

August 19 - September 30, 2022

Clay National XVI: Say It With Clay

Juried by Diane Kenney

Presented in collaboration with the

**CARBONDALE
CLAY CENTER**

Celebrating 25 years!

Sponsored by Angela Bruno & Greg McClain

At the Carbondale Arts Gallery
in The Launchpad (76 S 4th Street)
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Open weekdays 10am - 5pm

ABOUT THE CARBONDALE CLAY CENTER

Carbondale Clay Center (CCC) has been an important part of the Roaring Fork Valley and the field of ceramics since the Center's inception in 1997. Over the last 25 years, the Clay Center has played



a pivotal role in our local art scene by offering a positive and supportive place to build community through artistic expression and arts education. Generous community support has allowed us to successfully sponsor ceramic classes, kids camps, gallery exhibitions, artist residencies, outreach programs, special events, and community parties.

Our Vision

Carbondale Clay Center welcomes all to explore the art of ceramics, from the casually curious to the established artist. Clay is a universal language connecting us to people, cultures and world history. Knowledge of ceramic processes is shared through class and workshop offerings, residencies, lectures, gallery exhibits, and programs that reach out to schools and special groups. The Clay Center is committed to a learning environment that is supportive and exciting.

Visit us and learn more

The Carbondale Clay Center is located at 135 Main St.
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www.carbondaclay.org

ABOUT CLAY NATIONAL XVI

Carbondale Clay National is a national exhibition of ceramic art held annually at the Carbondale Clay Center Gallery in Carbondale, CO. Each year CCC's selected juror(s) develop a theme for the exhibition, invite a handful of contemporary ceramic artists who emulate the theme, and choose about 25-30 works (scale dependent) from the jury pool.

INVITED ARTISTS

Wesley Anderegg, Stuart Gair, Sam Harvey, Barbara Hoffman, Blair Meerfield, Alison Severance, and Lynn Smiser-Bowers

JURIED ARTISTS

Ian Bassett, Mary Catherine Bassett, Casey Beck, Indigo Cristol, Ian Dunton, Benjamin Eberle, Julia Feld, Brian Grow, Dara Hartman, Elina Jurado, Heather Kaplan, Emma Kaye, Jamie Kelly, Quinn Maher, Juni Margrie, Andrew McIntyre, Taylor Mezo, Dan Molyneux, Vince Montague, Muscle Memory Collective, Alex Olson, Carter Pasma, Mark Rossier, Zoey Scheler, Chance Taylor, and Samantha Wickman

Learn more about all participating artists:

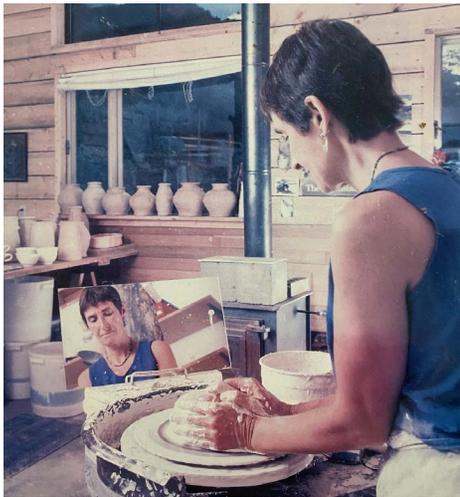
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CLAY NATIONAL AWARDS

Best in Show (awarded by Juror): \$500
Staff Selection: \$250
People's Choice (announced end of show): \$100

ABOUT THE JUROR, DIANE KENNEY

Kenney has been a potter for almost 50 years. She accidentally stumbled upon clay in the early seventies, and fell in love. Kenney's most intensive training in clay was during her two and a half years at the KC art Institute as an "older" student. Over the years, Kenney built (with help) and fired a reduction kiln in KC; a raku kiln briefly at CRMS; a wood-fired kiln in Colorado with fellow potter, Peggy Malloy; and a soda kiln, with help of Blair Meerfeld and Trevor Dunn. Additionally, she has deeply explored terra cotta electric firing for Majolica and slip glazed work, briefly including tile installations. After many years of atmospheric firing, Kenney is reverting to terra cotta work. Production is limited these days.

