



Collar City Clay Guild

NEWSLETTER

June Meeting: Raku Firing

Our June gathering was hosted by Polly at her home in Hoosick Falls. At 10 a.m. we started assembling old electric kilns and putting out glazes for our Raku firings. We converted old electric kilns into Raku kilns. Present were: Beth, Bill, Barbara R., Barbara C., Don Orr (Barbara C's husband), Polly, Harriet, Joan, Marie, Paul, Susan and Mark Nowogrodzki (Susan's father).

Here are the directions for converting an electric kiln into a Raku kiln:

- 1) Remove all elements with needle nose pliers.
- 2) Remove kiln sitter & power box & cord.
- 3) Remove hinge from lid.
- 4) Put a second handle on lid across from original handle.
- 5) Drill a 4" hole in bottom side of kiln through middle of two bricks ~ start on inside using a pilot drill then drill 4" hole, go to outside & using pilot hole as a guide, drill through stainless steel jacket & into brick. Remove brick, bend stainless jacket in with screwdriver shaft.
- 6) Drill 4" hole in lid.



Pots from Raku Firing!

With the weather being beautiful, food being great (Harriet's Dixie Caviar was devoured quickly) and those present enjoyed generally very good Raku results. Susan brought her father (Mark Nowogrodzki) for a brief visit and Barbara C. brought her husband (Don Orr) who was, as always, a huge help. Don also brought a sampling of his lovely wood turnings to share with us. Susan brought an electric kiln to be converted ~ after it was converted Joan took it home ready to be fired as a Raku kiln. Thank you so much Polly & Al for a lovely day.

Beth Resigns as President

Due to a family move out west, Beth resigned as guild President last month. Barbara Reeley will be filling in as President of the guild until elections in September. Due to personal obligations, Joan-Claire resigned several months ago from her position as guild secretary. Joan Griffin & Tim Bell are guild Co-Treasurers, Susan Nowogrodzki is in charge of guild Activities and Barbara Costanza is guild archivist.

Members ~ We are in need of some re-organizing and pulling together. Tightening and lightening up!

The guild's plan was to have our annual meeting in August to elect new officers. The guild's Executive Committee met last month and decided to have our annual meeting in September as summer activities would be behind everyone and more members would be in attendance at a September meeting.

Please consider running for office ~ our guild is in need ~ we have a very bright and productive future!

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Items Included:

- *June Raku Meeting*
- *Beth moves to Oregon*
- *Riverfest a Success*
- *Potter's Needed for upcoming events!*
- *Al Fresco Weekend 2007*
- *Summer CCCG Calendar*



Best Wishes to Beth!

RiverFest a Success!



Harriet & Bob Watching the Crowd

Eleven members participated in Troy's Riverfest on Saturday June 16th. We enjoyed great weather and wonderful hospitality provided by Barbara and Joe Fama of TAP.

Potter's experienced mixed success with selling, but a nice day was had by all. Riverfest featured live music, great food, and fabulous people watching.



Lee setting up her work

Member Participation Needed!

Pottery Fest was fantastic, **Pottery Fest 2008** is being planned by a newly formed committee (if you would like to be on this committee please let us know ASAP ~ you can e-mail Barbara Reeley: claywomn@aol.com),

By-Laws have been drawn up but not printed up and given out for review. We need a **Nominating Committee** for our September election. Committee to be selected on or before the July 22nd meeting.

Also, there is still interest in the guild becoming a corporation and then our filing for non-profit status. All of the aforementioned items need you!!

Empty Bowls Committee is now in their fifth month of planning for our October 7th event in Troy. Donald will begin holding **Wednesday Evening Bowl-Making** sessions at River Street Pottery on July 11th. Contact Donald for details ~ donaldglennon@webtv.net. We need bowls, please come to the bowl-making at River Street Pottery on Wednesdays or bring finished bowls to Northeast Ceramic Supply.

Al Fresco Weekend 2007

Bob Nopper has sent information on the Al Fresco Weekend which is an exhibit and sale (no charge) in Salem. The Historic Salem Courthouse is a community center serving Salem and the surrounding communities.

You are invited to be an exhibitor at The Artisans Market, Sunday, July 29th, 2007 at the Historic Salem Courthouse.

Other events that day include a Pancake Breakfast, the Al Fresco farm tour, area Chef Demonstrations, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Corn Chowder cook off, entertainment. Space under an open canopy provided.

Show Details:

Hours - (9:00 - 5:00) break down may begin at 4:00

Fee - None, this event is free of charge this year.

Set-up: Sunday July 29th. from 7 - 9 am

space size 8 'x 8' extra space may be available.

6' or 8' Tables and chairs provided.

Space under an open canopy provided.

To register e-mail or phone by July 20th.

Bob Nopper (518-854-7135)

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Also please visit the courthouse web site:
www.salemcourthouse.org

CCCG Calendar of Summer Events

July 22: Next Guild Meeting

2 p.m. at Lee Glasheen's home. The subject will be "Bells & Whistles". Bring food to share.

Location: 115 Spring Avenue in Troy. See below for directions to Lee's House.

August 26th: Guild Meeting

2 p.m. at River Street Pottery, Barbara R. will host the meeting.

The subject will be "Terra Sigillata". Bring food to share and bone dry pieces for pit fire. Terra sig and other supplies will be furnished.

More information at our July Meeting.

September 30th: Guild Meeting

2 p.m. at River Street Pottery

This is our annual election and general business meeting. Your attendance is strongly suggested.

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: claywomn@aol.com

Directions for July 22nd Meeting:

From Northeast ceramics:

Head south on River St.(us-4), until you get to the Green Island Bridge. Follow River to Fulton St, at which point you will go down third street until you reach Ferry St.

Take a left on Ferry St(rt. 2) and follow until you reach Pawling Avenue (Rt 66). Bear right onto Pawling Ave and go about a half of a mile, then turn right onto Maple.(Bryce's funeral home is at this corner).

About three quarters of the way down Maple, take a right onto Alder Ave. After the first house on the left (corner house), take a left into the lane (no sign but it is just before the house which is #2 Alder).

Follow the lane and bear right with it. As you bear right, our house is on the left. You will see the one car grey, garage, with a round mosaic sign-115 spring. You have arrived. Park along this lane, or on Alder Ave., or in our driveway.

Lee Glasheen: 518-273-5967

Directions from 787 are as follows:

Take exit 7E off 787, onto Rt 378 E toward S. Troy. After the first traffic light, get in the right lane and bear right at Mill Street(US Rt 4)

After the Sunoco Station, prepare to bear left onto Campbell Avenue. After about a mile(past Franklin Terrace, past a fire station), and at the next traffic light beyond the fire station, bear right onto Spring Ave.

Turn left onto Myrtle(one short block from the traffic light). Turn left onto Pawling Ave(rt 66). Turn Left onto Maple Avenue. Three quarters of the way down Maple, take a right onto Alder Ave.

After passing the first house on the left, take a left into the lane. Follow the lane and as it goes right, our house is on the left, a grey one car garage is on the left, with a round mosaic sign with 115 Spring on it....

You have arrived, and you can park along the edges of the lane, where there is no driveway, or on Alder, or in the driveway.

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