advanced metals workshop with nationally known artist and metals expert, John Cogswell, in September. Whew! That leaves us with our annual bus trip from Milwaukee down to the SOFA (sculpture objects and functional art) Exhibition at Chicago's Navy Pier in Oct.

Our regular e-mails and newsletters keep you up-to-date with the latest news about your colleagues and the craft world. And now we have a fresh, redesigned web site to boast about! We are very excited about all that WDCC has to offer. Make sure you are taking full advantage of the many benefits of your WDCC membership. See you at Morning Glory!

Fondly, Barb Caprile, President

Morning Glory Blooms for 31st Year!

We are very excited to present our 31st annual Morning Glory Craft Fair on Saturday-Sunday, August 13-14, at Milwaukee's Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Our popular show is the culmination of almost a full year of preparation – and this year is no exception. Show Chair Barb Heimsch and her enthusiastic committee are quickly putting together the last, finishing touches on the show. And we fully expect Morning Glory 2005 to be another grand success!

The show relies heavily on a core group of volunteers who help staff the event each year – we couldn't do it without them! Please know that your generous gift of time is deeply appreciated by the organization and our exhibitors. But we still need more help on both Saturday and Sunday to keep the event running smoothly. Please contact Barb Chappell, Volunteer Coordinator (fiberwood@aol.com or call 414-302-1649), if you would like to volunteer for a minimum two-hour shift. Let your family and friends know that we could use their help, too, and bring everyone down to the show! We especially need booth sitters from 12-2:30 p.m. both days to give our artists a short break.

NEW THIS YEAR Proceeds from our silent auction will benefit Artists Working in Education, a non-profit group that provides free art instruction to Milwaukee children (see article inside). We are grateful to all exhibitors who make a donation to the auction – but did you know that ANYONE can make a contribution? So if you are not

exhibiting in the show but would still like to donate a piece of art, please let us know. Contact Silent Auction Chair Ann Cook (anncook@earthlink.net) to let her know that you will be dropping off your donation on Saturday morning. The silent auction takes place on Saturday only from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the stage of the Peck Pavilion.



The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Milwaukee stands ready for our 31st Annual Morning Glory Craft Fair on Sat.-Sun., August 13-14.

This year's show judges are Michael Imes, an award-winning ceramicist, and Mark Lawson, Director of Galleries at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design. Judging will take place on Saturday morning, and awards will be given out on Saturday evening after the show

closes at 5 p.m. Exhibiting artists are invited to attend a cocktail reception from 5:30-7:00 p.m. including a cash bar and complimentary appetizers.

NOTE TO EXHIBITING ARTISTS If you are in booths #1-26 entering off State St. on the north side of the Marcus Center, please note that the street is marked "closed" due to work being done on the bridge. But you can still drive right thru and park along side the curb. Also artists should check in at the Information Booth as soon as they arrive to pick up their welcome packet containing important details about set up, parking, etc. Also, don't forget to bring your driver's license or another photo I.D. to show at registration – and remember that exhibiting artists MUST be present at the show. Early set up on Friday afternoon is from 3-7 p.m. Please do NOT come early, as our permits do not go into effect until that time.

Looking forward to a great weekend – see you there!

WDCC Member Spotlight

Please keep us informed of your accomplishments. Submit information to WDCC, 3900 W. Brown Deer Rd., Suite 130A, Milwaukee, Wis. 53209, or bcaprile@ameritech.net



Visit our Web site: www.wdcc.org

Bravo For Member Accomplishments . . .

