

# Peninsula Clay Artists are fired up

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — For the past few years a group of potters on or near the Long Beach Peninsula have shown and sold their work together. This year, the eighth annual Peninsula Clay Artists Show and Sale is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 11 to 14, at 25902 Vernon Ave.

Peninsula Clay Artists is a group formed to promote clay and expand members' personal abilities.

The 2016 event will showcase the work of four exhibiting artists with seven additional members and guest artist Ruth Allan of Wenatchee, Washington.

Each year before and after the show, the clay artists offer classes to help the public interact with clay. This year, classes will include how to make clay jewelry, clay wall pocket vases, slab boxes, ceramic planters, and two types of mosaics. A full list of all 10 classes can be found on the Peninsula Clay Artists Facebook page. Seats are limited and reservations are required. An experienced potter, who will provide all materials and firings, teaches each class. All skill levels are welcome. Classes range in price from



"Urban Geese at the Water Cooler" by Sue Raymond.

\$25 to \$100.

The Clay Show opens from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday Aug. 11 with an artists' reception following from 5:30 to 8 p.m. All are invited to come meet the artists and view the best of the show. The reception will be the first opportunity to meet ceramicist Ruth Allan, at teacher at Wenatchee Valley College who creates and markets one-of-a-kind porcelain clay vessels that are wheel thrown, hand polished and/or hand carved then raku or saggar fired. Allan and her

daughter will have a display of work in the show.

On Friday, the show will be open from 10 to 5 p.m. There is a glaze-it take-it class during the afternoon at Bay Avenue Gallery Studio, located at 1406 Bay Ave. in Ocean Park. Participants can purchase an artist-made mug, glaze it in the studio and it will be fired overnight.

At 5 p.m. on Friday, Allan will demonstrate her tech-



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Sagggar-fired vortex vase by Ruth Allan.

niques on the potter's wheel, an event also held in the Bay Avenue Gallery Studio. Allan creates beautiful porcelain pots that are burnished by hand. Burnishing is the technique of polishing clay to a beautiful sheen without the use of glaze. Ancient potters used these techniques to produce their pots before glazes and kilns were developed. Today, modern potters use burnishing to create works of great beauty.

On Saturday Aug. 13, there will be several

## OPENING RECEPTION

5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11

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360-665-5200

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alternative firings. Both raku and above-ground pit firing will be coordinated by Allan. Each of these firings will give attendees the opportunity to saggar fire. Saggars are used to create a localized reducing atmosphere, or concentrate the effects of salts, metal oxides and other materials on the surface of the pots.

Prepared pots are placed in the saggars filled with combustible materials, such as sawdust and less combustible organic materials, including salts and metals. These materials ignite or fume during firing, leaving the pot buried in layers of ash. Pots produced in filled saggars can display spectacular markings, with colors ranging from black and white markings to flashes of gold, greens and red. There will be artist-made pots to purchase, prepare and add to the special firings.

More information can be found on the Peninsula Clay Artists Facebook page. For more information, contact Sue Raymond at Bay Avenue Gallery by calling 360-665-5200 or emailing [info@bayavenuegallery.com](mailto:info@bayavenuegallery.com)

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## Bay City prepares for its Pearl Festival Aug. 27

BAY CITY — The Bay City Pearl Festival is set for Aug. 27. The free, public annual event showcases the many "pearls" the community has to offer.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m., with live music starting at 10 a.m. Kilchis Point will provide a tour for interested people at 9:30 a.m. The parade starts at 11 a.m. (registration begins at 9:30) along with the pet parade.

The Bay City Arts

Center, KTEL 95.9 FM, the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, the Tillamook County Library and Bay City Boosters are sponsors of the festival.

If you are an artist, vendor, or would like to be in the parade, check The Bay City Festival of Pearls on Facebook or email [pearlfestival@earthlink.net](mailto:pearlfestival@earthlink.net) for a sign up form. Forms are also available at the Bay City city office and library.

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