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Letter from the President

Dear Sculpture Enthusiast,

Welcome to the second issue of *Sculptin' Times*. While recruiting members for our organization I've been asked, "Why should I become a member of this group?" Sculptors are strong, independent individuals—and joining a group is the last thing many would do. That said, I give five reasons to become a member of the seventy-year-old Pittsburgh Society of Sculptors of Pennsylvania (SOS).

Camaraderie Few people understand the process of creating sculpture like another sculptor. Put aside your ego to see that making sculpture is not about competition, but is the product of a creative energy force that we're all part of. With mutual understanding, support, and friendship we become better sculptors.

Connections This newsletter is just one part of a plan for the promotion and marketing of our members' sculpture. Our link with the Mark Panza Gallery and Grainbag.com also helps promote and publicize member work. We are now developing a resource for members on our website at online-sos.org.

Show Opportunities SOS is sponsoring two major shows this spring. "Inside-Out/Big & Small" is a national juried show at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts—and all members can submit work free of charge. Our fourth show with the Three Rivers Arts Festival will be co-curated by Dr. James Nestor, Jennifer Bechak, and Carin Mincemoyer. All members are encouraged to participate.

Educational Advancement In artists' studios, SOS offers a variety of workshops in all techniques and media. Our connection with more than 10 universities in the tri-state area also helps to facilitate advancements in the field of sculpture.

Social Events Fun is the magic word... and a big part of Art is play! The natural intuitive notion of pure creativity through play must be nurtured. SOS wants to help you play—and keep the child within you alive!

Our next SOS social event will be April 1, 2006 at my studio in the Millvale Industrial Park. A clay sculpture workshop, dinner and party are included.

Hope to see you there!

James Shipman, *President, Society of Sculptors*



James Shipman and daughter Elizabeth