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# CALIFORNIA CLAY COMPETITION 2014

**AN ANNUAL STATEWIDE JURIED EXHIBITION**

April 25 - May 23, 2014

**The Artery**

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## California Clay Competition

The Artery is pleased to present the Twenty-fifth annual CALIFORNIA CLAY COMPETITION exhibition. The competition gives California ceramic artists an opportunity to display their work during the California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art, sponsored by the John Natsoulas Gallery, and is part of an annual celebration of the art of clay throughout Davis each spring.

The competition is open to all artists residing in California; eligible artworks must be made of clay or mixed media with clay being the major emphasis of the work. Previous jurors were Michelle Gregor, Tony Natsoulas, Nancy Servis, Stan Welsh, Cathie Duniway, Sandy Simon, Jim Melchert, Patti Warashina, Donna Billick, Bob Brady, Ruth Rippon, Arthur Gonzalez, Peter VandenBerge, Catharine Hiersoux, Lisa Reinertson, Marc Lancet, John Toki, Gerald and Kelly Hong, Yoshio Taylor, Lisa Tamiris Becker, Richard Shaw, Margaret Keelan, and David Kuraoka. Jurors create their own criteria and vision of what the exhibit will be.



2014 juror Don Fritz selected forty three ceramic art works from forty one artists for this exhibit.

### **The Artery**

The Artery, one of the nation's most successful cooperative art galleries, was founded in 1974 by a dedicated group of Davis artists and crafts persons whose goal was to present fine art and contemporary crafts of high quality at fair prices. Today 67 Northern California artists display and sell their work at The Artery. Decorative and functional ceramics, wood, glass, fiber art, gourd art, sculpture, paintings, drawings, prints, photography, and jewelry are exhibited and sold year-round; member artists are closely involved in managing the store and assisting customers.

## The Juror

We are delighted and honored to have Don Fritz as our juror this year. Don received his MFA from the University of California, Davis in 1978. Currently, he is on the faculty of Santa Clara University. He has also been a featured instructor at the Anderson Ranch Art Center in Colorado and the Split Rock Arts Program at the University of Minnesota. Recently he was awarded the Artist Laureate award by the Silicon Valley Arts council for 2013. In the past he has been awarded numerous grants including a Japanese Cultural Exchange travel grant, and two Pollock Krasner Artist's Grants. He exhibits nationally and internationally, with work included in many public collections, including the Otaru Museum in Hokkaido Japan, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and the Microsoft Corporation in Washington. His work is also in the private collections of actors Jim Carey, Nicolas Cage and Cheech Martin among others.



## **Juror's Statement**

It has been an honor to be asked to be the juror of the “California Clay Competition”. I was very impressed with the quality and variety of this year’s submissions. It was very difficult to decide from such an outstanding group of amazing works, 43 ceramics objects, having to exclude many quality works. I chose works that reflected quality in craft and concept. I also tried to select works that represented the tradition of functional ware as well as sculptural objects. My background has been primarily in the area of hand built low fire ceramic sculpture. I congratulate these artists that are represented here at this year’s “California Clay Competition”. I apologize to those artists that did not have their works selected. In the end, the exhibition reflects the taste of one person and could have been different if others had judged the work. Do not lose heart and continue to aspire to achieve your dreams!

Don Fritz, 2014





Photo: Janeen Singer



**Phoebe Ackley**

Berkeley

*RISING TIDE*

\$1,500.00

Ceramic Figure with glass tray

18"x18"x18"

**Beverly Archer**

South Pasadena

*ESSENCE OF CALF*

\$300.00

Clay

12" X 11" X 4"



**Marisa Burman**

San Francisco

*FOOTED BOTTLES*

\$260.00

Clay

7"x4"x4" each

**Shenny Cruces**

Vacaville

*THE HUNTED SERIES- PEOPLE*

*HUNTING HAT*

\$850.00

Found Object Porcelain, Cone 6

Slip Cast Porcelain, Decals and

Luster

14"x20"x4"



**Mark Danitschek**

San Jose

*BLACK AND WHITE WRAPPED*

*HEADS*

\$750.00

Clay

9"x 25"x 6"



**Mark Danitschek**

San Jose

*WIRELESS*

\$3,600.00

Clay with Wire

56"x12"x 16"



**Natasha Dikareva**

San Francisco  
*WHERE IS THE EXIT?*  
\$1,900.00  
stoneware, stains, glazes,  
underglazes  
18"x11"x11"

**Rosa Dorantes**

Bay Point  
GMO  
\$450.00  
Clay  
9"x13.5"x13.5"



**Jeremy Farrell**

Eureka  
*PREY*  
\$1,000.00  
Clay, handbuilt  
7"x16"x5"



**Sandy Frank**

Sebastopol

*PAINTER'S WIFE*

\$700.00

Clay, Graphite, and Oxides

22"x9"x12"

**Geraldine GaNun-Owens**

San Rafael

*CIRCUS ACT*

\$750.00

Clay

21"x13"x13"

**Sarah Gregory**

Albany

*IN ORDER TO PASS UNOBSERVED*

\$1,200.00

Clay

11"x 5"x2 3/4"





Photo: Dana Davis



**Vicki Gunter**

Oakland

LOSS 8 IT'S NOT ONE THING...

