

## Were you seen?

Our Welcome Summer Party was a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Smiles all around. Wonderful to visit with all those who could join us. For the rest of you, you were missed but we hope to catch you next time!



## collar city clay guild July 2021 Newsletter

### Sixteenth Annual EMPTY BOWLS



After a tremendously successful Empty Bowls fundraiser at the Troy Waterfront Farmer's Market last year and given the risk of a COVID-19 resurgence in the fall, the Guild will be holding our annual Empty Bowls event at the Market again this year during the month of October. Specific dates and other details TBD.

We nearly sold out last year, leaving us without much of a reserve on hand. So we need all potters' hands on deck to do some serious bowl-making. The Guild will cover the cost of clay, glazes and firing of bowls made at Waterbrook by members of the Guild and Waterbrook as we have in the past.

For those of you who are Waterbrook Potters Studio members, the Guild has purchased 300 lbs of B-mix located on the bottom shelf in the back of the studio (to the left if you're facing the refrigerator) labeled "Guild." The perfect size bowl uses 1 - 1.5 lbs of clay.

Food insecurity persists and our local food pantries need our help this year as much as ever. Last year we distributed nearly \$23,000 to food pantries throughout the city of Troy. We know we can count on all of you to help us reach (and maybe even exceed!) that goal this year.

Questions: Contact Beth Joslin at [joslins@earthlink.net](mailto:joslins@earthlink.net).

## CCCG September meeting

It's the return of the ever-popular GUILD GAMES! Ever try to throw a pot blindfolded? Or make a super tall pinch pot that stands up on its own? How about musical wheels? If you've participated in the Guild Games of yore, then you'll want to join us again. If you haven't, you don't know what you've been missing. We're still working out the deets with Waterbrook, but stay tuned because our September meeting (tentatively 11am on Sat, Sept 25) is right around the corner.



## Membership Drive 2021

Due to COVID, we waived CCCG member fees for 2020. We will be reinstating our annual dues beginning in September 2021. The annual fee is a modest \$25 and membership benefits include monthly meetings with other creative clay-loving people, free workshops and information sharing sessions, the opportunity to participate in Pottery Market, field trips and more!

Membership forms will be distributed in August so keep an eye on your inbox.

## We want to learn more about YOU!

Send us your bio or artist statement for the Members page on the CCCG website! Attach a photo of you and/or your work and a link to your shop or website if you have one.

Check out the Members Page to learn about all the members who have submitted statements so far. Once inspired, please send your submission to Barbara [btc1022@nycap.rr.com](mailto:btc1022@nycap.rr.com), or Theresa [tzubrock@gmail.com](mailto:tzubrock@gmail.com) so we can learn about you!

## Of historical interest. . .

Hey, gentlewomen potters. . . after a long day of potting, ever feel like your bones are 3000 years old? If so, you're in good company with a woman whose remains really are 3000 years old.

Archaeologists discovered skeletal remains of a woman whose knee and hip joints were worn away and whose muscles on her right side were notably developed, mirroring the wear and tear on a contemporary master ceramacist's body. They claim it's the earliest evidence of an expert female potter working in Ancient Greece. Read full story here: <https://bit.ly/3k8mrUq>

Thanks to Sue Nowogrodzki for "unearthing" this interesting historic snippet.

## 2021 collar city clay guild POTTERY MARKET



We're on! November 19 & 20 at Pat's Barn! Fingers crossed that the world cooperates and we'll be able to move forward as planned. So, mark your calendars and watch for booth reservation information in September.

For those of you new to Pottery Market, it's a great opportunity for Guild Members to market their wares in one of the Capital Region's most beautiful historic landmarks, a restored 200-year old barn built by Dutch settlers and relocated to the Rensselaer Technology Park in Troy. Pat's Barn is spacious, providing ample booth space for interested potters. You can rent your own space, share with other potters or, if you're new to selling or don't have a lot of inventory, you can participate in the Guild Booth which is space shared by a larger group of potters.

More info on PM 2021 to follow. For now, mark your calendars!

## Got an idea for a future CCCG activity? A question? Suggestion? Let us know!

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## Want to get more involved with the Guild?

We could use your help! We rely on volunteers to help with lots of Guild business. We are fortunate to have Barbara Costanzo managing our website. The success of Empty Bowls and Pottery Market rely on dozens of volunteers. We also have an Executive Committee opening right now for Secretary and could use some help keeping up with our Facebook page. Let us know if you're interested!