

# Student opens pottery exhibit at Pauling

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Piper Selden, a Clackamas student, opened her pottery exhibit last Wednesday night at the Pauling Center.

The opening featured a slide show which depicted her and her mother's travel in Bolivia and Peru. The slide show also showed examples of pottery of these regions.

Although Piper spent only two weeks in Peru and Bolivia, her pieces show a strong South American influence.

"The pieces were inspired by my trip," said Piper. "I wanted to

capture people in the culture."

Piper loves to travel. She spent four months in Nepal and has traveled to the Caribbean, India and the Nordic countries.

"I always go with my sketchbook and my camera," said Piper.

Piper credits her mother with developing her interest in the arts. She cites her mother as a key influence in her life.

"Ceramics is like making mud pies for adults," said Piper.

Another major influence in her life is Clackamas Ceramics Instructor Katie McFadden-Benecki. Piper was a student of McFadden-Benecki last year.

"She has been such an inspiration and is a fantastic instructor," said Piper.

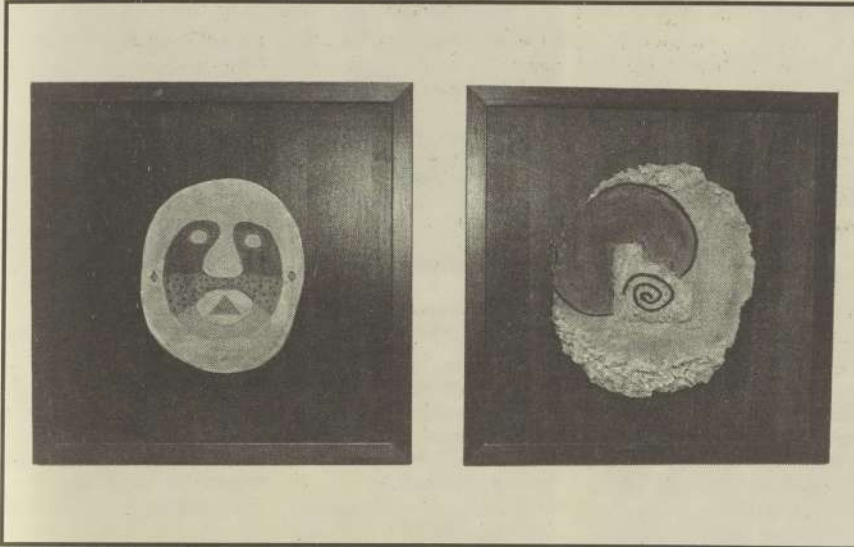
In addition to working as a travel agent, Piper also owns Milk Creek Studios in Mulino. She is also planning on opening a ceramic co-op in the spring. The co-op will be open to all art forms.

"Art is so important because it's what makes us human beings," said Piper. "Creativity is what keeps you sane in an insane world. It's like a release valve, at least for me."

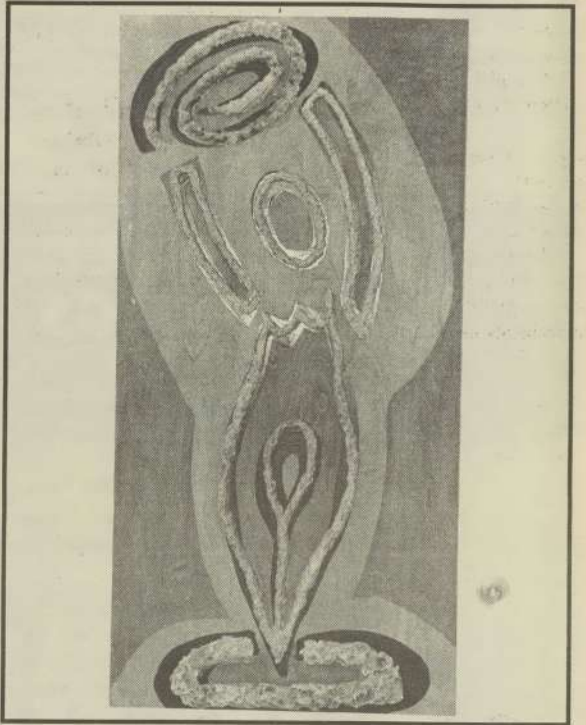
The exhibit will run until Dec. 5 at the Pauling Gallery. For more information, call ext. 2386.



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Artist Piper Selden with one of her many works of art.



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