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Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:

Pottery Northwest

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Organization's General Goals:

Pottery Northwest are a trusted and vibrant source of ceramics education in the Seattle arts community. Artists from around the world come to Pottery Northwest in the spirit of artistic dialogue and as a formative step in their professional careers.

Date of Award:

2020 Q3

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Pottery Northwest.

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Pottery Northwest
226 1st Ave N
Seattle, WA 98109

November 4, 2021

Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
8802 27th Ave NE
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Dear Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund Grantors,

Thank you for your generous support to Pottery Northwest. Although the pandemic proved to be challenging, we overcame these and had a successful year.

In the beginning of the pandemic shutdown, we hosted free online programming with Artist Talks and Clay at Home lessons to connect our community. Once allowed, we reopened at 25% of our capacity with studio access and online classes. and Our beginner students suffered the most because clay is a very hands-on medium. When relaunching our programs, we shifted to provide more opportunities for beginner students. This fall quarter, we increased our entry level offerings from 25% to 60% of classes. We also continued our Studio Access program, allowing experienced students to access the studio without taking a beginner's spot. And we continued to offer scholarships despite our reduced income.

In 2021, we followed the COVID-19 protocols issued by King County, CDC etc. accomplishing the following:

- Winter and Spring classes (online and hybrid; photo below)
 - 10 classes with 75 students
 - 50-75 monthly studio access members
- August short stack of in-person classes
 - 4 classes, 63 students, 10 scholarships of the 63
- Fall Quarter 10 week in-person classes (our pre-pandemic programming)
 - 196 students
 - This year, we increased our scholarship offerings from an average of 13 scholarships per quarter at a cost of \$4,500 to 33 scholarships for our Fall 2021 quarter at a cost of \$10,315. We will continue to do this in 2022, and restructuring our payment structures to be more equitable.
- Artists in Residence Program
 - We supported 12 artists through this program from the start of COVID-19 through 2021
 - Each residency includes a semi-private studio space, teaching opportunities, and \$750/year for materials/firings and in 2020 a \$2,400 annual living stipend was added.
- We hosted the following online and in-person events (when safe),

- Friday, February 26th: Pottery Northwest Speaks: A Roundtable Discussion with Tip Toland, Patti Warashina and Richard Notkin -- These artists discussed their beginnings in narrative sculpture, how they have learned to weave story into their work, and how their friendship has evolved through time and this common thread. This event was free and virtual.
- Friday, August 20th: Artist Talk with Brian Vu -- Resident Artist Brian Vu at Pottery Northwest shared insights into the projection of his work, influences and references. This event was free and in-person. (photo below)
- Thursday, December 2nd (upcoming event): Community Showcase -- We have been in our current location at the Bressi Garage for close to 50 years, making art, building friendships, and creating memories. Before we depart, we want to celebrate YOU, our community, and the art you have made over the past five decades in our final exhibition here at 226 First Avenue North. We are inviting anyone who has been a part of Pottery Northwest over the years – current and former students, instructors, residents, and staff to submit one piece of work and PNW memory.

This winter, we are looking forward to moving into our new home in Pioneer Square in the Foster/White Gallery building. Finding a location in a more diverse neighborhood was a priority as easy physical access to the pottery is a first step in inclusion and equity. We hope to re-open by spring 2022. We plan to increase and diversify our programming to work with youth and more frequent free classes for the community. We are grateful for your support in 2021.

Sincerely,
Pottery Northwest team



Brian Vu, sharing his work with our community at his Artist Talk.



Cone 06 Soda Firing Workshop