



# Collar City Clay Guild

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## Summer Guild Meeting 2008

A wide variety of topics were covered during our August meeting, with the main focus being Guild business as our group has not met formally in several months.

**Treasurer's Report:** Harriet stated that CCCG has approximately \$5400 in the Treasury that has not been allocated to Guild business. For the year 2007-2008 Collar City had (67) members.

**CCCG Membership:** All annual dues of \$25 are required by October 1st. Please bring payment to next Guild meeting at Babcock lake. CCCG calendar year runs October to October. Any brand new members who join after April 1st can qualify for half price membership of \$12.50.

**September Meeting:** Raku event sponsored by the Guild at Babcock Lake in Grafton, NY. This is our annual meeting and all members are strongly encouraged to attend. Please turn to the Calendar section of Newsletter for additional details.

**Alternative Raku Techniques:** Susan Nowogradzki and Joan Griffin shared pots and techniques that could be used for



*Randy Broadnax, Raku Artist*

the September event. Susan shared her adorable animal themed salt and pepper shakers glazed with her unique high luster formulas. Joan shared techniques learned at a recent Sugar Maples workshop with Randy Broadnax. Randy's techniques included spraying pots with varying strengths of Ferric chloride solutions and reducing using just sheets of newspaper and a wet towel. (No sawdust, newspaper, or barrels required!) This technique was applied with raw clay bodies, as well as pots glazed with white crackle with beautiful results.

Another technique learned was saggar firing using heavy duty aluminum foil, sea salt, horse hair and

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- *Empty Bowls Update*
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ferric chloride. These pots were tumble stacked, and fired to approx. 1100 degrees. Upon completion, the baked-potato looking pots were removed, allowed to cool slightly, and then dunked in water to preserve the beautiful burgundy, rust, and yellows. Temperature of the kiln determines the color palette achieved in this method.

All of these techniques will be explored in further detail during our upcoming Raku firing at the September meeting.



*Reducing hot pots with newspaper and towel*



## CCCG Calendar of Upcoming Events

### September Meeting: 9/28

#### Raku Firing at Babcock Lake 9am

This event will be held at Babcock Lake in Grafton, NY. We will be collecting \$5 firing fee per participant to cover propane for the 4-5 kilns available, glazes, and other materials. Friends and observers will not be charged. This location features a large outdoor area, and community center featuring a full kitchen, outdoor cooking grills, picnic tables and chairs. It can hold up to 100 people.

Please limit work to (4) pieces approx. 10" high x 6" in diameter. This will ensure that all pieces are fired that day. Feel free to bring additional pots, which will be included if time and space allows. Adult family and friends are welcome but please no children under 14 or pets for safety purposes. Also, please wear long pants, and shoes or boots while firing.

**RSVP to** Barbara Reeley (283-1082) or Mary Pat Hopper (434-2729) or [mphopper@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mphopper@nycap.rr.com)  
**No later than September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **THINGS TO BRING:**

Even walled bisqued pots (up to 4 - 10"high 6" wide max)  
 The pots can be any clay body bisqued no higher than cone 06  
 A dish to be shared  
 Yourself, adult family and friends



#### October Event: Sunday 10/5

Empty Bowls

Italian Community Center

12-3pm

#### November Event: TBD

*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](mailto:phoagland@wmht.org).*

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