



# Studio Newsletter

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## Empty Bowls Event

- Our next meeting is Thursday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Studio
- Empty Bowls event is almost here
- Locker renewals are due
- Submit news articles to Sharon Wetherby by the 15th of the month



*Friday, February 22, 2008 -*

**EMPTY BOWLS, An Artful Luncheon to End Hunger, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Round Up Inn, Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth.**

**It's getting closer and closer to the Empty Bowls deadline. The Food Bank needs YOU.**

**Trish Wise is our empty bowls queen. Contact her if you have bowls to contribute.**

## December Christmas Party

The Christmas Party replaced the regular monthly meeting. As usual, the members brought lots of wonderful, festive food for the potluck dinner. One potter brought her fabulous homemade bread that she made from fresh-ground grains to complement the ham and various side dishes. People also brought the best pottery, books, and tools ever for the gift exchange. It was a great time for all.

Several people signed up for Rachel's brush-making workshop, and several people gave Holly their locker renewal fees. Holly has placed envelopes on your lockers to make it easy for you to renew your locker rentals for 2008.

## Glaze Committee Report ~ Carole Standridge

Have you noticed the new racks near the sink in the wheel room? Joe Chambers commented that he didn't realize we had so many sponges till now! Barbara Baker bought/applied magnetic/chalkboard paint to the interior doors. Improvements around the studio are a result of the glaze committee's meeting held on December 15. Don Hudnall chaired the meeting because Carole was not able to attend. Barbara Baker, Sara Legvold, Dave Leisure, and Sharon Wetherby joined Don to discuss the meeting's agenda and to add some exciting ideas of their own. Some of these ideas are already implemented. Our mission is to make the studio a clean and organized place for the membership to enjoy. We really encourage all members to practice good housekeeping in the coming year. A full report will be given at the January meeting regarding other changes/suggestions/ideas. We also encourage members to contact any of the officers to provide suggestions or ideas for positive improvements.

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## Extruder Tip

After wedging your clay, form the clay into a log shape that's almost the same width as the extruder. Next, wrap the clay "log" in plastic wrap (like *Saran Wrap*) before loading it into the extruder. Once it's inside the extruder, put the plunger in and extrude the wrapped clay. When finished, take the plunger out and reach in to remove the plastic wrap along with any remaining clay that didn't get plunged through (this clay occasionally comes out with the plunger). This technique keeps the extruder clean, minimizes clean up, and eliminates having to remove dried bits of clay from the extruder afterwards!

## Event Notices

**Workshop:** Julia Galloway "Dress It Up, Dress I Down," Jan 24—27, 9:30am—5:00pm, at the Craft Guild of Dallas, 14325 Proton, Dallas, TX, (972) 490-0303. Workshop fee: \$375 if you register before 12/14 or \$425 afterwards. Lecture on Jan 25 is free. For details: [www.craftguildofdallas.com](http://www.craftguildofdallas.com)

Julia Galloway is a utilitarian potter and professor. She is currently an Associate professor and Chair of the School for American Crafts at RIT in Rochester, New York.

**Event:** Clay on the Wall Symposium, Jan 18—20 at School of Art, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. For details visit: [www.depts.ttu.edu/art/SOA/homepage/news%20stories/cow/cow.html](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/art/SOA/homepage/news%20stories/cow/cow.html)

The symposium, in conjunction with the national exhibit, Clay on the Wall, features workshops, emus and panel discussion. Symposium participants include John Balistreri (ceramic sculptor, Bowling Green, OH), Don Reitz (ceramic sculptor, Clarkdale, AZ), Patti Warashina (ceramic sculptor, Seattle, WA), Jake Allee (ceramic artist, Tyler, TX), Brenda Lichman-Barber (ceramic artist, Denton, TX), Matthew Kangas (art critic, curator, juror of the exhibition), and William Hunt (professor of ceramics, Columbia College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH, former editor, *Ceramics Monthly*).

**NCECA 2008 Conference:** Pittsburgh, PA. Early registration deadline: Jan 25.

Conference dates Mar 19—22. For details visit NCECA online at <http://www.nceca.net/index.html>

**Call for Entry:** Feats of Clay XXI Lincoln, CA. Deadline Feb 1. Download a prospectus: <http://www.lincolnararts.org/prospectus%202007.pdf>

**Call for Entry:** San Angelo 17th National Ceramic Competition. Deadline: Feb 4; Exhibit dates: Apr 18—Jul 14; Fee: \$20. Download prospectus: [www.samfa.org/ncc-call-for-entries-2008.htm](http://www.samfa.org/ncc-call-for-entries-2008.htm) This bi-annual national exhibition will kick off Ceramic Week in San Angelo, TX. The San Angelo Museum will dedicate its entire space to displaying ceramic work. For more information, visit: [www.samfa.org/ncc.htm](http://www.samfa.org/ncc.htm) and [www.chickenfarmartcenter.com/index\\_files/SanAngoloceramicsshow.htm](http://www.chickenfarmartcenter.com/index_files/SanAngoloceramicsshow.htm)

**Call for Entry:** Craft Texas 2008 Deadline: Mar 1; Exhibition Dates: May 24 thru Aug 17 at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main, Houston, TX, (713) 529-4848. For details: [www.crafthouston.org/default.asp?ID=1](http://www.crafthouston.org/default.asp?ID=1) Entry forms are online at [www.callforentry.org/](http://www.callforentry.org/)

**Ceramics in Italy:** With Romano Ranieri and Nocola Boccini at the Deruta School of Ceramic Arts in Umbria. May 22—Jun 4, 2008. Cost \$4,600. Contact Professor Karmien Bowman at (817)515-6693 for details. Enrollment is limited.

### Coming Events

- Workshop at the Craft Guild in Dallas
- Clay on the Wall Symposium at Texas Tech in Lubbock
- NCECA 2008
- Feats of Clay XXI
- San Angelo 17th National Ceramic competition
- Craft Texas 2008
- Ceramics in Italy with Karmien Bowman





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The fully-equipped Potter's Studio is open seven days a week during LMRA hours. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. unless notified otherwise. Classes are held on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Pottery Studio. Membership Fee: \$60 Individual; \$120 Guest.

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Glaze Committee: Carole Standridge  
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