May Art Talks

Archer Gallery is bringing three artists and multiple events to campus in May.

April Art Talks

The gallery is presenting four art talks in April. All are free and open to the public.

Archer Gallery

The Archer Gallery exhibit, "Afraid/Not Afraid" by Pamela Chipman (Portland) and Jan Cook (Seattle) is an immersive photo-based art installation that looks at gender and vulnerability.

Indigenous artists featured

The Stone Path is a traveling exhibition showcasing the work of Natalie Ball, Demian DinéYazhi', Vanessa Enos, Ka'ila Farrell-Smith, Lillian Pitt, Wendy Red Star, Jeremy Red Star Wolf, and Marie Watt.

Archer Gallery

The exhibition of recent work by Art department faculty members provides an opportunity for Clark's art faculty to show their work and to discuss their inspiration and their process one-on-one with students, faculty, staff, and the Vancouver community.

Student Art Show

The opening reception and awards ceremony for the Art Student Annual exhibition of Clark College art students drew students, faculty, staff, family members and the community.

Showcasing student creativity



On May 22, Archer Gallery was filled with visitors for the opening of the 2019 Art Student Annual Exhibition. This event showcases the best artwork produced by Clark art students in the past academic year. Students compete not only for a spot in the show, but also for awards sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

The exhibition is on display through June 15. Archer Gallery is open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and noon to 5:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The gallery is located in the lower level of the Penguin Union Building on Clark College's main campus.

Additional photos of the show are available on our Flickr page.

2019 Art Student Annual Award Recipients

Best in Show and Most Ambitious Stevie Hale, "New Mythology" Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore and the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art

Best Drawing

John Gasaway, "Bling"
Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore and Collage Art
Supply

Best Ceramics
Shirley Morgan, "Boh, Of Course"
Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

Ceramics, 2nd Place

Jessica Joner, "Peonies"

Sponsored by Clay Art Center

Ceramics, 3rd Place
Stephanie Bowen, "Enlightened"
Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

Best Graphic Design Michael Fulgaro, "Visit Northwest"

Sponsored by Artist and Craftsman Art Supply

Best Metal Art

Channa Smith, "Ready to Potlatch" Sponsored by MESA at Clark

Best Painting

Danielle Truckey, "Portrait of a Girl" Sponsored by Gamblin Paints

Painting, 2nd place
Jewel Indino, "Abstract Figure"

Sponsored by Liquitext Paint Company

Painting, 3rd place
Katie Hyland, "Listening In"

Sponsored by Golden Paint Company

Best Photography
Keyanna Owen, "Untitled"
Sponsored by ProPhoto

Best Photography, Darkroom
Michelle Berg, "Big Picture"
Sponsored by Blue Moon Camera

Best Photography, Digital Avalon Guerra, "Window Pane" Sponsored by ProPhoto

Photography Award of Distinction
T.J. West, "Homeowrk"
Sponsored by Blue Sky Gallery

Best Video
Hayley Estep, "Woman Not Product"
Sponsored by Northwest Film Center

Merit Award
Sage Makela, "Album Covers"
Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore

Award of Distinction

Don Anderson, "A Man Has Many Moods"

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore

Photo: Nick Bremer/Clark College

Student art on display



The 2018 Student Art Annual comprises approximately 150 student artworks.

Approximately 150 works of art by 93 Clark College students are on display at this year's Student Art Show in Archer Gallery. Clark College art faculty narrowed down from an original pool of about 400 submissions. Artist Victor Maldonado made the final adjudication of awards. Maldonado is Inclusion Specialist and Professor of Art at the Pacific Northwest College of Art and was part of Clark College's Art Talk series earlier this academic year.

The show runs through June 16. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday through Saturday 12:00-5:00 p.m. Archer Gallery is located in the lower level of the Penguin Union Building on Clark College's main campus.

