After nearly 20 years on the Oregon State Fairgrounds campus, the Willamette Art Center is searching for a new home. The Oregon State Fair and Expo Center **will not renew our lease** **after June 30, 2025**.

*Willamette Art Center’s mission is to maintain a sustainable and welcoming community for lifelong learning and exploration of the arts.*

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and a regional community art center serving patrons across the state to Salem who want to learn and grow in the arts.

**What the WAC does:**

* We offer classes for adults and children during four eight-week sessions a year. The courses include beginning and advanced wheel throwing, Raku, sculpture and hand building, garden art, painting, and kids’ hand building and drawing.
* We also offer workshops in ceramics and other media. Our low-cost, short-term sessions are a cost- and time-effective alternative to our longer classes.
* Services at the WAC include designated times for open studio space, which are included in the cost of a class or through a purchased pass. Open studio allows artists to work independently and provides firing services for ceramics created within or outside the studio.
* In addition to scheduled classes, workshops, and open studios, the WAC offers Family Clay Sunday, a very low-cost drop-in program that allows families to create together.

**The ideal facility will have:**

* 4000-6000 square feet on a single level
* Slab foundation
* ADA-accessible entry and restrooms
* Capacity for both electric and gas kiln ventilation to the outdoors
* Designated parking for approximately 30 vehicles
* At least one roll-up door to receive deliveries and to accommodate specialty ceramic firings (Raku)
* Loading set-up for clay and other deliveries
* Gas service
* HVAC throughout
* Modifiable plumbing (easily accessible)
* Private office space
* Space for at least one outbuilding next to the facility
* Within the Salem city limits
* Available by June 30, 2025

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