



I'm not sure about you, but I'm glad May is over. Too wet for good riding. Looking at June, here's a summary of events/rides, the Challenge for Cancer, a bike maintenance clinic reminder, and more. Our artist of the month is Nancy Salamon and our Sponsors Spotlight this month is on MacElree Harvey and Naturescapes. Keep sharing artists you want to spotlight with me.

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WCCC's Member Spotlight for June, 2017

Nancy Salamon – Artist with a long history with Pottery

I like Nancy. As a long-standing member of the WCCC (member number 004 with the original WCCC membership card to prove it), she's been riding with Jane Shields and others for many years, so many of you likely know and like her already. Did you know that she has been a full time studio potter in West Chester for over 30 years and that her work is sold through galleries and museum shops around the US? Here's a brief summary about her, her past (and still ongoing) pottery work and her latest venture, Clay Born Textiles (<http://claybornpottery.com/>).

About a year ago, Nancy started Clay Born Textiles. The designs that she previously painted on clay are now printed on fine quality kitchen textiles. It opened up a totally different markets for her work along with the challenges of selling a new product where much of the competition is imported. Clay is still going strong, but she is happy to be building the textile line as well. In speaking to Nancy, she was the first to remind me that it's not all her, her, her. She's got an "incredible studio assistant who helps keep the pottery production running on schedule", a wonderful graphic designer who does all the printed material and Nancy works with Design 6 Degrees (last month's highlighted sponsor) for her website and technology. For the textiles side of the business Nancy works with fellow WCCC member Ginny Marcille-Kerslake (more about her in future Artist spotlight). Even with all the help, Nancy's ideas and designs are hers and she still hand paints every last brushstroke on each piece. Go to her website to see examples of her amazing work and if you want a unique gift for that someone special, yes, she will do custom work too.

Cycling helped Nancy find a better work/life balance and she said that "Cycling is one of the few times when I am truly IN THE MOMENT, and not thinking about something else I should be doing." Well said, Nancy!