

Studio Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

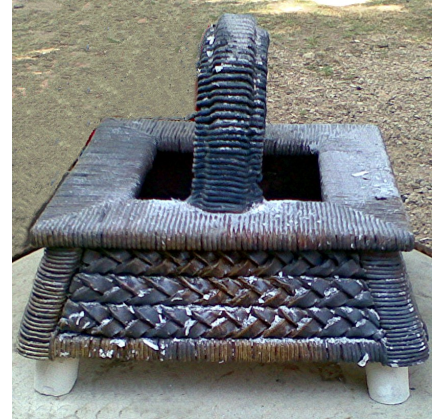
- Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Studio
- Orbry will demo making clay baskets
- Carole will take pictures for the new brochure

April Meeting Program

Have you seen this wonderful clay basket around the studio? Would you like to learn how to make one?

Orbry Chamblee has agreed to show us how he makes his baskets at our April meeting. We won't have time at the meeting to make this a "hands-on" demonstration, but Orbry has offered to come out to the studio Saturday, April 4, to help teach "hands-on" if enough members are interested.

These would make great pieces to bring to our raku party in May!



Publicity

Carole Standridge will bring her camera to the meeting to take a picture of members holding up our pottery banner. She will put this picture on the front page of the brochure she and Kay are preparing to raise awareness of our activity.

March Meeting Minutes ~ Tammi Vermillion

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as published.

President's Report

The Randy Brodnax raku workshop was a great success! A special thanks to Orbry Chamblee who coordinated the workshop!

- Randy introduced the class to using engobes and lichen glazes in raku firing.
- Randy also rebuilt the cone 6 gas kiln in the raku yard. This kiln is not to be used until you have been shown how to use it. Do not use this kiln for raku unless you can fill it up.
- Do not use the wet towel method for raku that was demonstrated at the workshop. It is too dangerous. Use the metal buckets for reduction.
- A cover will be purchased to keep the new kiln protected from the weather.
- Ferric Chloride is still banned at the studio.
- Personal Glazes - If you leave your personal glazes on any of the shelves, they will be considered for public use. If you do not want anyone using your

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March Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

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glazes keep them in your locker. If you want to donate a jar of glaze for use in the studio, feel free. The studio will not furnish commercial glazes to be used in the studio; members will need to purchase these glazes from ceramic suppliers for personal use.

Publicity

- Carole and Kay are working on a pamphlet to put in the vestibule at the clubhouse. These will also be passed out at PIP.
- We need some kind of cards to pass out at Main Street Arts Festival. We could even use something similar to what we used for Empty Bowls.

Glaze Committee

- We tried some new lichen glazes in the Brodnax Raku workshop. The test tiles that were created were shown to the meeting attendees. We have chosen two to be used. We will use the rest of what was created at the workshop. They are on the shelf above the cone 10 glazes. If we use them up, we will mix more. If no one cares to use them, we will not mix more, but the recipe will be available.

Classes

We had a lot of discussion about the current state of our wheel and hand building classes. A lot of ideas were discussed:

- Orientation for new members. They must attend and pay for class at this time.
- Require new members to come to a meeting before joining.
- First year membership \$200.00 which would include the new members first class fee.
- A motion was made to have Mike talk to Rachel about wheel classes.
- Holly suggested having a hand building class with 4 people for 4 weeks from 6:00 - 9:30.
- If you are interested in a daytime hand building class, contact Holly.

PIP

Start thinking about something to enter into the mini show in August for Pottery In The Park.

Extra News

As you know, the "Ceramics" activity has been disbanded. Mike Sawatzky has purchased two of their electric kilns for our Studio after determining that they both would fire to cone 6 and are in great shape. Yea! We finally will get a replacement not only for kiln #1 but also for kiln #2.

The Ceramics activity has given us a large number of plaster molds that we should be able to use as press molds. Just a reminder, however, that we need to be very careful when using these molds in the studio. Please do not place these molds on the wedging tables; bring a piece of canvas from home to put under the molds when you are using them. Any amount of loose plaster from the molds could stick to the canvas on the wedging tables and contaminate the next batch of clay wedged on the tables.

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Studio Calendar

- April—Orbry will demo making baskets
- May—Raku party to fire baskets started in April
- June—4—Artist workshop
- July—ACME Bricks to Bowls
- August—PIP Mini Show



- New lichen glazes in the glaze room
- Two new kilns coming
- Plaster molds now available

Event Notices

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Event: 4/3—4/5, Dallas Pottery Invitational, *Refined Form. Defined Function*. This is the Second Annual Dallas Pottery Invitational at the Janette Kennedy Gallery at Southside on Lamar, 1409 Sough Lamar St, Dallas, TX 75215.

Eleven nationally recognized artists are celebrated this year. Five artists are new to the invitational: Charity Davis-Woodard from Edwardsville, IL, Brenda Lichman from Denton, TX, Robbie Lobell from Coupeville, WA, and Diane Rosenmiller and Nick Seidner from Middletown Springs, VT. The returning core group of Texans are: Daphane and Gary Hatcher, Lisa Orr, Amy Halko, Louise Rosenfield, and Liz Lurie.

The work of this diverse group will provide a unique overview of the field of functional ceramists today. For details go to www.dallaspotteryinvitational.com/

Event: 4/8—4/11, NCECA 2009, 43rd Annual Conference, Ceramic Interface: From Dawn to Digital, Phoenix, AZ. www.nceca.net/static/conference_home.php

Exhibit: Now through 4/16, Large Ceramics by Linnis Blanton at the Wagner Sousa Modern Art Gallery, 404 25th Street, Galveston, TX.

New large ceramic works by Linnis Blanton, ceramics instructor at Lamar College, will be on display. For details call (409) 392-3331.

SAN ANGELO CERAMIC WEEK-

END: 4/17—4/20, San Angelo Museum of Fine Art / Chicken Farm Art Center.

This year's featured artists include Sunyong Chun, Joe Bova, and Billy Ray Mangham. Don't miss this exciting weekend packed with workshops, nationally renowned exhibits, and all the barbeque you can eat. For information go to: www.samfa.org/ncc.htm & www.chickenfarmartcenter.com

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_frudkis.htm

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

- Dallas Pottery Invitational
- NCECA, Phoenix, AZ
- Large Ceramics in Galveston
- San Angelo Ceramic Weekend
- EvAngelos Frudakis Sculpture Workshop in Ingram
- 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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