

Applegate artist opens her ceramics studio for the holidays

BY HALEY MAY PETERSON

Do you appreciate quality, original art as well as the well-made object—both beautiful and functional—in the classic Applegate setting? A smorgasbord of such objects—sculptural art meets thrown vessel (pottery!)—is on display for purchase and pleasure at Nancy Yturriaga-Adams’s “Holiday Open Studio,” held annually December 2 and 3 (or by appointment; the show stays up throughout the holidays). Come by the studio at 6909 Thompson Creek Road for a chance to meet the artist and browse for gifts.

Searching for an old homestead ranch over 20 years ago, Nancy was smitten when her wanderings led her to the Applegate. Blessed with a panoramic view of Grayback, the ranch she bought is the perfect setting for her horses and her studio.

Her work has always been inspired by nature, totem animals, plants, and flowers, so living and working in the Applegate has been a “natural” fit. Her style—featuring vases, teapots, perfume bottles, and bowls adorned with water lilies, herons, frogs, hares, fruits, and even dragons—suits a range of tastes. Friendly to the curious, be they young or mature, she explains her technique of using simple tools and animal totems, inspired by Native American and Western mythologies and fairy tales, that characterize her work. Recently she has been using Bluebird and Morning Glory as well as the Raven and Oak and Acorn symbols.



This piece is called Bluebird Morning Glory Tea. Photo: Nancy Yturriaga-Adams.

An accomplished artist, Nancy has participated in national juried shows such as the Smithsonian Craft Show in Washington, DC, the Philadelphia Craft Show at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and American Craft Council shows in San Francisco and Baltimore. This year, her work was chosen for exhibit in national juried museum shows such as the 24th San Angelo National Ceramic Exhibition at the San Angelo (Texas) Museum of Fine Art and at Racine Art Museum’s “Precedent: Past Meets Present in Contemporary Clay and Glass” in Racine, Wisconsin. She also exhibits with the Oregon Potters Association, the

Free gift wrapping available on three December Saturdays in Jacksonville

BY SUE HARRISON

The Friends of the Jacksonville Library will provide gift wrapping for local holiday shoppers on three Saturdays in December: December 3, 10, and 17. People who wish to have their gifts wrapped may bring them to the Naversen Community Room in the Jacksonville Library at 340 West C Street in Jacksonville.

The service is offered for no charge, but any donations will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be provided for shoppers while they wait for their gifts to be wrapped. The South Medford High string orchestra, under the direction of Zoryn Thompson,



will provide music from approximately 1-2 pm on December 3 and December 10. Student volunteers will assist with the wrapping.

The Friends of the Jacksonville Library organization promotes public awareness in the community, supports activities and programs at the library, and purchases equipment and supplies not covered in the library’s budget. Community members wishing to join the Friends of the Jacksonville Library may pick up membership enrollment forms at the library or call club president Lana Breazeale at 541-500-9800 and request that a form be mailed to them.

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Association of Clay and Glass Artists, and our local Clayfolk.

Represented online by Artful Home and Etsy and on her personal website, nancyadams.net, she also regularly posts her work on Instagram (@nancy_y_adams). Shipping is available in the US. Lucky for us locals, her Holiday Open Studio is the best place of all to access her unique offerings for others and yourself. Vintage and one-of-a-kind pieces, limited series, as well as seconds are available at neighborly prices. Come by, bring a friend, and see what speaks to you this season.

For more information, call Nancy Yturriaga-Adams at 541-846-1777 or email nancyyturriaga@gmail.com.

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Bluebird Morning Glory Vessel. Photo: Nancy Yturriaga-Adams.



Voices of the Applegate in 2020. Photo: Shayne Flock.

COME JOIN THE CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG AT APPLGATE RIVER LODGE

BY DAVID FRANKLIN

One and all are invited and encouraged to attend a Christmas-carol and holiday sing-along at the Applegate River Lodge, 15100 Hwy 238, Applegate, at 3 pm Sunday, December 11.

Voices of the Applegate, a community choir led by director Shayne Flock, wants to thank Applegate area towns and Jacksonville for years of support. Voices of the Applegate will lead this event. Words and music are provided to allow your full participation in this family friendly event. We hope that you will love singing again, and perhaps rediscover a latent skill that you would consider using by joining our chorus when it begins rehearsal for winter term in January.

We are eclectic in nature, singing Bach to the Beatles and beyond. We require no audition, and we rehearse 12 weeks for two concerts, one in Applegate at this location, and one in Jacksonville. Come and join us for this hour-long sing, rekindle your love of music, and enjoy some light refreshments afterwards.

If you are interested in singing along with us, we will have a rehearsal on December 6. Singers will meet in the Ruch Library at 7 pm for the rehearsal. It is not necessary to attend the rehearsal in order to participate in the December 11 sing-along.

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