

Liz Crain

Resume

Exhibitions

2016

"America's Clayfest IV, Open Division" April 15 -May 28, Blue Line Arts Gallery, Roseville, CA, Jurors: Sergei Isupov and Leslie Ferrin.

"2016 Saratoga Rotary Art Show," April 30 - May 1, West Valley College, Saratoga, CA, Juried.

"Hearts for the Arts Exhibit and Auction," February 1-14, Artisan's Gallery, Santa Cruz, CA.

"Twisted Tasting 2016," representing Arts Council Santa Cruz County, sponsored by Santa Cruz Mountain Brewing Company, January 30, Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Santa Cruz, CA, Invitational.

2015

"30th Annual Open Studios Art Tour," Arts Council Santa Cruz County, October 10-11, My studio, Capitola, CA, Juried.

"Palo Alto Clay and Glass Festival," Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California. July 11-12, Palo Alto, CA, Juried.

"99 Cans of Beer on the Wall," Solo Exhibit, May 1 - 30, Roscoe Ceramic Gallery, Oakland, CA.

"The Original Selfie, Self-Portraits by 80 Santa Cruz County Artists," January 24 - April 18, Scott's Valley Library, Scotts Valley, CA. Invitational

"Hearts for the Arts Exhibit and Auction," January 31- February 14, Artisan's Gallery, Santa Cruz, CA.

2014

"Everybody's Ocean," an exhibit of personal relationships to the ocean, in two waves, December 19, 2014 to April 20, 2015 at Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA. Invitational.

"Palo Alto Clay and Glass Festival," Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California, July 12-13, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA, Juried.

"Out of the Woods," Fine Eye Gallery, July 1-August 31, Sutter Creek, CA, Three Artist Invitational.

2013

"Rising Water, Shoreline Allegories by Nine Artists, Guest Artist Cup Show," Jay Mercado Studio, October 18-27, San Francisco Open Studios, San Francisco, CA, Invitational.

"28th Annual Open Studios Art Tour," Arts Council Santa Cruz County, October, Santa Cruz, CA. Juried: Bonnie Earls-Solari, Cherri Lakey, Preston Metcalf, Jane Allen Nodine, Jodi Throckmorton, jurors.

"Featured Artist for September," Scotts Valley Artisans, September 2 - October 2, Scotts Valley Artisans, Scotts Valley, CA, Invitational.

"Palo Alto Clay and Glass Festival," Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California, July 13-14, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA, Juried.

"2nd Annual Clay and Glass Show," Healdsburg Center for the Arts, July 3 - August 25, Healdsburg, CA, Invitational.

"The Face of the Library," Scotts Valley Artisans Art in Public Places Program, June 29 - September 28, Santa Cruz Downtown Library, Santa Cruz, CA, Invitational.

"Best of Show: Fur, Flippers, Feathers & Fuzz," Pajaro Valley Arts Council Gallery, June 15 - August 4, Watsonville, CA, Annual Members' Exhibit.

"ACGA/RAC Annual Members' Show," West Gallery, Richmond Art Center, June 15 - August 23, Richmond, CA, co-sponsored by Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California, Artist -Member's Show.

"Sculpture Is: 2013," Sierra Azul Garden-Nursery, June 1 - October 31, Watsonville, CA, Co-sponsored by Pajaro Valley Arts Council, Juried

"Santa Cruz Clay Show and Sale," Tenth Anniversary Show, Bargetto Winery, May 4-5, Soquel, CA, Invitational.

"Art Auction XV Exhibit," Long Beach Museum of Art, April 18 - May 19, Long Beach, CA, Invitational.

"Twisted HeART," part of the Twisted Tasting event by Santa Cruz Mountains Brewing, a fundraiser for the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, February 16, Santa Cruz, CA, Invitational.

"About Face: An Exhibition Bringing Together Eight Local Artists Focusing on Faces and How They Communicate Personality and Aspects of Character," Scotts Valley Artisans Art in Public Places Program, January 19 - April 27, Scotts Valley Library, Scotts Valley, CA, Invitational.