2018 Art Student Annual Award Recipients

Best in Show

Joanna Lafayette, "Sad Jo"

Sponsored by Artist and Craftsman Supply and Dengerink Art
Supply

Award of Excellence

Bryce Van Patten, "Emma"

Sponsored by Dick Blick Art Supply

Award of Excellence

Stephanie Hale, "Inner Machinations"

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore

Award of Excellence

Emily Clark, "Re-define Woman"

Sponsored by the Clark College Bookstore

Award of Merit

Albina Kokhanevich, "Self-portrait" Sponsored by Collage Art Supply

Best Ceramics

Channa Smith, "Reconciliation of the Ancestors" Sponsored by Clay Art Center

Ceramics Award of Excellence

Sara Brandt, "Vase"
Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

Ceramics Award of Distinction

Eric Burres, "Stellar Rust"

Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

Ceramics Award of Merit

Chiara Marcy, "Light Beyond the Breaking Point" Sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics

Best Photography Award

Lexi Dufault, "Tomorrow Looking Into Today" Sponsored by Pro Photo

Photography Award of Excellence

Tricia Davis-Payne, "Windows" Sponsored by Pro Photo

Photography Award of Excellence

Gwenn McGill, "Hidden Memories" Sponsored by Blue Moon Camera

Photography Award of Excellence

Cy'aira Shotwell, "Disconnect" Sponsored by Blue Sky Gallery

Best Metal Arts

Ray Bennett, "Mask"

Sponsored by Handley's Rock and Jewelry Supply

Best Welded Sculpture

Scott Kemper, "Love Blossoms"

Sponsored by the Clark Welding department

Welded Sculpture Award of Excellence

Ashley Kemper, "A Bowl in a Garden"

Sponsored by the Clark Welding department

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Jim Archer, 1942-2017



Long-time art faculty member and gallery director James "Jim" Archer passed away on Tuesday, November 28. He was 75 years old.

Archer grew up in Vancouver and received his Associate of Arts degree from Clark College before going on to earn his Bachelor of Arts in graphic design from Portland State University and his Master of Fine Arts from Washington State University. Afterward he returned to Clark College to teach. In addition to serving as gallery director, Jim taught art and art history at Clark College for 23 years.

Archer originally became curator of Clark's art gallery in 1982, when it was still located within the Clark College Bookstore and was called the Index Gallery. Successful in attracting well-known Northwest artists, the Index Gallery became known as one the region's top alternative venues for contemporary artists. Archer announced his retirement in 1995. That same year, the gallery—which by then had been relocated to a larger space within Gaiser—was renamed in Archer's honor. It moved to its current location in the lower level of the Penguin Union Building in 2005.

In 2016, Archer donated much of his private art collection to Clark College; selected works from the collection were shown in the gallery that bears his name, in an exhibit called "Archer @ Archer."

Current and retired art faculty joined together to issue the following statement about their colleague's passing:

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Jim Archer. Jim was the first director of the Archer Gallery, a position he held from 1982 to 1995. He established the traditions and mission that are central to the Archer Gallery. Under his direction, the gallery quickly gained a regional reputation for exhibiting emerging Northwest artists due to his prescient eye for recognizing young talent. Through the next several decades, significant regional artists could point to their initial exhibition in the Vancouver-Portland metro area at Clark College's Archer (formerly Index) Gallery.

Jim was a passionate, sometimes fierce, man with strong opinions. The gallery exists in its present form because of the battles that Jim fought to shape it. All of his strength and determination was needed for his struggle with AIDS. Jim was diagnosed with HIV in 1987 and AIDS in 1994 before medications had been developed to manage the disease. In the winter of 1995 Jim became dangerously ill but survived and

became an early successful recipient of the AIDS drug cocktail. The dignity, resolve, and humor with which he handled the treatments and advancing illness was inspiring. He never yielded to his illness and continued to live and enjoy life fully.

