



Julie Fletcher's botanical pillows and cards

HEADS, HEARTS & HANDS INTERTWINE AT GATHERING OF THE GUILDS

On Sunday, April 29, CACS hosted its popular "Gathering of the Guilds" at the Boettcher Mansion. This year, we were blessed with good weather, a steady turnout and the presence of some exciting new vendors who helped round out our annual show and sale of goods inspired by the original Arts and Crafts Movement.

Arthur Judson of Chinook Pottery (www.chinookpottery.com) demonstrated how to throw clay on a patented potter's wheel invented by the late Paul Soldner, a famous artist who taught at both Scripps College in Claremont, California and the Anderson Ranch in Snowmass, Colorado. Arthur first learned about pottery as a child from his father, with whom he co-founded a studio in 1997. Based in Fort Collins, he and his wife now run Chinook, named for the winds of change they've experienced as partners and the parents of three young children.

Dan and Cathy McNeil of Black Birch Studio & Forging (www.blackbirchstudio.com) brought a variety of works handcrafted close by at their home on Lookout Mountain. Specializing in decorative items made from such vernacular materials as fiber, iron, pigment and wax, their mission is to tell a story, communicate an idea and invite the viewer to engage in the conversation.

Stony Ground Studio, owned by stone and wood sculptor Kathryn Vinson (www.kathrynvinson.com), displayed her array of botanical-themed objects d'art. And, Kathy Fay, an aficionado and collector of vintage art pottery, joined us to show and sell her enviable treasure trove of early Van Briggie, Fulper, Rookwood and Weller, in addition to other antiques from the period.

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The Carriage House was packed for special presentations on “Artistic Leather Used in Arts & Crafts Decorating” and “Metalworking in Colorado”, given by Jeff Icenhower of Mission West Wood & Leather and Robert Rust of 2R Fine Arts Appraisals respectively. And many attendees enjoyed lunch, assembled and provided by CACS volunteers, on our sunny terrace overlooking the Nature Preserve.

Next year we hope to attract even more artisans from around the Rocky Mountain region to participate in what has grown into a celebration and exhibition of local craft whose aesthetic harkens back to the beginning of the American Arts and Crafts movement (c. 1900) and lives on as strong as ever.



Rocky Mountain Marquetry Guild



Kathryn Vinson displays her stone and wood sculptures



Kathy Fay with her vintage pottery collection



Jill Quillian of Colorado Calligraphers' Guild and Rocky Mountain Spin Silk Painters

More from the 2018 Gathering of the Guilds



Colorado Woodworkers' Guild

Members-only Tour of the Kirkland's Arts and Crafts Collection

Watch your email for upcoming dates for guided tours at the new Kirkland.

Robert Charles Rust will be leading two or three tours of the New Kirkland's Collection of Arts and Crafts on one or two Thursday afternoons in late August or Early September. Free admission will be provided for paid members of the Arts and Crafts Society. There will be a maximum of 12 persons per tour.



Majorelle Bed Room Shot, Credit: Wes Magyar

Presentation on Julie Leidel's Artwork

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 3-5PM
MODERN BUNGALOW
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Julie Leidel was accepted as a Roycroft Renaissance Artisan in 2016, where she carries on the century-old traditions and values set forth by Elbert Hubbard and The Roycrofters from East Aurora, NY. Much of her Colorado work is inspired by the WPA era. The Railroad & National Park posters from the 1930s-40s captured the essence of memory, and she now evokes the feeling of yesteryear with over 50 gouache paintings from all over Colorado.

Please join Julie at Modern Bungalow in Denver from 4-5pm on Sunday, October 28th for a presentation on her inspiration, her process, and a painting demo of her artwork. She will have a slideshow presentation about the artists that came before her, and how she is innovating from the past.

CACS will be dining out at a local restaurant after the presentation and you are all welcome to join us afterwards.



Artwork
by
Julie
Leidel



Julie Leidel at work

Julie's inspiration in her own words:

Over a century ago, the Arts & Crafts Movement was beginning. At its center was the principle that the head, heart, and hand work as one. Art should be regarded as the very means for realizing life. Paying homage to this great nostalgic era is what my artwork is all about.

I am an Arts & Crafts revival artist. Through research, I look to those that came before me and I create as if I were working alongside them in the guilds and co-operative structures from the early 1900s. I find a kinship with the ideals and practices of this era, and the social struggles of the Industrial Revolution in many ways mirror today's high-tech landscape. The determination to reconnect with craftsmanship, artistic skillset and each other in a fast-moving, need-it-now world helps us to slow down and reshape our own creativity. This stillness has led me to a wellspring of inspiration.

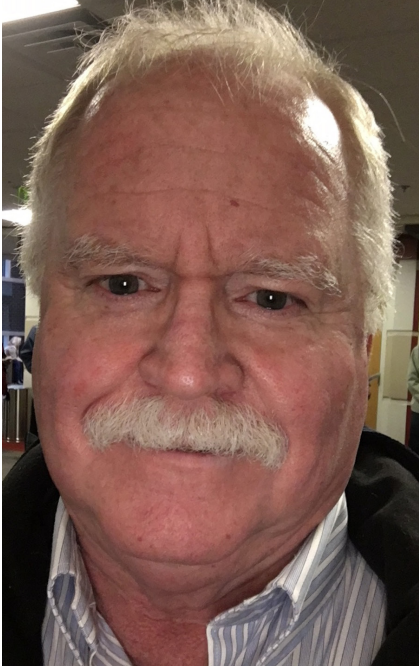
Drawing upon the textures of the Arts and Crafts Movement, I capture the essence of wood, stained glass, ceramic tile, mica, and oil-rubbed bronze in my acrylic and gouache paintings. They come perfectly paired with mission-style quartersawn oak frames, many created by my husband, Brian Leidel.

Welcome New Board Member

Jeff Icenhower

Jeff Icenhower is the newest addition to our board of directors. With an MBA from the University of Colorado and as the owner of Mission West Wood & Leather based in Fort Collins, Jeff hopes to spend time promoting CACS and the overall Arts and Crafts movement to the broader public.

Some of his work is featured below. Welcome, Jeff!



Leather wrapped frame around Julie Leidel's 'Fort Collins' print

Brian Brace coming to Modern Bungalow

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

North Carolina furniture maker Brian Brace will be presenting his custom furniture, and a bit about his inspiration and process for creating the next generation of fine Craftsman furniture.

To learn more about his work, please visit www.brianbracefinefurniture.com. Come to Modern Bungalow on Sunday, August 19th from 3-5pm to meet this amazing artisan in person!



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