

## Happy 2009 Potters!

As you may know we held our December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting at Northeast Ceramics where Candace Partake showed us how to do photo transfers onto pots. Very cool technique! Thank you Candace for hosting the training. It certainly got quite a few wheels turning....

Our next meeting will be held 2pm on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> at Brown's Brew Pub ([www.brownsbrewing.com](http://www.brownsbrewing.com)) for our Annual Holiday Gathering. Directions can be found on the website or contact Browns direct at: **417 River St Troy, NY 12180. Phone: (518) 273-2337**. This year for those that wish to participate, we will be having a Handmade Mug Grab Bag. Please bring a cup/mug/or other drinking vessel for exchange at the meeting. We have no other formal program – this is just our chance to get together and socialize. We had a great time last year's party but now need a larger location!

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Regarding 2008-2009 Guild membership: (53) of you have paid your membership and we thank you for re-joining! However, if you have yet to pay your annual dues, please be aware this is the last email you will receive until you do so. Membership runs September thru September for our Guild.

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**Pottery Fest 2009:** Dates for this event is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We currently have (35) members who have registered. All Barn spaces have now been filled and we have a handful left for inside the Meeting House. Also, anyone is welcome to setup outdoors on the grounds as well. Barbara Reeley will not be demonstrating Raku this year, and we would like volunteers who will show and demonstrate as she has done in the past. This is an excellent way to draw foot traffic outside between venues, and sell pots with live demos.

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**Opportunity:** Please see attached for a chance to participate in a local public art project in Troy at the Madison Street Fishing Pier. For further info please check out: [www.odysseyartschool.org](http://www.odysseyartschool.org) or contact **Ceres Sable** from Odyssey School of Fine Arts at 518-583-4366.

*My name is Ceres Sable from Odyssey School of Fine Arts. I am a public art facilitator who works in New York State and I would like to invite interested members from the Collar City Clay Guild to consider joining me as part of a group of core artists to help with the design and creation of mosaic panels for the Madison Street Fishing Pier Project in Downtown Troy. The bulk of the design (about 100 square feet) will use colorful glass mosaic tiles that will be built in sections which will later be installed by embedding them into a cement area of 20' x 60' large. It is Odyssey's goal with this project to collaborate with other artists in Troy to incorporate various weatherproof media such as ceramic tiles and metalworking along with the glass mosaics. Construction for the project is slated to begin in spring 2009, and projected installation for the completed mosaic panels is summer 2009.*