

Studio Newsletter

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December Meeting



Tis the Season! We're having our Christmas party in the Club House Thursday, December 3, in lieu of the usual Monthly Meeting at the Studio. Bring a covered dish for the potluck dinner and a piece of your pottery (or a pottery-related gift) for the gift exchange. Please wrap your gift. Guests are welcome. We usually have a good turn-out for this party, and everyone seems to have a great time. We also will install the new officers for next year.



FIGHTING HUNGER IN 13 COUNTIES

We need lots more bowls for the Empty Bowls event if we're going to meet this year's goals. Barbara Baker ran a lot of clay through the pug mill for us to use making these bowls.

November Meeting Minutes ~ Barbara Baker

Barbara Throne brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President's Report:

- The Minutes from the October meeting were approved as published
- Barb Throne welcomed new members Bert Hooper and Tess McDonald

Vice President's Report (Glaze Committee):

- We need more members for the cone 6 glaze committee and will hold the next meeting early in the new year
- We will be testing a new clear recipe from Doris and compare it to the mail-order clear that we are now using

Secretary's Report:

- Our petty cash fund has a balance of \$125.45

Publicity Report:

Carole Standridge needs more pottery for the display case in the clubhouse.

Pottery in the Park (PIP):

Special points of interest:

- Our next meeting, the Christmas Party, will be held on Thursday, Dec 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Club House
- The glaze committee needs help with cone 6 glazes
- Make Bowls for Empty Bowls

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November Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

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PIP was a great success in spite of the weather!! The Raku sales brought in \$460, and the Raffle earned \$70.

Workshops:

We will have the next workshop in the picnic area and need to have a date in place by January so Orbry can start making plans.

Pot Draw:

Orbry Chamblee won the jug that Dave Leisure brought for the pot draw. Orbry will furnish the pot for the January meeting since we don't have a pot draw at the December meeting

Election Results:

None of the officer positions were contested, and all were approved by the members present at the meeting.

- President, Barb Throne
- Vice President, Barbara Baker
- Publicity, Carole Standridge
- Secretary, Thea Patterson

Empty Bowls:

We have a goal to donate 300 bowls to the Tarrant Area Food Bank. So far only 20 bowls have been finished. We need to get busy!

Holiday Party:

This year's party will be held at the clubhouse on Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 P.M.

- Bring a covered dish (meat will be provided)
- Bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange game
- Bring a guest

Around the Studio

The original recipe for the Soto Slips at the Studio use an Albany Slip base with different oxides for colorants. Currently we have been mixing an Albany Slip substitute that Sweetie Bowman provided since Albany Slip is no longer available. Several companies now sell substitute clay slips for Albany; two substitutes are Alberta Slip and Ohio Clay Slip, a new product on the market. Sharon Wetherby mixed small batches to test in the November cone 10 firing. Figure 1A is cobalt carb in the Alberta Slip and 1B is cobalt carb in the Ohio Clay, 2A is copper carb in Alberta and 2B is copper carb in Ohio, 3A is RIO in Alberta and 3B is RIO in Ohio.

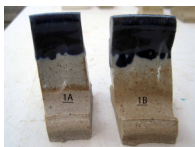


Figure 1A & 1B

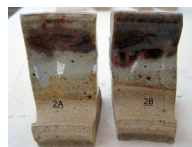


Figure 2A & 2B



Figure 3A & 3B

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Studio Calendar

- December 3—Christmas Party at the Clubhouse and Installation of Officers
- January 20—New session of hand-building classes start
- January—New session of wheel classes start; date TBD
- February—Tarrant Area Food Bank's Empty Bowls



Event Notices

12/4-6: A Clay Christmas and More.

Local artists will be showing/selling outstanding pottery at The Firehouse Gallery, 4147 Meadowbrook Dr, Fort Worth. Meet the Artists on Friday, Dec 4, from 5:00—9:00 pm

12/5—6: Artisans' Holiday Market.

At the Grapevine Public Library. Sat: 10:00—5:00 pm & Sun: 2:00—5:00 pm. Shop for Unique gifts and enjoy live music.

12/11—13: Christmasfest on Hart

Street. Hosted by Janet Rodriguez, Hart Street Pottery & Kim Shearer, Dragonfly Pottery, at 5346 Hart Street, Fort worth. Fri: 5:00—9:00 pm; Sat: 10:00—6:00 pm; Sun: 11:00—4:00 pm

12/11—13: Randy Brodnax & Friends Christmas Art Show and Sale.

Randy's annual Christmas show at the Sons of Herman Hall. The Sons of Her-

man Hall is located at 3414 Elm in Deep Ellum, Dallas. Fri: 5:00—9:00 pm; Sat: 10:00—6:00; Sun: 10:00—5:00.

12/3—2/13: Exhibit. The Familiar Unknown. Curated by Ovidio Giberga featuring Susan Beiner, Rabekah Bogard, Rebecca Hutchinson and Anne Drew Potter, Blue Star Contemporary Art Gallery, San Antonio, TX.

<http://www.bluestarart.org/>

2/1: Call for Entry. The 18th San Angelo National Ceramic Competition, April 16—June 20, 2010, San Angelo, TX. Juror: Sherman Hall, Editor *Ceramics Monthly*.

http://samfa.org/working%20call_for+entries%20ncc18.pdf

Coming Events

- Clay Christmas & More in Fort Worth
- Local Artists at the Grapevine Library
- Christmasfest at Hart Street Pottery
- Randy Brodnax in Dallas
- The Familiar Unknown in San Antonio
- Call for Entry in San Angelo

Around the Studio (cont'd)

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Each tile was dipped in a cone 10 clear glaze then dipped halfway into each batch of the test Soto Slip recipe. There didn't seem to be much difference between the two base clays. Wetherby will glaze some more test tiles at a later date using our cone 6 clear glaze to test in the electric kiln.



Amy's Demon Fire

Kay Bernier took these great pictures of Dave and Amy Leisure firing in the dark in the raku yard recently. Amy and Kay thought the fire in Amy's kiln was spooky! The fire resembled "something" evil trying to reach up to the angel on the top shelf!



Dave's Reduction Bin



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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