

WHAM Gallery Prospectus

"ALL THINGS CLAY"

January 3 – 30, 2026

WHAM Art Center
16560N Dysart Rd,
Surprise, AZ 85378



Call for Entries

WHAM Art Center invites clay artists of all levels to submit original works for "ALL THINGS CLAY", a juried exhibition celebrating the full spectrum of ceramic art. From functional pottery to abstract sculpture, every piece must be at least 75% ceramic and may be wheel-thrown, hand-built, or sculptural in form. This show highlights the creativity, skill, and diversity possible in clay—transforming raw earth into art that inspires, connects, and endures.

AWARDS

There are two award categories: Wheel-Thrown and Hand-Built. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in each category. Artists do not need to be present to receive awards, which will be determined by the Juror and announced at the exhibition reception.

Calendar

- **Submission deadline:** Entries and fees due on **December 14, 2025** at midnight.
- **Notification of acceptance:** Entrants will be notified of acceptance/non-acceptance by **December 21, 2025**, midnight.
- **Drop off art:** All accepted local entries must be delivered at WHAM on **January 2, 2026 from 10 am – 2 pm.**
- **Deadline for shipped art:** All accepted, shipped artwork must arrive at WHAM no later than **December 30, 2025.**
- **Exhibition on display:** January 3 through January 30, 2026.
- **Artist reception:** **January 10, 2026 from 2 – 4 pm**
- **Pick-up artwork:** Unsold artwork must be picked up on **January 30, 2026 from 10 am – 2 pm.**
- **Shipped artwork returned:** Unsold art will be returned to the participating artists February 6, 2026 through February 13, 2026.

Eligibility

- Eligible works include wheel-thrown, hand-built, sculptural, and wall-mounted ceramic pieces or installations composed of at least 75% clay.

- All entries must be original creations by the submitting artist and completed within the past three years.
- Artwork previously shown at WHAM Gallery will not be accepted.
- Pieces must fit through a standard 36" single doorframe for delivery and installation.
- Free-standing works may weigh no more than 50 lbs.
- Wall-mounted works may weigh no more than 30 lbs.
- Artists must be 18 years or older and reside in the United States.
- Wall-hung pieces must be equipped with a secure hanging wire, attached approximately one-third from the top. The wire should be taut and hidden when hung. Submissions without proper hanging hardware will not be accepted.
- Maximum artwork size is 4 feet in any direction.
- Works must be gallery-ready and demonstrate good craftsmanship. Accepted pieces cannot be substituted, and those that differ significantly from submitted images or show poor presentation may be disqualified.

Submission Requirements

- All entries must be submitted through EntryThingy. You can access it in two ways:
 - 1. Go to the WHAM website at www.wham-art.org, click the GALLERY button, then Call to Entries.
 - 2. Go directly to www.entrythingy.com and find WHAM's Call for Entries. If you are new to EntryThingy, you can create a free account.
- Entry fee: \$40 for three (3) entries; a set of pieces may be submitted as a single entry. Payment of the entry fee signifies the artist's acceptance of all terms and conditions and is non-refundable. Submission of an application and fee does not guarantee acceptance. Online payment is by credit card or PayPal only.
- All images must be JPEG format, between 1 MB to 5 MB. with a resolution of 72 dpi.
- Each entry requires at least one image and the following information:
 - Title
 - Materials (type of clay, other media, firing method)
 - Dimensions (H × W × D in inches)
 - Year Completed
 - Price (all entries must be for sale)
- Files should be labeled as FirstNameLastName__EntryNumber.jpg (e.g., JohnSmith__2.jpg). These digital images are viewed by Jurors and Curators during the selection process.

Sales of Artwork

- ALL artwork must be for sale. Artists must list a specific price and not indicate "Upon Request." Artwork must remain in the Gallery for the full duration of the exhibition.
- For any artwork sold, WHAM Art Center retains a 25% commission, and the artist receives 75% of the retail price. Retail prices are set by the artist during the EntryThingy submission process.

Terms and Conditions

- WHAM Art Center, including its staff and volunteers, will take reasonable care with all artwork but assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, damage, or hazards of any kind, whether on display or in transit. Artists are responsible for insuring their own work.
- Participating artists are also responsible for all costs of shipping, delivery, and return. Unless hand-delivered, artwork must be securely packed in a reusable box or crate with appropriate packing materials.
- All sales will be managed through the WHAM Gallery; artists may not arrange sales independently. Artwork must be delivered ready to hang/install with proper wiring (no sawtooth hangers).
- Unclaimed work will incur a \$5/week storage fee; after 30 days it will be donated to charity.
- By applying, artists agree to these terms and grant WHAM permission to use images of their artwork for promotional purposes.

Shipping and Delivery

- Artists are responsible for all shipping, delivery, and insurance costs. Detailed instructions will be sent with the Notification of Acceptance.
- Clay artwork must be securely packed with bubble wrap in a sturdy, reusable carton (double-boxing recommended) and shipped via UPS or FedEx only; USPS is not accepted. All shipments must include a prepaid return label with barcodes—no credit cards, Airbills, or links. Artwork without a return label will not be returned and will be donated.
- Settlement for any damage that occurs in transit is the responsibility of the artist and the carrier.
- All works must arrive by December 30, 2025, to:
 - WHAM Art Center
16560 N Dysart Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378

About the Gallery

The WHAM Art Gallery (What's Happen'n Art Movement) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to providing quality arts programming to the community. WHAM is located in Surprise, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. Surprise and its neighboring cities comprise the third largest metropolitan area in Arizona. Surprise has a vibrant arts and cultural scene that attracts thousands of visitors each year. Known for its warm winters and scenic beauty the area is a favorite destination for visitors from all over the world.

Gallery website: www.wham-art.org

Facebook: [WHAM Art Association](https://www.facebook.com/WHAMArtAssociation)

Instagram: [@WhamArtAz](https://www.instagram.com/WhamArtAz)

Questions?

Any questions about the exhibition entry process should be directed to Nicolas Flowers nicolas.flowers@wham-art.org with the subject line "ALL THINGS CLAY" or by calling the WHAM Art Center at 623-584-8311