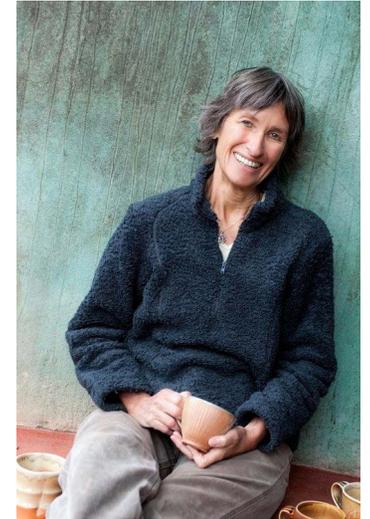


Kenney's work was featured in a 1995 issue of *Ceramics Monthly*, and also included in various ceramic arts books. She participated in NCECA for many years, and many juried and invitational shows around the county, even winning a few awards here and there.

"I am very happy that I have been able to work doing what I loved all these years. I am especially grateful that I was able to give birth to the Carbondale Clay Center (with enormous help and funding). Creating community through clay and promoting excellence in the ceramic arts are what has motivated me for many, many years."

JUROR STATEMENT

"I am beyond happy and honored to be invited to jury Clay National XVI. To my astonishment, this year we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary year of the Carbondale Clay Center, although it still feels new to me! In these past 25 years, so many fine ceramic artists have graced the Clay Center with their work and presence. It has been a huge gift to have such quality ceramic art and artists here in our small, but mighty, mountain town. We are part of that wonderful, worldwide clay tribe that keeps growing in skill, diversity and talent. I am in awe of all the things clay can do –in your hands.



We experience the powerful presence of handmade work in our homes and everyday lives. Each piece has a story to tell that connects us with the maker and a memory. We can feel their spirit, as we live with the work. It is a beautiful, essential and sustaining part of our lives.

The theme of this show is "Say It With Clay". The parameters of this show are intentionally broad, reflecting the wide range of ceramics today. Years ago, I read a quote from the journalist, Dorothy Parker, she wrote simply: "I have so much to say."

Right now, ceramic artists/potters/sculptors are burgeoning with so much to say. What is it you have to

say? What are you expressing in your clay work? Joy, struggle, awe of nature, investigation of pattern/form/materials, comfort, dance, wildness, beauty for its own sake, social criticism, economic and social justice issues, climate concern, integrity of form and surface, poetry, wonder? Let us see it!”

-Diane Kenney



Ceramic cups by Diane Kenney

SPONSOR INFORMATION

This exhibition is generously sponsored by Angela Bruno (Executive Director of the Carbondale Clay Center) and Greg McClain. Thank you so much for your support!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Huge appreciation to the Carbondale Clay Center staff and volunteers for collaborating with Carbondale Arts to make this show possible.

Thank you to CA Gallery Committee members Savanna LaBauve, Sally Nicholson, and David Thickman for additional gallery preparation assistance.

Know Your Artist, Know Your Art

Carbondale Arts believes in the power of art and we know you do, too. There is a deep connection that happens when you purchase a piece of art, and getting to know the artist makes that connection even deeper. Carbondale Arts hosts over 10 art exhibitions every year. Find some art you love and dive in.

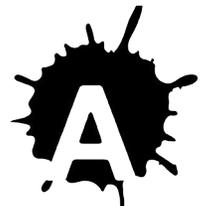
We have launched a [“Know Your Artist, Know Your Art”](#) campaign, as Carbondale Arts works to build relationships between artists and patrons. Inspired by the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model of Investing in local food, this Community Supported Art movement promotes the investment of local artists making a living in and around the [Carbondale Creative District](#), where Carbondale Arts makes its home.

Carbondale Arts Gallery Committee Members

Staff: Brian Colley, Staci Dickerson, Amy Kimberly

Non-staff: Savanna LaBauve (chair), Marilyn Lowey, Sally Nicholson, Vanessa Porras, Laura Stover, David Thickman, and Matt Vickers

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