



June 2013 - Vol. 11, Issue 6

## Sitka Center for Art and Ecology Monthly e-Newsletter

[Sign-up](#) to receive all emails & mailings from Sitka!

>> [Director's Notes](#)

### In this Issue

- >> [Director's Notes](#)
- >> [Mingle and Muse](#)
- >> [Art in the Garden](#)
- >> [Workshop Highlights](#)

### Quick Links

- [About the Sitka Center](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [Residencies](#)
- [Events](#)
- [News](#)
- [Make Us Happy](#)



One of the many reasons people come to Sitka is to connect with other folks who value art and nature in their lives.

Residents meet and get to know other visual artists, writers, scientists and musicians, as well as local community members over the course of a few months. In workshops, students interact with each other and the instructor during a short period of time.

In both scenarios, creative sparks fly as they work inside our studios or hike up Cascade Head or sit outside on a bench, basking in the sun, chatting about life. Sometimes there are discussions about solving the world's problems or sometimes simply about savoring this place. Most of the time, people leave Sitka with names, emails and phone numbers tucked inside their bags to continue the relationships they began to

build.

Here are some thoughts students have shared this year on the topic. When asked about their favorite experience while here, they responded:

"...sitting in the sunshine between excellent classes - renewing friendships." - Sitka Student

"...looking at trees, seeing old friends, making art everyday, having time and space to connect with spirit." - Merv Cole

"...learning new process and meeting new, interesting people." - Deb H. Knutson

It's impossible to measure the influence of the connections that have been sparked here over the last 43 years but we know they continue to make our world a brighter place.

Our programs aren't the only way Sitka inspires kindred spirits to unite. During the summer months, we offer the [Mingle and Muse](#) lecture series. It's free, open to the public, and is a delightful way to explore Sitka, listen to a fascinating presentation and talk with awesome people. (Yes, we're biased. We cherish meeting everyone who comes to Sitka!)

This year, we're excited about offering a connection between our members and the Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland with [Art in the Garden](#). Through our partnership, Sitka members receive free entry into Lan Su from July through September. You'll find more details about these events below.

Experiences at Sitka make a difference in people's lives! If this strikes you as exciting, valuable and worthy of your support, please consider [contributing to Sitka](#).

Here's to powerful connections,

Jalene

> Mingle and Muse

## Mingle and Muse

Tuesday, June 18, 4:30 pm

Every artist has a unique way of seeing the world. For Judy Vogland a poignant story comes to the surface of her pieces when emotions, observations and found



her pieces when emotions, observations and found objects thoughtfully come together to create collage art objects.



On June 18th, the fun begins with mingling and light snacks at 4:30 pm followed by the presentation at 5:00 pm. Judy will talk about her current work and provide insights as to how the historical past informs the modern themes she tackles.

"We often hear from people who live locally that they've never been to the Sitka Center" Jalene Case, Executive Director, says, "So, this is a delightful way to visit while enjoying a lively presentation about art. And, thanks to our local sponsor Inn at Spanish Head, the event is free."

Hope to see you! [Click here for details and a full schedule.](#)

**This summer take a workshop from Judy:**

June 18-21

"Watercolor with a Twist, Breaking Old Rules and Creating New Ones" [Click for Details.](#)

August 19-22

"Sand Painting and Mixed Media" [Click for Details.](#)

> Art in the Garden

## Art in the Garden

At Portland's Lan Su Chinese Garden



Hsin-Yi Huang, Phyllis Trowbridge and Margot Voorhies Thompson creating work in response to the Garden.

Explore the connections between art and nature and visit the Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland. Sitka Members will receive complimentary admission to Lan Su throughout the exhibit period from July 1-September 30. [Become a member now.](#)

Artists associated with Sitka will exhibit work created in response to this garden setting.



Starting in July, exhibits presenting the work of two artists at a time will be displayed each month and lectures by the artists will be held on the second Sunday of the month. [Click for directions, dates and more information.](#)

> Workshop Highlights

## Spring is in full swing and so are our workshops!



Click the image above to view a new video of our spring workshops.

## Upcoming Workshop Highlights

For a full listing of our remaining workshops this year, please click [here](#).



### The Poetry Wheel

with Julianna Waters, June 10-11

Embraced by the natural beauty of Cascade Head, free-write and use poetry recipes and poetic mapping as tools to dissect and distill your personal story. Learn a supportive style of feedback and leave with new material and tools. No experience in creative writing is necessary. [Learn more.](#)

### Adventures of the Woven Form

with Shannon Weber, June 12-14

Explore the vocabulary of the woven form while building on sculptural concepts through a technique known as random weave. Create a unique vessel using reclaimed items and materials found in nature and embellish your form using fabric and paper layered with ceramic mediums and other mixed media.



layered with encaustic medium and other mixed-media techniques. [Learn more.](#)



## Watercolor With a Twist: Breaking Old Rules and Creating New Ones

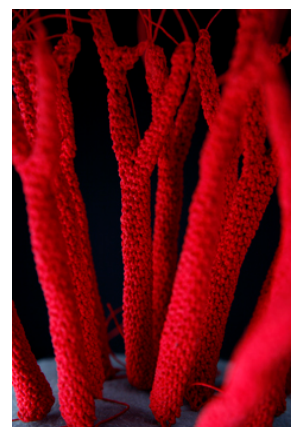
with Judy Vogland, June 18-21

Put traditional watercolor techniques on hold in this exciting workshop focused on composition, color and surface development. Expand your artistic horizons by working with unconventional materials and embellishing new surfaces with rich hues in organic or structured compositions. This workshop will begin in the studio and move outdoors as weather permits. Let's go outside and paint! [Learn more.](#)

## Beautiful Beasts: Sculptural Crochet

with Taylor Vogland Dreiling, June 24-26

Discover the world of three-dimensional crochet. Taking inspiration from the natural forms of the rugged Oregon coast, use a variety of methods to make unique "beasties" such as sea spheres reminiscent of rope encrusted glass floats. Techniques include quick form building with heavy weight yarns and alternative recycled materials, as well as three-dimensional lace crochet. [Learn more.](#)



## Watercolor Painting with Natural Pigments

with Angela Grainger, June 29-30

Imagine seventeen soft shades of ochre, green, reds, yellows and oranges. Before paints were sold in tubes, artists mixed their own. This workshop is an opportunity to learn to mix paints like artists of the past and to connect more deeply with your work. Mix your own watercolor paints using pure, powdered pigments and fixative. Then create a painting to see the amazing results. [Learn more.](#)

Sitka Center for Art and Ecology

[info@sitkacenter.org](mailto:info@sitkacenter.org)

(541) 994-5485

[www.sitkacenter.org](http://www.sitkacenter.org)

[Forward email](#)



Try it FREE today.

This email was sent to info@sitkacenter.org by [info@sitkacenter.org](mailto:info@sitkacenter.org) | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Sitka Center for Art and Ecology | 56605 Sitka Drive | Otis | OR | 97368