

2022 Outreach Initiatives

- Ventura County Arts Council, 2022 Artists in the Classroom – VCPG funded an 8-week ceramics classes including materials for a 2nd grade class in Ventura.



- Ventura Community College, 2022 Student Art Show – monetary awards and a VCPG membership to Noel Adams and Chelsey Hoslett
- Santa Barbara Community College, 2022 Student Art Show – monetary award and a VCPG membership to Martiza Alvarado
- 2022 Bowl of Thanks: our members donate bowls they have-made, customers purchase the bowls and receive a ticket to go to local restaurants and get a sample of the food in their bowl. Our members donated over 350 bowls for this event and the fund generated from this were donated to:
The **Bowl of Thanks** benefits the **Downtown Ventura's Family Reconnection Program**. This program provides free transportation to eligible individuals who, for whatever reason, end up vulnerable on Ventura's streets and are seeking a way to reconnect with a family member or support group.
- 2022 Residency Program: This year we selected two ceramic students that completed their Winter residency in Ojai. For the Summer Residency program we expanded to Goleta for one of our students and the other student in Ojai.

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- Residency Program, launched in 2020 continued with residencies for Anita Hickson, Jose Galvin and Shawn O'Leary.
Note: Outreach Budget for 2021 was reduced because of COVID 2019 reducing the Guild's income.

2020 Outreach Initiatives:

- Elementary Ceramics class in Ventura: two 8-week ceramics classes that will not be completed until 2021 due to COVID 19 pandemic.
- Awards to Ceramic Students that include a cash award, with the exception of one school, not completed due to the COVID 19 pandemic: 2 high schools and 3

community colleges and at CSUCI. We were able to give awards at:

- o Ventura Community College: Kyle Scheier and Chelsey Hoslett

- Members' Meetings are advertised to the public and we average 3-7 visitors at each meeting. Due to COVID 19 pandemic only 3 public meetings have been held. In June we began holding monthly meetings on Zoom that are available on YouTube to the public.
- Julie Feld Underglaze Workshop – offered, advertised and available to the public but postponed until October of 2021 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. • \$100 donation to Center for Nonprofit Leadership at California Lutheran University for free webinar workshop provided during the COVID 19 pandemic.
- \$575 donation to Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts.
- During the Covid 19 pandemic Nordolf HS in Ojai and Ventura Community College were provided a tutorial for their online students on how to photograph their work and access to VCPG photo cube.
- Residency Program: Elena Berdnikova and Kahrin Keaki Lewis were selected for the Fall 2020 Pilot Studio Residency Program. This project was launched by the Board to fill a gap of available instructional studio space/time created by COVID 19 pandemic. Elena and Kahrin received a 12 weeks membership/ residency during the Fall 2020 semester at ClayZen Studio. The residency will allow them to work on their skills, receive hands-on training in firing while completing work that may be required for successful admission into an arts program. During their residency they will be supported and guided by both ClayZen's Master Potter Wyn Matthews and a member of the Ventura College Ceramics faculty.
- Two Ventura Community Colleges students were sponsored to take two ceramics classes at Otis College Art and Design Adult Extension. These were online classes to supplement their training at VCC.
- Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts and VCPG show "Nature' Bounty"; awards to three members
- Ruthanne Turball Workshop: 144 students and the public attended multiple event, demonstration and full workshops at Ventura Community College, Santa Paula Art Museum at the Ojai Clay School. 5 students from Ventura Community College and CSUCI were given a scholarship to attend the 1- day workshop.

2019 Outreach Initiatives

- High School, Community Colleges and University Ceramic Students cash award at Student Art Show and VCPG membership:
 - o Nordolf HS: Chassy Plott, Courtney Abraham, Scott Inran, Sean McHale
 - o Santa Barbara Community College: Maggie Powell
 - o Ventura Community College: Aaron Wiitablake, Barbara Fosbrink
 - o CSUCI: MacGregor Mason and Magan Petree
- VCPG sale at Ojai – In order to give the Ceramics students from Ventura Community College an opportunity to experience selling their own work, they were invited to setup, display, sell their work and provide demonstrations during our annual sale.
- Eight Members' Meetings were advertised to the public, with a program about Ceramics; we average 3-7 visitors at each meeting.

- Bowl of Thanks: Once a year VCPG organizes an event at Ventura Harbor called the Bowl of Thanks. The Guild asks for donations of bowls from our members and the schools VCPG works with and on the night of the event the public comes to the Ventura Gallery, purchases a bowl and then takes them to restaurants in the harbor that give them a sample of one of their offerings. 100% of the proceeds from this event go to a local charity – one to care for humans and one to care for animals. In addition to the labor involved VCPG takes care of all advertising and credit card charges for the event.
- Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts and VCPG Members' show, "Small Treasures", awards to members