



# Collar City Clay Guild

## January Holiday Party



The Collar City Clay Guild held January's meeting and holiday party at Troy's Spillin' the Beans Café. Since we skipped a meeting in December due to the holidays, this is the first chance many of us have had to reconnect.

We had a short business meeting followed by good food, lively conversation, and a small gift exchange. The party was attended by approximately 20+ members. The gift exchange was a fun way to give and receive small and interesting tools,

books, and gifts from fellow potters. Thanks for making our 3rd annual holiday party a success!

Among other tasty treats, we enjoyed hot beverages out of hand-made mugs offered at Spillin the Beans. Owner Nick Porsia is in search of a potter who will replicate the café's signature mugs for him. His original source for the mugs is no longer available and the mugs are very popular with customers. Please contact Nick if you are interested in working with him in this endeavor at 518-.268-1028.

## NEWLETTER

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### Items Included:

- *Holiday Party*
- *Website Status*
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- *T-Shirt Contest*
- *Pottery Fest Update*
- *Winter CCCG Calendar*



## CCCG Website Under Construction

The Guild Website is now in process. Our goal is to have the site up and running prior to this year's Pottery Fest in May. We are planning for a fairly simple layout with the opportunity to expand and add pages as the Guild grows. There will be a members directory, which will include: each members studio name, name of the potter, and an email address contact. No other personal information will be posted. Please contact the Executive Committee if you do not wish to have your name and email address listed on the website.

More information regarding site content to follow as this process gets underway.



## Items of Interest:



- **New Empty Bowls Chairperson Announced**

Congratulations to CCCG member Stephanie Wojtowicz, who has accepted the committee's nomination and will be chairing this year's Event. The first Empty Bowls meeting will be held in March. This year's event is currently scheduled for Sunday October 5th, 2008.

- **Faculty & Student Show at the Art Center of the Capitol Region**

An all media exhibition is currently showing until April at the Art Center. Faculty and student work, including great pottery can be seen on the 2nd floor. Please check it out!

- **Fat Saturday for the Arts Benefit at Revolution Hall**

Art Center fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday February 9th at 7pm. The Mardi-Gras theme masquerade benefit will feature live music by Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers, among other live entertainment. This charity event will also feature Cajun style food and drink, a silent auction, and door prizes for best mask. Tickets are \$15 at the door, or \$10 if purchased in advance. Contact the Revolution Hall box office at 518-274-0553 or log on to revolutionhall.com for further information.

- **Saint Rose Seeks Handmade Bowl Donations**

The College of Saint Rose, Office of Spiritual Life is asking for donations from local potters to assist with their "Fill Their Bowls" charity dinner on Thursday March 27th. All proceeds from the event to benefit the Homeless Action Committee of Albany. Bowls are being collected now. Please contact Whitney @ 518-454-2116 for further information.

## Revitalize your wardrobe!



CCCG announces a T-shirt design contest to help promote the Guild and our upcoming events. We sold almost all of our shirts during last year's Pottery Fest to fellow potters, friends, and customers. This year, we want to encourage our members to help provide a new design and/or catchy slogan that will promote our Guild..

All ideas will be considered. Designs can be simply sketched on paper or submitted more formally. A wide range of designs is encouraged, but simple colors and/or a wearable slogan would be reproduced best. Submittals may be presented to any member of the Executive Committee between now and March 30th. Winning designs will be voted on by a majority of members at the March meeting in order to be produced for May's Pottery Fest.

## Pottery Fest 2008: May 3rd & 4th



Planning is now underway for this year's event. At this time we have (37) potters committed. This represents (35) booths, with (5) additional 10x10 spaces still available in the barn.

Show promotions will include broadcast and on-air advertisement by WMHT. In return for TV and radio coverage, Guild members are encouraged to make donations to the WMHT Great TV Auction by March 17th. Pots will be collected at Northeast and submitted at one time prior to this date. All donated items must be valued at \$75 or more to qualify for the minimum exposure during the live auction. The Guild has arranged to get our pots professionally photographed prior to submittal for the best on-air representation.

The P-Fest Committee is working on a new show flyer and is asking for pictures from participating potters. Select photo's of current work will be included in show advertising, both print and broadcast ads.

Please contact Joan Griffin via email: (joangriffin@daviesoffice.com) for additional entry forms or preliminary questions regarding this show.

## CCCG Calendar of Upcoming Events

### February Guild Meeting 2/24

Topic: Tips, Tricks, Techniques & Booth Design

Location: River Street Studio at 2pm.

Bring your favorite, can't-live-without-it tools and techniques to share with the Guild. Or if you have designed a clever booth display for shows, please bring an example or pictures of the display to share. Each participant will demonstrate their tool and/or technique. Please bring your own supplies for demo purposes.

We did this last year and it was such a hit, members suggested we host the same topic this year!

### March Guild Meeting 3/30

Field Trip to **Canajoharie**

Meet in the parking lot at River Street for Carpooling at 11am.

We will visit member Harry Barse's "Harry's Pottery" store and also to visit the Arkell museum. The museum features American art by Winslow Homer, Georgia O'Keefe, and Andrew Wyeth.

### April Guild Meeting 4/27

Pre-Pottery Fest Organizational Gathering

Location to be determined.

*At the beginning of our monthly gatherings we will have a business meeting. An agenda for the meeting will be sent out one week prior to each meeting. Please send items for the agenda ten days prior to the meeting. All topics for discussion can be sent to: phoagland@wmht.org.*



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