

February 14, 2011 Newsletter

Hello Artists,

Happy Valentines Day!

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- 1) Vern Russell Showcase this week!
 - 2) Gallery available for private shows until March 17th
 - 3) Volunteers needed to man gallery, for organization of ceramic molds & "tagging" Lab walls
 - 4) Reminder: Gallery Grand Opening Call To Artists through March 12th
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1) This week Vern will be holding his private Showcase at our Marion Hamilton Gallery of Art. Please come by and support this amazing painter. See a few examples of his work on our website at www.IdahoArtLab.org. Vern will be one of our teaching artists!

2) while we are getting the Lab in back of the gallery ready for the March 17th Gallery Grand Opening, we thought we would offer the gallery to artists for private shows. No sense letting a beautiful gallery stand empty for weeks. Vern Russell has the gallery this week but the weeks of February 21st, 28th and March 7th are available for \$100/week. We will take no commission on sales. You would need to man the gallery during the hours you wish to be open. Don't have enough artwork to fill 700 sq. feet? Grab a few other artists and split the show costs. We'll advertise your show on our website and, of course, in our Regional Arts Calendar ... <http://www.idahoartlab.org/calendar.php> !

3) Volunteers needed:
Man the gallery --- We are trying to keep the gallery open from 10am - 6pm weekdays until we open. If you would be willing to man the gallery for a few hours, please let me know at (208) 932-0893. Once we open, I will need several rotating volunteers to supplement my volunteer time so I can attend meetings, hang flyers, etc.

Organize ceramic molds --- We have purchased hundreds and hundreds of molds. I have managed to clean and organize about 150 - 200 but I have barely touched the stack. We'd really like to open having the ceramic studio in place. Please let me know if you can help organize molds with me. It's so much more fun with company.

Tagging the Lab walls --- Our art center's grand opening will happen later this year. For now, we have covered all the walls with white sheets. I have purchased spray paint. Let me know if you want to make your mark on our "walls". Anything goes! Well, almost anything :)

The top 15 volunteers each month may use the private art studio 16 hours a month (32 if shared). There are lockers to lock your supplies in and flat files to place your artwork in if you wish to leave it here to work on.

4) Our Gallery Grand Opening is March 17th. Artists are invited to submit up to 5 pieces of artwork (more if small works, fine crafts, custom jewelry, etc.) for exhibition. Space permitting, every artist's work will be included. All mediums are acceptable, including assemblages. Two dimensional artwork must be wired to hang. Maximum size (including frame) is 5 ft. high by 6 ft. wide, however, smaller pieces are preferred. To submit artwork, please read and sign the Exhibition Application and the Liability waiver/Sales Agreement (http://www.idahoartlab.org/pdf/Application_Liabilitywaiver.pdf).

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per piece (contact us if submitting more than 5 pieces).
Drop off date: Monday, February 28th - Saturday, March 12th

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Pickup date: Saturday, April 9th - Tuesday, May 10th
Opening Reception: Thursday, March 17th, 5pm - 9pm
Show Dates: Thursday, March 17th - Saturday, May 9th
