

Take the road less traveled

River GALLERY

from Folk Art to Fine Art



June 2020

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 — Artist Louie Gizyn

Louie Gizyn has been majoring in art her entire life and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976. In college, while a student at Blackburn College she found her perfect medium in clay. After a trip to Mexico where she saw brightly colored marionettes, she came back to art school and began making puppets. For the past thirty years she has been working in clay and cloth making whimsical, one-of-a-kind mimes and puppets.

The head of each character is hand-pinched out of stoneware clay. The head is then fired, sanded, painted and varnished. The body of each figure is constructed with a skeletal armature of wood and wire, or welded steel rod. The bulk of the body is sculpted with fiberfill and cloth. The costuming then begins. When choosing fabrics Gizyn maintains a balance between deliberation and spontaneity.



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What's happening at River Gallery?

We are pleased to announce the gallery will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 pm beginning July 3rd. We are hanging new art throughout the gallery and have two new focus shows in the window and on the walls. **Laurie Chambreau's** and **Dale Bunse's** current shows will hang until the end of June.

We ask that you continue to observe social distancing in the gallery. Masks are required inside for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your continued support.

For sales of work on-line, please email us for purchase and pick up options if you are unable to come in while we are open. In the email please include your contact phone number so one of us can call you to set up an appointment. Be sure to visit our redesigned website at rivergalleryart.com ≈

Around the Valley

River Gallery Artist **Carol Chapel** had a piece accepted in the **Around Oregon Annual**. The show is scheduled to run July 16 — August 26 at the Corvallis Art Center.

The **Art About Agriculture** exhibit is back! Anyone who is interested in entering can find more information at <https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/art/tension-harmony> ≈





Louie Gizyn — continued

New Associate Members at the gallery

River Gallery recently welcomed three new associate members. Unfortunately they were admitted in March just before the gallery closure and their work hasn't had much viewing.

Carolyn Canoy Is a well-known local painter working in acrylic, oil and watercolor depending on her subject. She has been an artist since early childhood. After college she had a career in the medical field and started painting professionally in 1980. She has studied with a number of well-known artists in the U.S. and abroad, and is a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon as well as many other art groups in the area.



Susan Appleby is a local Salem artist and graphic designer. She makes a bold statement with her colorful impressionistic paintings. She works in acrylic and mixed media on a variety of surfaces in her Salem, Oregon studio.



Her bold and expressive paintings created explore the energy of nature. Birds, flowers and landscapes are her inspiration, whether she is painting plein aire or from her own photography as she explores the Oregon countryside and other travel adventures.

Michelle Mills Is a mixed media artist currently working in ceramics. She creates ceramic chicken and owl banks with wonderful colors and expressions. The banks are about 7" high and make wonderful gifts.



Be sure to come by the gallery and see the work of these fine artists. ≈

For the last 30 years, she's been living and working in Corvallis, at the same little studio on Taylor Avenue. She's never strayed from the little figures that have won her heart, but now she focuses on making mobiles. The bodies are now white stoneware, hand painted with demure expressions and colorful lips. Their facial expressions may betray a sense of humor, but Gizyn is much more interested how their bodies physically express emotion.



The Corvallis artist's marionettes leap, twinkle and sparkle around her studio.

The window show will be up until June 27th. ≈

Featured in July

Sheryl Thompson — An original partner at River Gallery she enjoys playing with various mediums. For her focus show she is presenting her glass art work.



Visit River Gallery in July to enjoy her unique glass creations. ≈

Window artist Deborah Sether — Deborah's ceramic art pieces are bold and unique. Her art allows you to imagine the story she is sharing with us. Stroll by our July 2020 window display to appreciate her whimsical tales and come back on Fridays or Saturdays to see them up close. ≈



River Gallery is a member of the Mid-Willamette Valley Art Trail

