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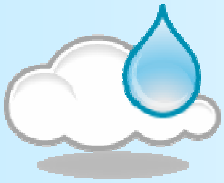

Summer will get here, eventually…?

Special points of interest:

- Two Workshops
- Upcoming events
- Seconds Sale
- Clay Club

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Oven and Bread Workshop

Earth Oven Workshop

Held at Heart Pottery in Brewster.

October 18th and 25th, 2009

Strong backs, many hands, creative eyes, work and fun for everyone!

Kiko Denzer's Building Your Own Earth Ovens. Chelsea Green Publishing will be the workbook we'll be using. Kiko describes his approach as "a sculptor's treatment of traditional earthen building, art, and bread". Check out: www.handprintpress.com

This series consists of two workshops over two separate Sundays-

Making the Oven—Sunday October, 18th, 9am to 5pm(+ -)

The morning begins with some heavy lifting - getting the base in place, playing with wet clay, making the basic form. The afternoon is the place for artistic expression - packing the insulation (more lifting, more wet clay), and making it pretty.

Baking the Bread - Sunday, October, 25th, 10am-5pm

We'll start dough and watch it rise; start a fire and watch it burn. Play with fire. Make pizza, eat pizza, make and bake bread.

Kathleen M. Wall is a Foodways Culinarian who has been baking bread in wood fired ovens since 1980. She started working on building ovens the following year. Workshops at Plimoth Plantation include: Wood fired Oven Basics: Pizza edition!

There will be a Pot-Luck lunch, please bring something to share. The workshop order form is included in this newsletter.

This will be a great workshop, informative and fun.

You don't have to be a potter to enjoy this workshop!

Frank Matranga Workshop

"Altered Forms and Murals"

September 20 & 21 (Sunday & Monday) 10:00 – 4:00;

Demonstration, lecture and slide show held at Creative Arts Center, Chatham, MA.

Frank has been a potter for over 50 years. His first commission, seven bas-relief murals for Sears was just the start of producing over fifty murals during Frank's life for libraries, banks, restaurants and private residences. In addition to his mural work, Frank has created both functional and non-functional objects in clay, where he has produced the work through a myriad of firing techniques, such as high fire stoneware, Raku and primitive firing techniques. His glaze arsenal includes over a hundred formulas. A large body of work has a distinctive carved design with organic elements and stunning altering of the thrown lines. Such a diverse design has led Frank's work to be honored by many awards and the inclusion in important exhibitions, such as Young Americans, Ceramic Nationals, Seattle World's Fair, California State Fair, as well as many other national and international group and solo shows. In the 1970's, he was also honored with solo shows in Japan. Frank's studio is in Manhattan Beach, just south of Los Angeles, CA.

Frank will demonstrate the process of making ceramic murals as well as altered and slab constructed forms with lecture, discussion and slide show during lunch each day.

Lunch will be provided both Sunday and Monday. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals are available, see the order form for more information.

Check out these Matranga websites:

http://www.matrangastudios.com/

http://www.vasefinder.com/pw/articles/frank.matranga.html (User name = Frank PW = 1pots)

Workshop order forms are enclosed with this mailing and available on our website.

We have workshop scholarships available for qualifying applicants.

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Pottery Seconds Yard Sale

Sale Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009

WE NEED YOUR SECONDS, DISCARDS, & MISTAKES!

PLEASE take all of your seconds that you have accumulated and bring them to Eden Art Gallery at the intersection of Route 6A, Dr. Lords Road, and Nobscusset. As Eden is open and busy during the summer months, it is best if all pots are put directly into the basement through the bulkhead, opposite the shop. Please make all deliveries on Sundays, Mondays, or Tuesdays only, and please price your pots if possible before leaving them. Thanks!

Soup Bowls For Hunger 2009

This year may have been our most successful fundraiser yet, which was especially rewarding given these difficult economic times. The donation to the Family Pantry for 2009 was $12,028. Again this year, the Family Pantry will receive a grant from the Feinstein Foundation. The amount they receive is directly affected by how much money we raise at Soup Bowls For Hunger.

Thank you to the potters who made and donated all those beautiful bowls. A big thanks also to members who donated their time the day of the event to help with the set up and with serving the meal.

Brewster Junior Troop 80930, Dennis Junior Troop 81219, the Brewster Treatment Program, and our co-sponsors the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School assisted the potters. Paper bags were donated by Cape Cod Paper Company and Kevin's Petal Carte Florist donated the flowers.

Peter Spier Graphic Design and Mark Brouillette of Cape Cod Web Service donated all print materials.

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank underwrote mailing costs and all food expenses.

Executive Board

By mistake we omitted the Executive Board as voted on at the Annual Meeting, from the last newsletter, sorry…

Gail Turner - Co-President

Lois Hirshberg - Co-President

Ron Dean - Co-Vice President

Shelley Fenily - Co-Vice President

Treasurer - Emma-Marie Snedeker

Secretary - Judith Bartha

Some "Thank You's"

We have donated money to some our favorite organizations. In response to our donations we have received some very nice "Thank you" letters. We thought you might like to read them, they are enclosed with this newsletter.

Dan Finnegan

Dan Finnegan will be holding a fall workshop at Castle Hill this summer. For more information, please go to www.castlehill.org.

Plimouth Plantation

In July, we are doing a wood firing in our replica 17th century kiln.

Schedule: Sat. July 11, 9-5 loading

Sun. July 12, starting at 8 AM firing

Mon. July 13, unloading after 2

If anyone wants to help out, contact Ron Dean 508 428-6085

Clay Club

Ever feel as if you're working in a vacuum? Have questions about why your glaze suddenly isn't working for you, or you're just not sure about a pot? Then come join us at our newly created Clay Club.

We're looking for potters interested in gathering together once a month in order to problem solve, critique one another's work, share our expertise and shortcomings, visit museums, galleries or studios, share books and journals, and in general, foster an environment of camaraderie and community. The only requirements to join are, membership in Cape Cod Potters and a commitment to contribute to an on-going group without taking ourselves too seriously.

We plan to meet the first Monday of each month, starting Monday, November 2, at the Cotuit Center for the Arts on Route 28, from 10:00 AM until noon. An optional donation of two dollars a month will pay for the space and a pastry.

If you're interested, please join us.

Upcoming Events

- Next Executive Meeting, Monday, September, 14th.
- On-Line Auction - coming later this year. We will be auctioning off Dan Finnegan's pots. These pots are from Dan's workshop with us last March, the pots will be in finished form. More on this later.