2012

"27th Annual Open Studios Art Tour," Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, October, Santa Cruz, CA Juried: Bonnie Earls-Solari, Karen Kienzle, Melissa Pickford, George Rivera, Chris Winfield, jurors.

"Collective 2012, Interior Monologues: Views Into the Artist's Mind," Pajaro Valley Arts Council, July 5-August 12, Watsonville, CA, Annual Members Exhibit.

"Palo Alto Clay and Glass Festival," Association of Clay and Glass Artists, July 14-15, Palo Alto, CA, Juried Exhibiting Member Show.

"Santa Cruz Clay 2012," Bargetto Winery, May 4-5, Soquel, CA. Invitational.

"California Clay Competition," The Artery, April 27-May 25, Davis, CA, Tony Natsoulas, juror. San Francisco Ceramics and Crafts Supply Award

"Grave Changes," 23rd Annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art, April 27 -29, Davis, CA, Cabrillo College Invitational Exhibit.

2011

"The Gift of Art," Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, October 26 - December 24, 2011, Ben Lomond, CA. Member Exhibit.

"26th Annual Open Studios Art Tour," Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, October, Santa Cruz, CA. Juried.

"Ceram-A-Rama," Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, September 16-18, 2011, Ben Lomond, CA. Invitational.

"From the Mountains," Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, July 27 - October 22, 2011, Ben Lomond, CA. Member Exhibit.

"Experience Clay," Museum of Art and History, July 14 - July 17, 2011, Santa Cruz, CA, Invitational.

"Palo Alto Clay and Glass Festival," Association of Clay and Glass Artists, July 9-10, 2011, Palo Alto, CA, Juried Exhibiting Member Show.

"Let it Be," Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, May 4 - July 23, 2011, Ben Lomond, CA, Member Exhibit.

"Santa Cruz Clay Show and Sale," Bargetto Winery, April 30-May 1, 2011, Soquel, CA, Invitational.

"Hard Times," 22nd Annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art, April 29- May 1, 2011, Davis, CA, Cabrillo College Invitational Exhibit.

2010

"This is Santa Cruz," Santa Cruz Art League, December 11 - January 9, 2011, Santa Cruz, CA. Locals invited exhibit.

"25th Annual Open Studios Art Tour," Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, October, Santa Cruz, CA, Juried.

"The Gift of Art," Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, September 29 - December 24, Ben Lomond, CA. Member Exhibit

"California," All Media Exhibition, Cabrillo Gallery, August 30 - September 24, Aptos, CA, Ruth Braunstein, owner and Shannon Trimble, director of the Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, guest curators.

"Summer in the Mountains," Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, June 30 - September 25, Ben Lomond, CA, Member Exhibit

"Collective 2010: Recycle, Reuse, Recreate," Pajaro Valley Arts Council Gallery, May 13 - June 20, Watsonville, CA Member Exhibit.

"Roll of the Dice Staff & Faculty Exhibition," Cabrillo Gallery, April 30 - May 28, Aptos, CA, Cabrillo College Art, Photography and Art History Departments. Invitational.

"Cabrillo Rocks," 21st Annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art, April 30 - May 2, Davis, CA. Cabrillo College Invitational Exhibit.

"Spring Fling," Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, March 31 - June 26, Ben Lomond, CA. Member Exhibit.

"Three Cups of Tea Fundraiser Auction," Rio Theatre, February 11, Santa Cruz, CA Invitational.

"New Beginnings," Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, January 13 - March 27, Ben Lomond, CA, Member Exhibit

2009

"Beasts on Broadway, Animals Galore!" Santa Cruz Art League, October 24 - December 4, Santa Cruz, CA, George Rivera, Executive Director Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA, Juror.

"Cabrillo Arts/Cabrillo Artists," Pajaro Valley Arts Council Gallery, August-October, Watsonville, CA, Juried.

"Art on Bay Avenue," July 29, Capitola, CA Three artist exhibit during Wharf to Wharf Race.