- ◆ **Denise Cawley, West Milwaukee, Wis., and Jeanette Payne, Port Washington, Wis.,** were recently interviewed on Milwaukee Public Radio on the show "At Ten." Denise and Jeanette talked about leaving full-time, "real" jobs that were not related to art and pursuing their dream jobs of being artists.
- ◆ **Abe and Ginka Cohn, Fish Creek, Wis.,** were featured in the early summer 2005 edition of *Door County Living* magazine in an article highlighting their 50 years of marriage and business in their gallery, The Potters Wheel. A portrait of Abe, painted by Craig Blietz, was featured on the cover of the magazine.
- ◆ **Dennis Felber, Milwaukee, Wis.,** has his welded garden sculptures featured in a show at the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum in Milwaukee opening on Gallery Night, Friday, July 29. The museum is located at 2220 Terrace Ave. in Milwaukee. You can see more of Dennis' work at www.dennisfelberdesign.com.
- ◆ **Fred Fischer, Whitefish Bay, Wis.,** will have his photos exhibited at Flash Gallery, 1036 S. 5th St. in Milwaukee, with an opening reception on Gallery Night, July 29 at 6 p.m.
- ◆ **Michael Heider, Shorewood, Wis.,** will have his unique pinhole photographs on display in the Mandel Group's Marine Terminal during Milwaukee's Gallery Night & Day, July 29-30. The Marine Terminal is located at 120 N. Broadway in the Historic Third Ward.
- ◆ **Rosalinda Kiese, Rochester, Minn.,** had two of her ceramics pieces included in a show titled, "14th International Miniature Art Show" at the Seaside Art Gallery in North Carolina last spring.
- ◆ **Harry and BJ Mackie, Palatine, Ill.,** had their pearl jewelry designs included in the Milwaukee Public Museum's gift shop during the acclaimed "Pearls" show this spring from March 7-June 26. Similar Mackie jewelry designs accompanied the "Pearls" show tour starting at the Chicago Field Museum and continuing to museums in Atlanta and Houston over the last few years.
- ◆ **Judy and Dave Peterson, Madison, Wis.,** have co-authored their second book published by Fox Chapel Publishing Company. Titled

"Fantasy and Legend Puzzles for the Scroll Saw," the book includes 28 of Judy's patterns, plus how-to instructions. Judy and Dave's third book (on animal puzzles) will be published this fall.

◆ **Kathryn Rambo, Franklin, Wis.,** had one of her dolls, Alfarinn, the Norwegian elf, featured in the summer 2005 issue of *Art Doll Quarterly*.

◆ **Vito Valenti, Muskego, Wis.,** has his sculptural work (life-size female figures in metal and mixed media) featured in a two-person show (with painter Nancy Lamers) at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee this summer. Titled "Unencumbered by the Mundane," the show runs until August 24 in the Marian Gallery at the school, 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee.

◆ **Betsy Youngquist, Rockford, Ill.** received a \$1,000 award at Milwaukee's Lakefront Festival

The Potters Wheel Gallery, Fish Creek, Wis.



of the Arts in June at the Milwaukee Art Museum for her mixed-media, beaded work. Her work, "Masquerade," was also featured on the cover of the April 2005 issue of *American Style* magazine. Betsy was one of 120 exhibitors who took part in the Smithsonian Craft Show held in Washington, D.C. in April.

New WDCC Web Site Unveiled



Please check out our fresh, redesigned web site www.wdcc.org and let us know what you think! It had been awhile since we launched our original site, and we needed a new look. The site now includes a list of WDCC members who have their own web sites (with links to those sites), as well as a list of all Morning Glory artists.

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Cohns Celebrate 50 Years in Door County, Wis.

Abe and Ginka Cohn (left), Fish Creek, recently celebrated their 50th season in their gallery, The Potters Wheel, in Door County, Wis. A special show featuring work by some of WDCC's members was on display from Memorial Day until the 4th of July at the gallery. WDCC acknowledged the Cohns on this monumental anniversary with a special raku vase created by WDCC member Bonnie Joseph-Coonan. Many thanks to Bonnie for personally delivering the vessel to the Cohns over Memorial Day weekend.

2005 Member Show in Stevens Point, Wis.



Our 80th Annual Show, "Reflections," this spring at the Riverfront Arts Center in Stevens Point was a smashing success! Many thanks to Show Chair Barb Heimsch and Gallery Director Brenda Gingles for coordinating this handsome exhibition. The show was on display from April 10 thru May 23.

The opening reception on Sunday, April 10, was attended by dozens of WDCC members and guests who enjoyed the lovely gallery setting along the river. Six \$200 awards of excellence were given to the WDCC members listed below.

