

Artistic Beginnings



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Calendar - Upcoming FTLOA Events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 25	April 26	April 27 - FTLOA Planning Committee Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio	April 28	April 29 - FTLOA Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio	April 30	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8
May 9	May 10	May 11 - FTLOA Planning Committee Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 16	May 17 - Set-Up of FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 18 - Opening of Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 19 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 20 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 21 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 22 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center
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News and Announcements!

Bring at least one piece of your art to the April 29 FTLOA meeting at Totally Crazed to be photographed for our group's web site. Tar and feathers will be available for appropriately disciplining member who fail to bring at least one piece of artwork to the meeting.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART will be having a 2 day show at the Kelso Senior Center, located at 106 NW 8th St., Kelso ... May 1st and May 2nd. Saturday's hours are 10am to 3pm, Sunday noon to 3pm. **This would be the perfect time and place to find that one-of-a-kind Mother's Day gift!**

Showing of FTLOA Members' Art at Re/Max and Newrock Homes

FTLOA artists now showing at the **Re/Max and Newrock Homes** offices are Doris Barrick, Jacques Drapeau, Marilyn Ebel, Jerime Gray, Barbara Lancaster, Terrie Spindle, and Charles Strozyk.

Perceptive readers will observe that there are fewer than ten of them.

- I notified 10 artists that it was their turn to display there, and included a request that I be notified if they weren't going to be displaying.
- I received 3 notices of artists that would not be displaying, one confirmation of an artist who would be displaying, and six non-responses.
- I notified 3 more artists that it was their turn to display there, with requests that I be notified if they wouldn't be displaying.
- I received 3 more non-responses.
- When the day to change over the artwork to a new group of 10 artists, art from only 4 artists was submitted.

Ouch!

Actually, things turned out okay. Re/Max and Newrock Homes asked us to display a lesser amount of art. They felt like they were working in an art gallery instead of a place of business. So ... What's the problem? Anyway, we have plenty of art on display at Re/Max and Newrock Homes. Those of us who were on-site did the best we could to set up a good display.

Carol Munro

Has a piece, pictured below, showing in the **Rainy Day Wildfire Exhibition**, Olympic Mills Commerce Center, SE Washington St, Portland until May 30th. You can find more about the show at <http://portlandcityart.org/2010/03/31/a-rainy-day-wildfire-omcc/>.



Mary Huel

Is participating in **Ceramic Showcase 2010**, at the **Oregon Convention Center, April 30 and May 1-2**. The event is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. **Admission is Free!** After, of course, you pay an absorbent amount to park your vehicle.

Janice Taitano

Her book, ***The Legend of Lutung***, is available at Totally Crazed, for \$20. Janice will personally sign a book for you, if you so desire.

Rainier Marina Market

The Rainier Marina Market, located at 115 East "A" Street in Rainier, Oregon, opens on May 1. It is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, May through the 3rd week of December. (It is closed on July 4, which is a Saturday this year.) FTLOA artists scheduled to be vendors there include:

- **Dennis Stanley**, with his local photographs;
- **Lloyd and Bernadette Crepeau**, with quality hand-crafted jewelry;
- **Jacques Drapeau**, artist extraordinaire;
- **Barbara Lancaster**, international artist and painter;
- **Carol Munro**, unique pottery;
- **Tony Sujka**, hand-carved wood bowls;
- **Sam and Cindy Cebalus**, wood work -- signs, framed art, and gift items.

And this isn't all. If you have a hankering for gourmet hot dogs, garden gnomes, smoked salmon, various kinds of jerky, chocolate truffles, goats milk soap, or fantastick slow-cooked pulled-pork sandwiches ... Rainier Marina Market is **the** place to go. Stop on in! **Opening day, May 1, would be a perfect time and place to find a one-of-a-kind Mother's Day gift!**

Check it out at www.rainiermarinamarket.com.

Jacques Drapeau

Will have an art display at The Backstage Café, at the corner of Vine and Pacific in Kelso, in May.

Birthdays!

Folks having birthdays coming up prior to our April 29 meeting are ...

- Janet Inman ... May 5.

- Jerime Gray ... May 6.
- Rebecca Brandy Sanford-Bean ... May 20.
- Katie Mahaney ... May 21.
- Mandi Rockwood ... May 24.

Happy Birthday!

Artist of the Month: Linda Corder

Be sure to stop by **Totally Crazed Ceramic Studio** and check out Linda's exhibit.

Wait a minute! What good does this do Linda? She's one of the owners of Totally Crazed. She can put up an exhibit of her stuff any time she wants to!

Congratulations, Linda. Your piece of artwork looks great!

Committees:

Membership

FTLOA has 43 members.

Planning

Events we're working on include:

- May 1st and 2nd FTLOA show at the Kelso Senior Center. This is the large building next to where Catlin Pool used to be. Now, there's a water park next to the building. The Kelso Bridge Market will be opening on May 2nd, in an area right near this building, so there should be some potential customers. **We're looking for artists who want to display! Send off an email to me if you would like to be one of them.**
- FTLOA show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center, May 18 through May 31. **Please sign-up to supervise the exhibit at the upcoming FTLOA meeting.**
- Participation in the May 1st Thursday Art Walk on May 6. We're hoping to have a bit less bad weather than we had on April 1st. **If you would like to participate, let Jeanette Mahoney know.**
- Kalama art show. September 11. The goal of the show is **NOT** to celebrate the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. **Linda Corder is the FTLOA contact with regard to this event.**

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FTLOA Officers:

If you don't like what FTLOA is doing, these are the people to complain to.

- President – Barbara Lancaster.
- Vice President(s) – Jeanette Mahoney and Vicki Carstens.
- Secretary – Angela Ankenman.
- Treasurer – Doris Barrick.

FTLOA President's Message:

Members,

I have mentioned numerous times that our club is a family. As with all families, there are times when we need to come together and support our members who have to face life's tragedies. That time has come.

- Vicki Carstens' husband Paul passed away this month.
- Pat Kelsay, Mother of Karen Kelsay and sister and Linda Corder, also passed away this month.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Vicki, Karen and Linda.

Another month is under our belt as a club. We have accomplished quite a bit during the past months. We have a busy schedule ahead of us. We need everyone to jump in and help, so that few don't have to do all the work.

As President, I have a lot of responsibilities to help make this club run smooth and be a successful club. But, our club is like a chain, and like a chain it is only as strong as its weakest link. I'm asking each and every one of you to step up and help make this a strong and successful club. [I understand we all have families and jobs that come first, but you joined this club to find an outlet for your love of art, and accomplishing this also takes work.]

As I mentioned earlier, we have a busy schedule ahead of us. Each exhibit has guidelines that we must follow to make the

setup run smoothly. I will go into more detail at our next meeting about this subject.

Doris and Jacques: Thank you for all the work you have done to help me, I really appreciate that. The Planning Committee (Doris, Jacques, Linda, Angela and Jeanette): You are doing a great job! Catherine: Thank you for all the PR work you are doing. Great job!

My email, phone and door are always open to anyone needing advice or help with their art. So please use and abuse me, so that we can make our club the best and most successful club in this area.

Work hard! The future is yours to grab.

Sincerely,
Barbara Lancaster