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>> Director's Notes



With an ever expanding "to do" list I sometimes feel like I'm not making any progress at all toward the ambitious goals we've set as an organization. But after just completing our annual progress report for 2011, I was surprised to see just how much we've accomplished in the last few years.

- New instructor & resident cottages completed
- Environmental residency started
- Doubling our endowment from \$700K to \$1.6 million
- Rebuilding our accounting system
- Technology upgrades on campus with new computers and wifi

- Remodeling the 40 year old Boyden Studio
- Adding 600 square feet of storage space
- Recruiting a really amazing staff
- Increasing student enrollment by 33% in the workshops
- Creating a new feel and flow for the Art Invitational

You can download the full [progress report](#) here.

The workshop season is off to a good start so far. Already 18 workshops are full with a waiting list, but that means 73 of them still have openings. If you've been thinking about taking a class at Sitka this year, I would really encourage you to jump in and [make it happen](#). Your future self will thank you and we would love to have you here. Take it from those who have been coming back year after year...this place is good for your soul.

We are excited to welcome our summer intern this month. Katie Gorman will be a Junior at Whitman College next year. Based on what I've see, she's going to bring some terrific energy to our campus for the next few months and we are excited for you to meet her. Dawn Stetzel will be here as well, continuing her role as studio technician. This is Dawn's third summer at Sitka and we are so lucky to have her industrious, creative, vibrant spirit helping to make sure the workshops run smoothly.

We hope you'll join us this summer for some engaging creative experiences in one of our workshops. Writing, painting, photographing, carving, sculpting, kayaking....it all helps feed your soul so you can keep making the world a better place.

Be well,
-Eric

>> Spring Residents Show & Tell

The Spring Artists-in-Residence have been at the Sitka Center since April 9th and on May 12th we get a peek into what they've been up to while they've been here. Join us for a Saturday afternoon rich in stories of creativity, art, writing, music, and camaraderie. We're also very excited to share the **newly remodeled Boyden Studio** with you!

Spring Artist-in-Residence Show & Tell

Saturday, May 12 at 1 pm
Presentations begin at 1:30 pm

Presentations by:

Carrie Larson, Visual Artist

Judith Linsenberg, Musician

Ahimsa Timoteo Bodhrán, Writer

Amanda Wagstaff, Visual Artist

Learn more about them on our [Current Residents](#) web page.



From left to right: Amanda Wagstaff, Judith Linsenberg, Ahimsa Timoteo Bodhrán, Carrie Larson

>> Boyden Studio Construction Update



Winds & Waves Recorder Workshop with 45 students + 4 instructors.

The Boyden Studio was finished enough to house its first workshop from April 27 to 30. The finishing touches will be lighting fixtures and blinds in the next few weeks.

After the tools were removed and the studio was all cleaned-up, it felt spacious, light, warm, and loved. Filling the walls with beautiful music was a wonderful way of inaugurating the newly remodeled space.

We can't wait to share it with you!



Notice the new kitchen

We also got to use our new appliances for the first time and especially delighted in using the oven to cook pizzas for the workshop's evening pizza/open mic party and the dishwasher to clean-up afterwards.

We'll continue posting photos on our website if you'd like to [watch the progress](#).

smiling in the background?

>> 2012 Workshops

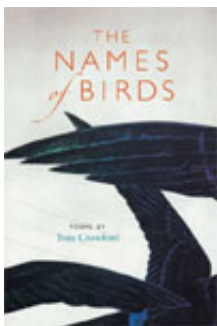
Workshops coming up...



Challenge yourself to a [Master Drawing Class](#) on 6/4 & 6/5. It will be a provocative experience for people who are ready to work at this level. Aithan's education with the Royal College of Art in London and intention to make this an intensive master class are sure to inspire your work!

Jay Haavik's [Open Wood Carving Studio](#) on 6/5 to 6/8 offers you an opportunity to **choose your own project**. You'll consult with Jay before the workshop to discuss your skill level, tools, and the project you want to make.

This is a great way to learn about wood carving or advance your skill level by learning exactly what you want to learn next.



Tom Crawford is the author of 6 poetry books and has won several awards. His robust, witty, down-to-earth personality combined with his similar writing style will win you over. [Standing Up For Birds](#) is a short piece of writing describing the inspiration behind [The Names of Birds](#).