IT'S EVERYTHING

\$2,900.00

Clay

16"x 28"x6"

**Bill Heiderich**

Hollister

TURQUOISE BASKET WITH

CONES

\$900.00

Clay

20"x13"x13"

**Iver Hennig**

Boulder Creek

CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT

\$750.00

Clay

19.5"x13"x6"

**Iver Hennig**

Boulder Creek

MUTANT

\$350.00

Clay

14"x6"x6"



**Jennifer Hennig**

Boulder Creek

SUPPORT

\$350.00

Clay

13"x11"x7"



**Laura Jacobson**

Palo Alto

RESONANCE PUNCTUATED:

THETA

\$2,200.00

Stoneware, slip, stain mounted on

wood

27"x 45"x 1.5"



**Mark Jaeger**

San Anselmo  
*SUPER PABLO*  
\$1,500.00  
Clay  
9.5"x7.5"x5"



**Christopher Kanyusik**

Oakland  
*WALKING BOOT*  
\$500.00  
Clay  
14"x12"x5"



**Malia Landis**

San Jose  
*THE RHYTHM: BIRTH*  
\$850.00  
Stoneware  
25"x13"x3"



**Lynn Landor**

Berkeley  
*CUP WITH BIRD 1*  
\$300.00  
Clay  
6 1/2"x5 1/2"

**Suzanne Lussier**

Mendocino  
*PRECARIOUS*  
\$800.00  
Clay  
18"x18"x4"



**Calvin Ma**

San Francisco  
*TOW THE MIND*  
\$2,000.00  
stoneware, glaze, stain, twine,  
netting  
15"x 9"x13"



**Marsha Mack**

San Rafael  
*OWN DEVICES*  
\$1,150.00  
Clay  
28"x12"x13"





**Lee Middleman**

Portola Valley  
*WINTER SUNFLOWER*

\$600.00

Clay  
10"x10"x6"

**Mike Murphy**

Chico  
*WE'RE NOT SO VERY  
DIFFERENT*

\$500.00

low fire Clay and Glazes, Soda  
fired Ceramics  
17"x30"x4"

**Nicholas Oh**

Daly City  
*ASIAN AMERICAN MOON JAR*

\$600.00

Clay  
14"x14"x 14"



**Ted Okell**

Fortuna  
*SLEEPING MUSE SERIES II*  
\$1,400.00  
Salt fired cone 10  
22"x 15"x 8"



**Sienna Orlando-Lalaguna**

Chico  
*THE PACT*  
\$600.00  
Clay  
25"x25"x25"



**Ashley Pfister**  
South Lake Tahoe  
*BAGGAGE CLAIM*  
\$2,000.00  
Clay  
15"x8"x7" + 9"x9"x6"





**Asa Pritchett**

Sebastopol  
*BLUE CROW VASE*  
\$775.00  
Clay  
22"X9"X7.25"

**Erika Sanada**

San Francisco  
*ECHO*  
\$1,000.00  
Cearamic and glaze  
14"x6"x7"

**Abiodun Sanyaolu**

Stockton  
*ORACLE*  
\$1,500.00  
Ceramic stoneware  
21"x20"x11"



**Margo Scarpulla**

Fairfield  
*SAGGAR-FIRED VESSEL*  
\$385.00  
Clay  
10"x13"



**Catherine Schmid-Maybach**

Ojai  
POLE LINES  
\$2,000.00  
Clay  
17"x18"x1.5"



**Gail Schneider**

San Diego  
RIGHT EAR  
\$1,000.00  
Clay and Mortar  
6"x5"x2.5"



*Photo: John Schulz*

**Bar Shacterman**

Fair Oaks  
MORRIGAN  
\$9,000.00  
Clay  
51"x32"x20"



**Colleen Sidey Yerian**

South Lake Tahoe  
LOOKING GLASS  
\$3,200.00  
Clay  
19"x13"x13"



**Carol Valk**

Berkeley  
*PICASSO OWL*  
\$290.00  
Clay  
8"x4"x4"



**Sarah Woodard**

Arcata  
*FINDING CACTUS STREET*  
\$1,000.00  
Earthenware  
18"x12"x11"



**Wesley Wright**

San Jose  
*ALLY 3, AVIAN ORDER*  
\$950.00  
Stoneware, underglaze, glaze, cold finish  
12"x16"x13"



**Fred Yokel**

Campbell  
*IT WAS THIS BIG*  
\$5,400.00  
Clay  
25"x28"x18"

## **Acknowledgments**

Our juror, Don Fritz, has selected an excellent exhibit for the Twenty-fifth California Clay Competition. The Artery appreciates Don's willingness to take on this difficult task and be the 2014 juror.

Thanks to John Natsoulas for tirelessly promoting the art of clay. Special thanks to all our award donors, who support our competition year after year.

The Competition Committee is appreciative also of the 68 artist-members of the Artery for their willingness to make room for forty three additional works of art and for the time and expertise they contributed to the California Clay Competition.

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