"Sculpture Is '09 in the Gallery," Pajaro Valley Arts Council Gallery, June-August, Watsonville, CA, Juried.

"Sculpture Is '09 in the Garden," Sierra Azul Nursery and Garden, Pajaro Valley Arts Council, June-October, Watsonville, CA, Juried.

"Cabrillo College," 20th Annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art, May 1-3, Davis, CA, Invitational.

AAUW Scholarship Exhibit, Loudon Nelson Community Center, May, Santa Cruz, CA, Invitational.

"Local Essence Member's Exhibit I," Santa Cruz Art League, January 10 - February 1, Santa Cruz, CA

2008

"The Unbreakables," Cabrillo Gallery, November 14 - December 12, Aptos, CA, A juried Ceramic and Glass Exhibition, Ann Morhauser, owner Annie Glass, Guest Curator.

"23rd Annual Open Studios Art Tour," Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, October 4-5 and 18-19, Juried

"Cabrillo College," 19th Annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art, May, Davis, CA, Invitational

2007

"22nd Annual Open Studios Art Tour," Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, October, Santa Cruz, CA, Juried

"Cabrillo College," 18th Annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art, May, Davis, CA, Invitational

2005

"ALVB IV," Cabrillo Gallery, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, Juried

2004

"Balancing Act," Cabrillo Gallery, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, Christopher Brown, juror.

“Ars Longa, Vita Brevis III,” Cabrillo Gallery, May 3 - 28, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, Juried

2003

“The QZR Series,” Forum Building, February, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, Invitational

2002

“Ars Longa, Vita Brevis II,” Cabrillo Gallery, November 18 - December 13, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, Juried

“Ars Longa, Vita Brevis,” Cabrillo Gallery, April 29 - May 24, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, Juried

2001

“Noggins III,” Cabrillo Gallery, April 30 - May 23, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, Juried

“Local Essence 2001,” Santa Cruz Art League, January, Santa Cruz, CA, Annual Member Exhibit

"Peace/Violence," Museum of Art and History and Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, October, Santa Cruz, CA

2000

“Local Essence Annual Membership Exhibit,” Santa Cruz Art League, February 26 - March 26, Santa Cruz, CA.

1999

"Local Essence Annual Membership Exhibit," Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz, CA.

1997

Santa Cruz County Government Center Exhibit, Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, August, Santa Cruz, CA, Juried.

1996

"Global Unity," Three Spirits Art Center, April 12 - May 7, Sand City, CA, Invitational in conjunction with 1996 Global Art Project.

Permanent Collections

Long Beach Museum of Art Permanent Collection, Long Beach, CA: Four Ceramic Conetop Beer Cans, *Dorf, Goetz, Iron City and Jax*, 2013.

Commissions

50 custom-designed beer can utensil holders for Cremer House Restaurant, Ben Lomond, CA, September, 2014.

Professional Memberships

Exhibiting Member, Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California, Juried Acceptance October, 2010.

Presentations, Workshops, Teaching

Presenter/Demonstrator, "The Un-Glazes," Menlo-Atherton High School Ceramics, October 29, 2015.

Presenter/Demonstrator, "Mistakes and How to Make Them Right," Cabrillo College Ceramics, March 13, 2015, Aptos, CA.

Presenter/Demonstrator, "Wet Slab Decoration and Forming Techniques a la Lana Wilson," Cabrillo College Ceramics, May 9, 2013, Aptos, CA

Presenter/Demonstrator, "Using the Un-Glazes for Interesting Surfaces," Harbor High School Ceramics, February 14, 2013, Santa Cruz, CA.

Instructor, "Start Here: Effective Clay Handbuilding Skills," Two six-week classes, Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, February -May, 2012

Presenter/Demonstrator, "Forming and Decorating A Conetop Beer Can," Ceram-A-Rama, Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, September 18, 2011.

