



Collar City Clay Guild



November Meeting in the Catskills



Arrival at the Mountain Top, painting by Thomas Locker

Many kind thanks to Candace Christiansen for hosting November's meeting at her home near Hunter Mountain. It was a challenging commute for some of us, but a beautiful drive none the less. In addition to enjoying the wonderful paintings created by her husband, Thomas Locker, we visited with her neighbor, potter Susan Beecher.

Thomas Locker is a Hudson River painter and the illustrator of dozens of children's books, many of which he also wrote. We had a chance to view his most recent landscapes, which hang in an impressive studio and gallery space in their new house. Thomas' paintings have a wonderful luminescent quality and often depict scenes from the local landscape.

Susan Beecher is a nationally

recognized studio potter whose work has appeared in many shows and galleries over the past 15 years. She has taught workshops and weekly classes at art centers throughout the Northeast and Florida. In the fall of 2005 a book exploring her work and working methods was released by Catskill Press: Susan Beecher: *Wood Fired Pottery*. We had the chance to tour and ask questions about her kiln and firing practices. We also enjoyed seeing her studio, and gallery space. Afterward, Susan invited us to examine her vast collection of wonderful pots collected over many years. We all had a very enjoyable experience and welcome Susan to the Guild.



Susan's two chamber Anagama kiln

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Items Included:

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Wood Fire Potter, Susan

CCCG Storefront on River Street



Courtesy of Rensselaer Chamber of Commerce

For the last weekend of November, the Guild took over 288 River Street. Our special thanks to Bianca for her assistance with logistics and coordination for this event. We were located a few doors down from the Broken Mold and enjoyed a large spill-over of patrons from various Market Block businesses.

Nine potters displayed their ceramic art, along with Russell Sage art students who exhibited paintings in the same space. The Irish musical duo Lawson, which is Hilary Schrauf and Eric Everson played for part of Sunday afternoon. The storefront was busy for Friday Troy Nite Out thru Sunday's Victorian Stroll. Exhibitors enjoyed a significant increase in sales over last year, due largely to the great location.

Items of Interest:

- **Wesleyan Potters Craft School Exhibit**

Presents the **52nd Annual Exhibit and Sale**
November 24th through December 15th, 2007

A display of pottery, jewelry, weaving, and more, created by the instructors of the Wesleyan Potters Craft School. This juried show features the work, in all media, of over 250 craftspeople from all over the country. All exhibited work is for sale. Free Admission

Wesleyan Potters, Inc.
350 South Main Street
Middletown CT 06457

Open every day 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursdays & Fridays until 8:00 pm



- **Local Artist Database Created**

The **Times Union** is creating a data base of artists within 100 mile radius of Albany. Free listing of individuals who make any kind of art that is for sale to the public.

Email: smehalick@timesunion.com with words "artist database" in the subject line:

Name

Title (painter, jeweler, musician)

Web Site

Brief description of what you make/do (100 words or less)

A jpg image of your work, if applicable

Information on where you work is available for sale or how customers contact you if you don't have web site - such as address or phone # or information on galleries/shops where you work is available.

For questions: Susan Mehalick at 454-5478

Local Boy Still Missing



The New York State police, local sheriff's office, forest rangers as well as Adirondack Search & Rescue teams, have all assisted the Cambridge-Greenwich police in the effort to no avail.

If you have any information regarding his whereabouts, please contact the following numbers:

1-518-692-9332
1-800-FIND-KID

Jaliek Rainwalker
Date of birth: 8/2/1995
Race: Bi-Racial
Hair: Light Brown (curly)
Height: 5' 6"
Sex: Male

Complexion: Light

Eyes: Green

Weight: 105 lbs

Other information: He may be wearing a yellow fleece pullover, a gray t-shirt with a dragon on the front, blue jeans and black canvas high-top sneakers. He may use the name Jay. He has a golden brown complexion, lime green eyes and curly brown hair with blond highlights in a short 2" afro style. He also has a slight speech impediment, pronouncing an "r" like a "w".

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Barbara Reeley and her family. Her grandson, Jaliek Rainwalker, has been missing for over a month now. He was last seen in Greenwich, NY on November 1st. The intensive search has included dive teams, K-9 units and helicopters.

Pottery Fest 2008: May 3rd & 4th

Plans are in process for this CCCG spring time show at the Shaker Heritage site. Last year we had (39) potters exhibit and saw traffic in excess of 2000 people. Booth spaces are filling up fast, please reserve your exhibit space if you haven't already. We look forward to another wonderful event.

Please contact Joan Griffin via email (joangriffin@daviesoffice.com) for additional entry forms or preliminary questions regarding this show.



CCCG Calendar of Upcoming Events

December Guild Meeting:

Happy Holidays!

No event scheduled.

January Guild Meeting

CCCG Holiday Party at

Spill'n the Beans in Troy

Sunday 1/27 at 2pm

February Guild Meeting

February 24th: Guild Meeting

Location/Program to be determined.

More information to follow.

At the beginning of our monthly gatherings we will have a business meeting. An agenda for the meeting will be sent out one week prior to each meeting. Please send items for the agenda ten days prior to the meeting. All topics for discussion can be sent to: phoagland@wmht.org.



January Holiday Party at Spill'n the Beans Cafe

Sunday 1/27 at 2pm

13 Third Street
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 268-1028

Directions: Spill the Beans is located in the Market Block building around the corner from the Broken Mold Studios. It is also approximately one mile from Northeast Ceramics. From Northeast, travel south on River Street towards downtown Troy. Stay straight past Atrium parking garage and go thru light at Fulton Street. At this point River becomes Third street. Spill the Beans is a 1/2 block down on the right side. Parking is on street.



Things to bring: Your appetite and a grab bag gift if you wish to participate in a small Potter's exchange. Gift value not to exceed \$10. Clay ornament, pottery tool, or some other small clay related item is appropriate.



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