After his retirement from Clark in 1995, Jim continued to champion young artists: collecting work, visiting studios, and curating exhibits — including "Next/Now" (Littman Gallery, Portland State University) and "Modern Zoo" (St. Johns, Oregon).

Jim returned to his own studio work after retirement creating and exhibiting collage and painting on paper. Both his work and his art collection (much of which was donated to Clark College and the Hallie Ford Museum at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon) were featured in "Archer@Archer" in 2016.

Jim was a great friend, father to Stephen and Peter Archer, and Grandfather to Isabella (Bella) Archer.

There will be a memorial service on December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Holladay Park Plaza (1300 NE 16th Ave., Portland, Oregon), the retirement community where Archer lived until shortly before his death. Time and details are still being determined by the family; this article will be updated as details become available. The Archer Gallery is collecting cards and letters to give to the family during the service.

This article was updated 12/6/17 to reflect the new date of the memorial service. It was updated again on 12/11/17 to include the time of the service.

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A year of talent

On May 16, the Archer Gallery was filled with visitors to the opening of the 2017 Art Student Annual Exhibition. This yearly event showcases the best artwork produced by Clark art students in the past academic year. Students compete not only for a spot in the show, but also for awards sponsored by local businesses and organizations. This year's outside juror was Karl Burkheimer, head of the Master of Fine Arts program at the Oregon College of Art and Craft. Awards are listed below.

The exhibition is on display through June 16. The Archer Gallery is open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and noon to 5:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

- Best in Show, sponsored by Blick Art Materials
 Ana Stoumbos, Figure Study, oil on paper
- Most Ambitious, sponsored by Portland Institute for Contemporary Art Meakia Blake, Connect, video
- Solo Show Award, sponsored by Niche Wine Bar

Matt Harmon, Marsyes V. Apollo: Diana, oil on canvas

 Best Painting or Drawing, sponsored by Clark Bookstore and Dengerink Art Supply

Leah Adams, A Netherhole, oil on canvas

 2nd Place Award, Painting or Drawing, sponsored by Clark Bookstore and Blick Art Materials

Ray Bennett, Self-portrait in Ink, ink on paper

 3rd Place Award, Paiting or Drawing sponsored by Clark Bookstore

Julie Foley, Zelda Series, metal

 Best Video or Time-based Art, sponsored by Artist & Craftsman Supply

Ana Stoumbos, Transit, video

 2nd place Video or Time-based Art, sponsored by Collage Art and Craft Supplies

Jonno Heyne, *Paradoxial Adventures of Grayman II*, ink marker and digital graphics

• Best Graphic Arts, sponsored by the Art Gym at Marylhurst University

Tricia Davis-Payne, Do You Know, digital illustration

• Best Welded Sculpture, sponsored by Clark Welding Department

Marie Perrin Ogier, Untitled, metal

- Best Photography, sponsored by Pro Photo Supply
 Isiah Huntington, Expansivity, digital photograph
- Newspace Scholarship Award, sponsored by Newspace Center for Photography

Jennifer Avens, Omnia Mors Aequat, silver gelatin print

• 2nd Place Photography Award, sponsored by Pro Photo Supply

Dayna Bojanowski, *Under*, digital photograph

• 3rd Place Photography Award, sponsored by Blue Moon Camera

Matthew Philbrook, Forgotten, black and white photograph

• Blue Sky Membership Award, sponsored by Blue Sky, the Oregon Center for the Photographic Arts
Kelly Pearce, Pieces of Home, photographs

- Best Ceramic Art, sponsored by Clay Art Center
 Lauren Duquette, Blue Pitcher, ceramic
- 2nd Place Ceramic Art, sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics and Clay

Aleks Dernovoy, *Mechanical Tulip*, ceramic

• 3rd place Ceramic Art, sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics and Clay

Stephani Ueltschi, *Pressure*, ceramic

• 4th place Ceramic Art, sponsored by Georgie's Ceramics and Clay

Colton Rasanen, *Planter*, ceramic

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