Many thanks to our members who entered the show, a showcase of the very best in contemporary fine craft. Please visit the WDCC web site at www.wdcc.org to see additional photos from the exhibit.



Annual Show Chair Barb Heimsch (left) and Gallery Director Brenda Gingles.

2005 Annual Show Award of Excellence Winners . . .

- Richard Daehnert - "Glove Relic: Brown Cotton"
- Theodore Horn - "Ginpole Village"
- Paul Klein - "Witch Tree"
- Mary Anna Petrick - "Brooch with Rhodolite Garnet"
- Ann Wydeven - "The Peacock"
- Sharon Wright - "Lily Passage"

WDCC Supports AWE: Artists Working in Education



Wisconsin Designer Crafts Council is pleased to announce its support of AWE (Artists Working in Education), a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide youth in the Milwaukee area with arts enrichment programs "to enhance human potential, advance learning, and cultivate community."

This summer, WDCC partnered with AWE to support one week of its Truck Studio Programs by donating \$2,500. Our donation funded a special, week-long experience for school-aged children from June 27-July 1 at Gordon Park, 2828 N. Humboldt in Milwaukee.

The lead teacher at Gordon Park was Maggie Schneider, an art teacher at Roosevelt Middle School for the Creative Arts in Milwaukee. Maggie was right at home with her group of enthusiastic students as they lingered on her every word while she led them through a series of fun art activities. Maggie was assisted by Andy McCanna, a college student, and Kari Hanson, a recent MIAD graduate.

For many Milwaukee children, the Truck Studio may provide the only access for kids to art instruction. With recent budget cuts, 47 Milwaukee Public Schools have no art teacher on staff. Others have reduced their art teacher to half time or less. WDCC is proud to support the development of creativity among our young, future Picassos. This year, proceeds from the silent auction at the Morning Glory Fair will also benefit AWE.



AWE instructor Maggie Schneider (left) and two of her students pose in front of the brightly painted AWE studio truck that was loaded to the brim with art supplies for summer classes in Milwaukee parks. A special sign on the truck acknowledged WDCC's support.

The AWE Truck Studio Program brings the joy of creativity to Milwaukee children through free art experiences during the summer.



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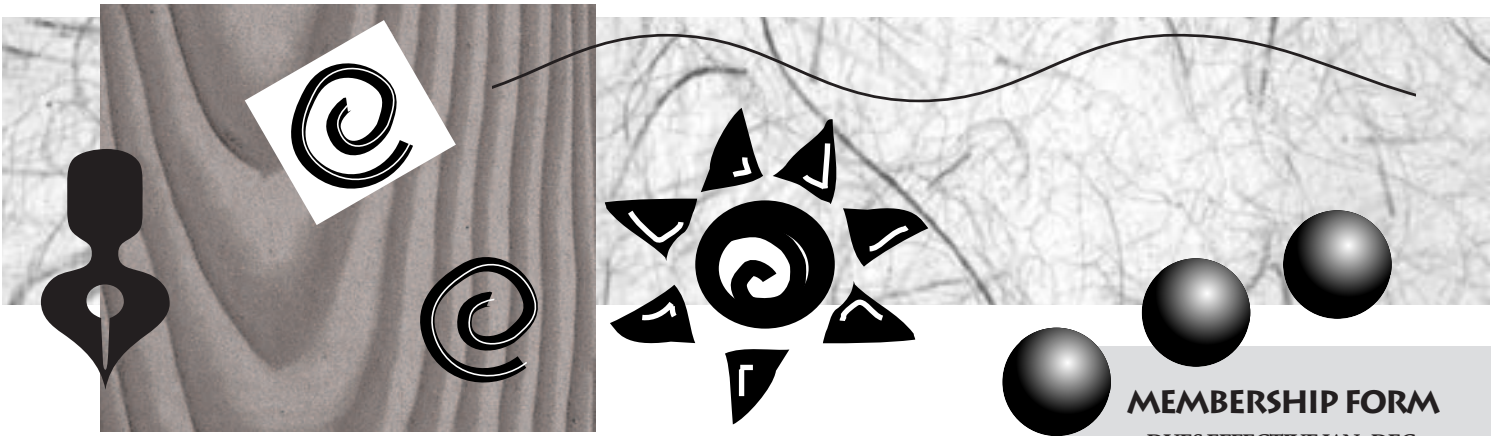
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WHAT'S FOR SALE?

