

# March 2020 Newsletter

## Collar City Clay Guild *a place for clay*

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### February Meeting



Thanks to the generous sharing of our members, we're pretty sure everyone left the February meeting having learned something new. Hand builders got tips on smoothing edges, creating templates, and making feet. Wheel throwers got a chance to check out some innovative bat systems, shaping tools and hacks for keeping your trimmings contained and tools organized.

Thanks to all who participated and were willing to share their tricks of the trade.



### Sunday, March 29 CCCG Meeting Decorating with Decals: Lee Glasheen



Lee Glasheen will lead a hands-on workshop demonstrating how to create and apply decals. If you're not familiar with Lee's work, you're missing out. Feel free to bring your own bisqueware to experiment on, but thanks to Jean Decker, it's not necessary. Each participant will be provided with a small hand built bisqued bowl made by Jean herself and with decals provided by Lee.

Meeting starts at 11am, followed by the group activity, adjourn at 1pm.

Location: Waterbrook Potters Studio, 406B 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Watervliet, 12189

## Check out the new CCCG Website!

Bookmark [www.CollarCityClayGuild.com](http://www.CollarCityClayGuild.com) as your new source for what's happening in the local pottery world. Thanks to the many talents of our own Barbara Costanzo, the Guild website has a new look and new updates. We want to make the site your go-to re-source for Guild news and information. We've already had some suggestions for improvements and we welcome yours as well.

### Add YOUR name to online member list!

One of the features of the website is a Guild Members page with an artist statement, photo and a link to each member's pottery FB or web page if they have one. It's a great resource for learning about each other, demonstrating to others how awesome we are, and promoting the work of all our members.

Despite our growing numbers, we currently have only ten members listed. Please take a few minutes, and email a brief personal statement, a photo of you, your work, or you AND your work, and a link to an online page if you have one to Barbara, [btc1022@nycap.rr.com](mailto:btc1022@nycap.rr.com) or Theresa, [tzubrock@gmail.com](mailto:tzubrock@gmail.com).

[Full disclosure: There's a side bet banking on getting to 25 listed members before the end of March. . . just in case you needed added motivation. ]

## Follow us on Facebook!

CCCG currently has three (yes, 3!) Facebook pages, and through the efforts of our new Social Media Guru, Rose Neander, we're going to scale back to a single FB presence. But we don't want to lose contact with all our likers and followers from the two accounts we plan to close. So, if you haven't already, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/Collar-City-Clay-Guild-82254487670/>

and "Like" and "Follow" and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

## Bulletin Board

- Capital Kiln Repair is open and available to help you with all your kiln repair needs. See attached flyer to get 10% off your first service. Waterbrook Potters Studio has made them their go-to repair service and you can, too.  
Contact: [service@capitalkilnrepair.com](mailto:service@capitalkilnrepair.com) or call [518-274-2722](tel:518-274-2722).
- New Prospect Pottery in Pine Bush, NY is firing their new wood kiln in mid-April and welcome volunteers to load and fire. For more information, see attached flyer. Also, Guild member Patty Keelen, has offered to transport pots down for the firing for those interested. If interested, contact Patty, [pkeelen@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pkeelen@nycap.rr.com).
- If you've got a bulletin board item that you'd like to share with Guild members through our monthly newsletter or on the website, please send to Theresa, [tzubrock@gmail.com](mailto:tzubrock@gmail.com). Just keep in mind that newsletters typically get mailed a week after each monthly meeting.



## Membership Recruitment

Have a friend, family member or colleague who likes to play in clay but hasn't yet discovered the CCCG community? Share the accompanying membership form with them. Only \$10 for first-time members. What a deal!





## **WELCOME to the new CCCG Secretary!**



### **Rose Neander was voted in at the February meeting.**

Being one of the newest members to the Guild, I got into it as a way to spend quality time with a good friend. Through her, I discovered the nicest group of people that all shared a love for clay. Their infectious love for creating drove me to want to become a part of

their group. I long to always be creative which has led me down many different roads, from handmade gourd art to sterling silver jewelry. I got into pottery simply for the love of pottery and it feels good to do something creative for my soul. I have been hand building for a few years and it wasn't until recently that I started working on the wheel. I very much enjoy learning new techniques and growing my skills.

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

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## **Empty Bowls October 4, 2020**



It's never too early to start making bowls for Empty Bowls. CCCG will be hosting community bowl throwing, building and glazing parties over the summer months, but when you find yourself with an extra pound or two of clay at the end of the day, instead of bagging it up, make a bowl!



### **Monthly Guild meetings:**

**When:** Usually the 3rd Saturday of the month 11am—1pm

**Where:** Waterbrook Studio Potters  
 406B 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Watervliet 12189

**Sun. March 29: Decals with Lee Glasheen (It's a Sunday!)**

**Sat. April 25: Guild Games**

**Sat. May 30**

**Sat. June 27**

**Empty Bowls – October 4**

**Pottery Market – November 20 & 21**