

Take the road less traveled

River GALLERY

from Folk Art to Fine Art



January — February 2021

Located on the historic Independence riverfront, River Gallery has been a destination for art lovers since 1998. A cooperative run by 13 partners, our focus has always been to provide a venue for the incredible number of talented Oregon artists we have encountered.

Focus on the Window —

In January and February 2021 our window artist is Dale Bunse with his wonderful ceramic work in the window and paintings throughout the gallery.

Dale is a practicing artist living in Independence, Oregon. In his work he searches for images that reflect the energy, pulse and excitement of landscape and life.

He wants the viewer to be involved and to recognize the rush of creativity. All his works are attempts to control media, master the craft and accept the accidental elements that can breathe life into a piece.

Dale graduated from Willamette University in 1965 and Arizona State University in 1968 with an MFA in Ceramics. He has exhibited nationally and internationally. He worked as a full-time faculty member of Columbia Community College in central California for more than 30 years.

Dale is an accomplished ceramist, painter and gallery partner. The pieces in the window include some from his African series (*see photo on left*) as well as other interesting ceramic jugs and vases. ≈

Happy New Year!

First, apologies for not producing the newsletter the last few months. What a crazy time it has been! We are getting back on track now while still limiting our gallery hours to stay in compliance with safety concerns.

Beginning this weekend January 15 and 16 we are reopening on Fridays and Saturdays from 12 noon until 4 pm.

Thank you to our loyal artists and customers who pop in from time to time even though the hours are limited. ≈



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Featured member artist —

Becki Hesedahl

Becki is primarily a watercolor artist although she does use other mediums from time to time. She is a partner at River Gallery and also teaches watercolor at the Art Department, art supply store, in Salem.

She says:

"I believe each person is gifted with a creative space in his or her soul and it is our personal responsibility to seek and discover how to express our creativity. At this time in my life I express myself in transparent watercolor, other water-based mediums, drawing and recently oil and cold wax."

Her favorite subjects include various aspects of nature — trees, plants, birds, animals, flowers and human figures. ≈



Valley Spring - Hesedahl

Color the world

Symbolism of the Color Yellow

The word yellow comes from the Old English geolu. Yellow is associated with sunshine, knowledge and the flourishing of living creatures, but also with autumn and maturity. The yellow sun was one of humanity's most important symbols and was worshiped as God in many cultures. According to Greek mythology, the sun-god Helios wore a yellow robe and rode in a golden chariot drawn by four fiery horses across the heavenly firmament. The radiant yellow light of the sun personified divine wisdom.

In China, yellow is assigned to the active and creative male Yang principle, while ancient Egyptians ascribed yellow to the female principle.

In the English language, yellow has traditionally been associated with jaundice and cowardice. In Italy, "yellow" ("giallo") refers to crime stories, both fictional and real. This association began around 1930, when the first published series of crime novels had yellow covers.

Yellow is also the color of caution. Yellow lights signal drivers to slow down in anticipation of stopping. Construction scenes and other dangerous area are often enclosed by a bright yellow barricade tape repeating the word "caution." The primary color yellow is a symbol for empowerment. It commonly represents sunshine, happiness and hope in most Western cultures. Along with warmth and happiness, yellow can also be representative of cowardliness and deceitfulness. Additionally, yellow is the color of both the mind and intellect. Studies show that yellow resonates with the left or logic side of the brain. Meaning that it stimulates our mental faculties and creates mental agility and perception. ≈



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