



Collar City Clay Guild

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Pottery Fest 2008



Many thanks to all participating potters and volunteers who made this year's event so successful! It was bigger and better than last year with (42) contributing potters, live entertainment from Old Songs, food, and children's activities.

The Guild did well and exceeded last year numbers for profit and visitors. Our income for the 2 days exceeded \$3,000 which included approximately (48) CCCG t-shirts and paid admission. Total head counts are still being calculated, but we are estimating approximately 800-900 people. As last year, show revenue will help us to promote next year's event and other Guild functions.

Additional CCCG t-shirts are still available if you missed them at the Fest. Please contact Harriet Hauser if you still want to purchase one.

Please check our website for more great pictures of the Festival. Many

kind thanks to Anthony Tassarotti and his staff for photographing the show, as well as the wonderful donated pots for the WMHT auction. He has worked diligently to help facilitate the Guild website as well. The website is a work in progress and we suggest you check periodically to catch the updates.

Also, please help us to improve next year's Pottery Fest by participating in the



survey regarding the event. We greatly appreciate the nice thank you's we have received, but your sugges-

NEWLETTER

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Items Included:

- *PotteryFest '08*
- *Items of Interest*
- *Empty Bowls Update*
- *Summer CCCG Calendar*



tions will help us for next year too. The surveys will be sent via email by Ericka Sanger and can be returned via email or snail mail per her instructions.

No date has been confirmed for next year's event as of yet.

Items of Interest:



- **Ronan Peterson Workshop at Frog Hollow: Active Surfaces**

This hands-on workshop is premised on the concept of 'more is more', in regards to activating the ceramic surface. Demonstrations will involve throwing utilitarian vessel forms on the wheel, with some discussion and demonstration of altering while the vessel is freshly thrown. Demonstrations will include slips, underglazes, terra sigillatas, as well as carving and texturing techniques to enhance leatherhard and bone dry surfaces. Students will learn glazing techniques, which will include glaze layering, patinas and motivating different surface interactions. Students should have some leatherhard and bisque objects for trying some of the demonstrated techniques. Students will also have a chance to make vessels in the first part of the workshop.

May 17 & 18, 10AM-4PM 2 classes Course # 7076

Tuition \$178 Please visit: <http://www.froghollow.org> for further information.

- **23rd Annual Bennington Mayfest Arts & Crafts Show**

This outdoor craft show runs on Saturday May 24th, 10am to 5pm rain or shine. Bennington's Main Street becomes a pedestrian-only boulevard with arts and crafts, food and entertainment. Mayfest is similar to Troy's Riverfest in June, attracting a wide range of visitors. Please contact Marie De Vito (lulutravis@yahoo.com) to participate.

- **Tom White Gallery Show: Wood, Salt, and Soda**

Tom will be showing his work at the Artisan Gallery in Northampton, MA. The exhibit will run May 24th thru June 29th and features a wide variety of functional and creative pieces. Meet the artist opening reception is scheduled for Saturday May 24th from 5-8pm. For more info: www.theartisangallery.com.

- **2008 Medieval Faire at the Cathedral of All Saints**

October 18th the Cathedral will host the 25th annual Medieval Faire featuring vendors, jousts, dancers and other entertainment. Pottery vendors sought. Please contact chairperson Carol Orr at 765-0013 to participate.

Empty Bowls Update

The committee is now underway planning this year's October event. The Guild membership voted to award two \$500 grants this year to cover glaze and firing costs for Empty Bowl projects to both the Arts Center and to Northeast Ceramics. Both venues have agreed to help facilitate bowl making to support the fundraiser.

More information regarding times and studio availability to follow.



CCCG Calendar of Upcoming Events

May Guild Meeting 5/25

Field Trip to Vermont for
"Vermont Days"

Each year, hundreds of Vermont artisans open their studio doors to the public, allowing you the chance to see the artistry behind the art. Participating artists include glass blowers, ironworkers, jewelers, painters, potters, printmakers, etc.

Car Pool from Northeast at 10am on
Sunday Morning

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.

June Meeting 6/14

Troy's River Fest
Group participation in Street Fair

More information to follow

July Meeting 7/27

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