Presenter/Demonstrator, "Decorating a Character Face Jug," Experience Clay, A Weekend of Ceramics," July 17, 2011, Museum of Art and History, Santa Cruz, CA,

General Assistant in Hand-building classes, Ceramics Department, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, 2005-2012.

Workshop Presenter, "Hands-on Pit-Fired Processes," Waldorf School of the Peninsula, Return to School Retreat, Ben Lomond Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, CA August. 2010.

Teaching Assistant, Cabrillo SummerArts, "Still Life in Ceramics," Una Mjurka, Instructor Cabrillo College, July, 2006

Resident/Workshop Presenter, SPECTRA (Special Teaching Resources in the Arts) Program, placing artist -educators in county elementary schools, Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, 1995-1999. Work included Resource Catalog Workshops/Residencies, Artistically Talented Program workshops, GATE Program Workshops, Family Art Nights, Young at Art and Hearts for the Arts.

Art Workshop Instructor, After School Enrichment Program, Capitola Elementary School, Capitola, CA, 1992-1995.

Community Service

Public Art Selection Panelist, Heart of Soquel Park, County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works - Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services, June-July, 2014.

Project Coordinator, College/Community Ceramic Mosaic Bench, Cabrillo College, 2005-2007.

Project Coordinator/Instructor, Ceramic tile playground installation, Bradley School, Corralitos, CA 2005

Commissioner, Capitola Arts Commission, Capitola, CA, 1995-1998

Publications and Press

Contributing Artist, "Typoramics, Typographic Expressions in Ceramic Art," by Flora Cruells Benzal, MFA Graphic Design Thesis (unpublished), Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA, June, 2015, pp 56-61.

"Liz Crain - Ceramic Canisters," by Brigitte Martin, Crafthaus, June 16, 2015, online at http://crafthaus.ning.com/profiles/blogs/liz-crain-ceramic-canisters?xg_source=msg_mes_network

"Featured Artist: Liz Crain," Artwork Archive Blog, June, 2015, online at <https://www.artworkarchive.com/blog/featured-artist-liz-crain>

"Earthly Delights, Santa Cruz Masters Shape Art From Earth," by Stacey Vreeken, Santa Cruz Style Magazine, Santa Cruz, CA Winter, 2014 Vol. 3 No.4 p. 27.

Contributing Artist, "Inner Hero Creative Art Journal: Mixed Media Messages to Silence Your Inner Critic," by Quinn McDonald, North Light Books, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2013.

"Ceramics and 'faux metal' at Open Studios," Spotlight by Christa Martin, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Santa Cruz, CA, October 4, 2012.

Featured Artist for March, 2012 Calendar of Community Printers and the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County.

"Featured Artist: Liz Crain," in Mountain Arts, the newsletter of Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, Volume 18, No. 1, July, August, September, 2011.

Illustrator, *Capitola School Songbook*, Mike Jones, Editor, 1996

Illustrator, *A Magic Day*, Martin Hoenisch, author, 1995

Education

B.S. Sociology, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 1971

Fine Art Certificate, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, 2003

A.A. Studio Art, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA, 2004

A.A. Art History, Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA 2006

Recipient of John G. Legakis Memorial Scholarship in Ancient Art, Cabrillo College,
Aptos, CA 2003

Studied With

Bill Abright*

Christa Assad*

Wesley Anderegg*

John Bobeda

Sam Clarkson*

Margitta Dietrick-Welsh

Diana Fayt*

Julia Feld*

Arthur Gonzalez*

Angela Gleason

Angelo Grova

Tobin Keller

Coeleen Kiebert

Bob and Sandy Kinzie*

Dan Martinez

Kathryn McBride

Catherine Merrill

Una Mjurka

Geof Nicaastro

Sylvia Rios

Gail Ritchie

Carl Rohrs

Andy Ruble

Tiffany Schmierer

Cynthia Siegel

Robynn Smith

Whitney Smith*

Kevin Snipes*

Claudia Tarantino*

Ann Thiermann

Lana Wilson*

Sarah Gregory

Stan Welsh

Fred Yokel*

*Demonstration only