■ **METALS WORKSHOP WITH JOHN COGSWELL** WDCC will be hosting an advanced metals workshop with nationally known metal-smith John Cogswell on Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 24-25 at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. This workshop will only be open to WDCC members – and space is limited! Please use the enclosed form to sign up. Registrations will be considered by postmark date.

■ **WDCC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY SOON TO BE PUBLISHED** WDCC will be publishing its 2005-06 membership directory right after the Morning Glory Fair. Please contact Membership Chair Carole Kane (ckane2000@sbcglobal.net or 414-964-8312) if any of your contact information has changed. We are particularly interested in having your current e-mail address, as many of our messages continue to be returned when we send out our semi-monthly e-mails to members. Remember, we do NOT let anyone else use our membership list!

■ **TENT FOR SALE** Karen Barry in Columbus, Wis., has a Craft Hut tent for sale. The white tent is in like-new condition and includes four zippered sides, a skylight, and front and back awnings. \$900 firm (reg. price about \$1,600). Coordinate with Karen to arrange pickup. Call 920-623-0140.

■ **BRADLEY SCULPTURE GARDEN PARTY** Spend a lovely summer afternoon on Sunday, Aug. 21, in the Bradley Sculpture Gardens in River Hills (Milwaukee), Wis. Sponsored by the Friends of Art of the Milwaukee Art Museum to benefit the Art Acquisition and Exhibition Fund, this event includes musical entertainment, hands-on children's activities, docent-led tours of the grounds

and sculptures, and food and beverages for purchase (or bring your own picnic!). The Bradley Sculpture Garden is located at 2145 W. Brown Deer Rd. \$8 in advance, \$14 at the door. Children 12 and under free. Shuttle service from the Park 'n Ride Lot at 1-43 and Brown Deer Rd. There is no parking on the grounds. Call 414-224-3855 or visit www.xlevel.com/bsg for more information.

■ **BUS TRIP TO CHICAGO SOFA SHOW?** Are you interested in joining us for our annual bus trip to the SOFA Exposition on Friday, October 28, at Chicago's Navy Pier? The bus leaves from Milwaukee at 8:45 a.m. with a pick-up at the airport Park 'n Ride on I-94. Arrive at SOFA about 11 a.m. when the show opens and see over 90 international galleries and dealers exhibiting one-of-a-kind, 3-D work in decorative and fine crafts, all for sale. There are also over 30 lecture presentations by fine craft experts. Enjoy a continental breakfast on the bus driving down in the morning – then choose from a variety of restaurants for lunch on your own at Navy Pier. The bus leaves Navy Pier around 4 p.m. to return to Milwaukee. Please let us hear from you! Contact Barb Caprile at bcaprile@ameritech.net or call 414-962-7002. Over the past few years, WDCC interest in attending this show has waned, so in order for us to continue offering the trip, we MUST know ahead of time if you would like to attend.

■ **BOOTH SHOTS AT MORNING GLORY** If you are exhibiting at the Morning Glory Fair and need a new booth shot taken, book your time now with photographer Larry Sanders who will be working at the show. Contact Larry at 414-672-6727 or e-mail LZS@gowebway.com to schedule your appointment. Larry is also available to pick up work for studio shots.

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- \$40 Individual (1 year)
- \$70 Individual (2 years)
- \$60 Gallery/retail shop (1 year)
- \$95 Gallery/retail shop (2 years)
- \$60 Partnership – 2 artists
working collaboratively on same
body of work (1 year)
- \$95 Partnership (2 years)
- \$25 Full-time student
- \$25 Senior citizen (60 and older)
- \$320 Life member (one-time
payment)

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