

Studio Newsletter

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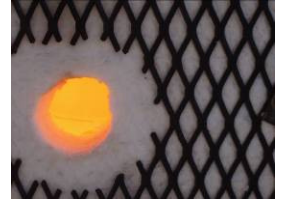
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Special points of interest:

- Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Studio
- Raku party will fire up at 6:30 p.m.
- Bring potluck to go with the hot dogs

May Meeting ~ Raku Party !!!

Come to the May meeting early to join the party. Bring a piece or two of your bisque ware to glaze/fire! We'll start the raku firing at 6:30 pm before the meeting at 7:00 pm. We also will be cooking yummy hot dogs during the evening, so come hungry. Barb Throne will bring the hot dogs! Bring potluck to go with the dogs if you can.



April Meeting Minutes ~ Barbara Baker

Attendees: Barbara Throne, Dave Leisure, Barbara Baker, Keisha Peques, Pam Boles, Doris Brown, Sharon Wetherby, Orbyr Chambler, Cy Rowell, Pam Luke, Kay Bernier, Jack Patrick, and Molly Hale.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as published.

President's Report

- Kiln #3 has been firing too high. We placed witness cones from 4-9 in one of the firings and found the cone 6 firing was going to temp for cone 8. We will fire the next batch at cone 4 to see what we get.
- Welcome new member Bobby Darr.
- Plaster Molds: We received several plaster molds from the Ceramics Club. Please be careful when using these molds. Any clay that is contaminated with plaster chips will explode in the kiln when fired. Please do not place these molds on the wedging tables. Use them only on the blue table and put newspaper under the mold while using. Do not spray the molds with Pam or with WD-40. These molds release clay easily, but you can sprinkle a little baby powder in the mold if you think you need something to help release the clay.
- We will be raku firing during the May meeting. Sharon will bring buns and wieners for hot dogs. *{Editor's note: Barb Throne will bring the buns/wieners since Sharon cannot attend.}* Please bring something to go with them. The firing will start at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join the party.
- Bobby Darr was the lucky winner of this month's pot draw. He won a beautiful piece from Pam Boles.
- We are planning a cone 6 firing day in the new Brodnax raku kiln. If you want to participate in this firing, please glaze your pieces and place them on the triangular shelf in the kiln room.

Vice President Report

- The glaze committee is still working on a few new glazes. We will present to the members when we come up with a new color.

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April Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

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- Please check on your assigned glazes when you are at the studio if you are on the glaze committee. Let Barbara Baker know if you need any help.

Secretary Report

- Petty Cash: \$262.56
- Three lockers are still available (20, 30, and 42).

Publicity

- No Report.

Workshops

- LMRA June Workshop's Featured Artists: Rebecca Roberts, Dale Neese, Albert Goldreich, and Mark Epstein. Orbry recommends that you check their web sites so you will know what to expect from each artist. {See Events on page 3.} The workshop fee is \$150 for LMRA Pottery Club members and \$175 for nonmembers.
- TPSG is having a workshop with Gary Huntoon on May 30. It will be held at Hart Street Pottery. The workshop fee is \$50 for Guild members and \$75 for nonmembers.

Miscellaneous

- Kay and Carole have been working on a brochure to be put in the display rack in the lobby at the clubhouse. These brochures will also be passed out at the Main Street Arts Festival.

Education

Orbry did an excellent demonstration showing us how to make clay baskets using the extruder. Thanks, Orbry!



**Orbry Chamblee
& Bobby Darr**



Orbry recommends arranging extruded strips of clay in a diagonal pattern

Studio Calendar

- May—Raku party to fire baskets started in April
- June—4-Artist workshop
- July—ACME Bricks to Bowls (Tentative)
- August—PIP Mini Show



- Two new kilns are here
- Check with Barbara Baker for lockers
- June Workshop with 4 Artists is almost here

Event Notices

Exhibit 4/30—5/10, Greater Austin Clay Artists: *Sharing a Passion for Clay 2009* at the E4 Gallery in Austin.

The GACA has a very interesting web site featuring several outstanding Texas clay artists who live in the Austin area. <http://austinclay.org/index.html>

Event: 5/2—5/3, Cottonwood Art Festival, Richardson. Hours: 9:00 am—6:00 pm. One of the nation's premier art festival, Cottonwood draws over 240 local, regional, and national artists. As well as local and regional bands performing the best in rock, country, jazz, blues, swing, and folk. For details: <http://www.cottonwoodartfestival.com/aboutfestival.htm>

Event: 5/9—5/10, Randy Brodnax's Spring Art Event at Lancaster Club Lake, 4000 Post Oak Road, Hutchins, TX 75141. Mother's Day Weekend sale featuring over 30 fine craftsmen with live music, food, and fun. For information call (214) 232-0980 or (903) 852-3311

Workshop: 5/11—5/15, EvAngelos Frudakis, *Sculpting the Human Figure*, at the Hill Country Arts Foundation Art Gallery and School, 120 Point Theatre Road South, Ingram, TX 78025. Tuition: HCAF Members \$475 & Non-members \$525.

This workshop will begin with the basics of sculpture focusing on execution and technique. The class will be taught with the human figure as the subject by EvAngelos Frudakis, one of America's most significant twentieth-century sculptors. Visit his website: www.evangeloswfrudakis.com For information or to register go to:

www.hcaf.com/vac/workshops/2009/workshop2009_frudakis.htm

Workshop: 5/30, Gary Huntoon will teach at the Hart Street Pottery. \$50 for TPSG members and \$75 for nonmembers. For details contact Kay Bernier, (817) 681-1335.

Workshop: 6/20—6/21, Four Artists



2009 at Lockheed-Martin Recreation Area featuring: Rebecca Roberts (www.rebeccar.com), Mark Epstein

(www.epsteinclayworks.com), Dale Neese (www.daleneese.com), & Albert Goldreich (www.albertgoldreichpottery.com) will be teaching hands on in four-hour sessions at LMRA. Participants should bring tools and at least 6 to 8 leather hard pots. The workshop is limited to 32 participants on a first come first serve basis. The cost will be \$175 for non-members and \$150 for members. For more information contact Orbry Chamblee, (817) 223-6600. Send checks/money orders payable to LMRA to Orbry, 1819 Eastlake Drive, Weatherford, TX 76087.



Coming Events

- Greater Austin Clay Artists exhibit in Austin
- Cottonwood Art Festival
- Randy Brodnax Spring Art Event
- EvAngelos Frudakis Sculpture Workshop in Ingram
- Gary Huntoon at Hart Street Pottery
- LMRA—4 Artists 2009, Fort Worth



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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