Learn more about [From Birds to Poems](#) on 6/7 & 8.

Cathy Valentine's encaustic work is lusciously, layered with a solid foundation of composition and color -- that's what you'll learn in her workshop, too.

She's comfortable teaching students of all skill levels so whether you're a beginner, curious about the ancient art of encaustic, or an advanced student, wishing to be nudged deeper and in new directions, this is the workshop for you.

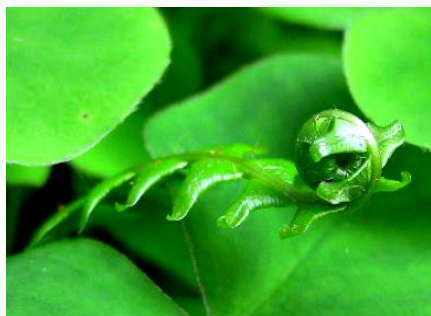
Learn more about [Encaustic and Mixed Media](#) on 6/10 to 6/13.



Explore the entire [2012 Workshop Program](#).

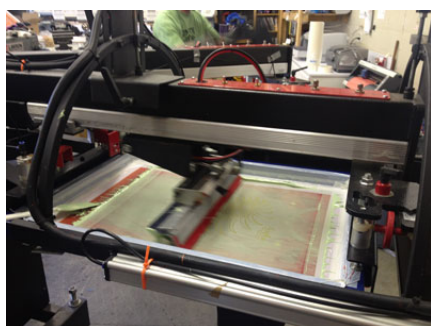
You can register for workshops online or you're welcome to call us at 541.994.5485 and we'll help you get registered. Let your creative muse out to play and come make art at Sitka!

>> NEW Sitka Apparel

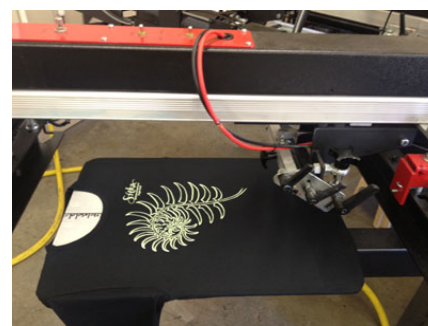


Check out our brand spankin' new t-shirt & sweatshirt design!

Inspired by the fibonacci spiral, 2011 Fall Artist-in-Residence Susan D'Amato drew the design for us.



We got to watch the first t-shirt being screen-printed by Station 3 Embroidery right here in Otis, Oregon.





Brown Hoody Sweatshirt with Green Embroidery \$45



Black Women's Style T-Shirt with Green Screen Printing \$17

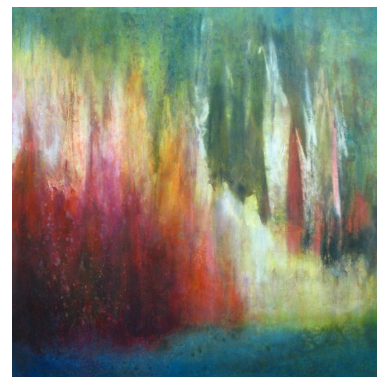
Hopefully you'll consider buying them when you come to Sitka for a workshop. You're also welcome to call us to order (541.994.5485) or [order online](#). (The descriptions are: Black Fern T-Shirt and 2012 Emb. Hoody.)

P.S. Our gorgeous model is Dawn Stetzel, Sitka Studio Technician.

>> You're Invited To

Mingle and Muse with Lori Latham Saturday, May 26, 4:30 pm

Come to Sitka for the evening -- chat with folks, enjoy some tasty tidbits & a glass of vino, and have your right-brain (the creative side!) tickled when artist and Sitka instructor Lori Latham shares about her work with us. [Learn more.](#)



Book Reading and Signing with Josie Sigler [The Galaxie and Other Rides](#) Saturday, June 2, 4:30 pm

Josie was a Writer-in-Residence at Sitka last year and has continued living nearby. Come celebrate her new book with us! We'll serve light snacks and wine, you bring your love of writing, and we'll have a spirited evening together.

[Learn more.](#)

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