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Cape Cod Potters Incorporated Newsletter

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From Our President



A few thoughts and ramblings as we embark on a new chapter in the history of the Cape Cod Potters, Inc. As we look forward into the future it will be exciting to see us all grow and develop in our own personal journey, of finding our own

individual niche and our corporate niche.

But first, a glance back to where we have come from. In the beginning the Cape Cod Potters started with a barn and buying co-op to supply all our clay needs and has slowly grown and evolved, keeping our educational and member-supported focus. Over the years we have brought workshops with both nationally and locally known potters to participate in our continued education. We have a strong program of giving back to our local communities with support to the local food pantry through Soup Bowls for Hunger, and gifts and scholarships to local art students and museums. On the technical side, our web site is up and run-

ning strong. The bylaws have been revised to bring us up to date and ready to move into the future.

As we look into the future it is exciting to see our members grow and learn. It is wonderful to see and learn about all the diverse ways we create and market our work, some in more traditional ways, while others are making new roads for themselves. Pottery has such rich traditions while at the same time it can be so new and exciting. For the Cape Cod Potters, Inc. I would like to see the Cape become a destination for pottery and a place for the public to learn more about the art of making a pot, to learn about all the great traditions and the new diverse ways and work that go into creating a work in clay.

Thank you to all who have contributed in the past to bring us here today and to all who will be contributing to a rich and exciting future of growth.

A special welcome to all our new members and welcome back to everyone for another exciting year.

Sharon Schaffer
President

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Soup Bowls for Hunger 2004

This year Soup Bowls for Hunger will be held Wednesday April 14, 2004.

Congratulations to Denny Howard for being the first to turn in his donation of soup bowls for this, our 12th year of this fundraiser! Bowls are due anytime now, the sooner the better!

For those of you who are new members, this is our big fundraiser to help those folks on the Cape who are finding it increasingly difficult to put food on the table. We collect over 600 bowls and sell tickets at \$15 each, which entitles each patron to receive one bowl filled with hot yummy soup and a crusty roll courtesy of Cape Cod Regional Technical High School's culinary arts department, our hosts.

This charitable fundraising effort brings out most of the potters working on the Cape, along with the art departments at several local schools, to make the bowls. The Girl Scouts and the

Nauset High School Interact Club, assist with decorating the paper bag placemats, set-up and service during the meal.

Each year we raise over \$9000 for the Family Pantry, which is the drop-off for the Boston Food Bank, serving all the needs of Cape Cod.

So hurry up with those bowls. Please make them large enough to hold 1½ cups of soup and drop them off at the Creative Arts Center, Chatham; Diane Heart Pottery, Brewster; Kemp Pottery, Orleans; Ron Dean Pottery, Marstons Mills & Paradise Pottery, South Harwich.

If you can help set up at the Tech April 14, 2 - 5 PM, or help during the evening of the event from 5:30-7:30 PM just give Gail a call at 385-4214.

Thanks to all of you for making this fundraiser such a special event!



Please Note

Soup Bowls for Hunger ticket order forms are also available on our web site.

Welcome to Our Membership

We are pleased to welcome all our returning and new members. This newsletter is published four to five times a year. We also send out postcards and other information as needed. This is a brief list of our major activities.

Annually:

In January we hold our annual membership enlistment, workshop, meeting and dinner. The workshop, dinner and annual meeting (held on one day) is usually held on Sunday between the third week of January or the first week of February. A member of the Cape Cod Potters, Inc. will hold a workshop on some aspect of their work, such as wax resist, throwing, glazing, decoration etc. Following the workshop we hold a pot-luck or dinner at a members home or other location (we try to alternate the location each year). We then have our annual meeting, we elect the executive board, bring members up to date information on what has transpired throughout the year and attend to any new business. All members are urged and welcome to attend, we ask members to bring some food to share when we hold pot-luck dinners.

In April of each year the Cape Cod Potters, Inc. in association with the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School hold Super Bowls for Hunger. We raise money for the Family Pantry which dispenses food for people in need across the Cape. We ask each of our members for a donation of at least six to twelve soup bowls (many more if possible) that hold about a cup and a half of soup. We sell about six hundred tickets at \$15.00 each for a "soup line" dinner. The patrons get their choice of soup bowl, filled with soup, roll and a choice of coffee or water, sit and enjoy the meal. They then get to take their soup bowl home with them as a reminder of the evenings purpose. We raise between \$8000. to \$9500. each year, all proceeds from the sale of the tickets is donated to the Family Pantry.

Some of members when possible hold "Summer" sales/exhibitions.

In October of each year, Sunday of the weekend after Columbus Day, we hold our annual Seconds Sale. The seconds are donated by our members who drop them off at Eve Carey's home (in the basement) throughout the year, we need your seconds to sell at this function. The proceeds from the sale are used for our workshops, scholarships, grants and subsidize educational programs. We need volunteers, if would like to help with this event please contact any executive board member.

In November/December some of our members usually hold a Christmas or holiday sale/exhibition.

Throughout the year:

We hold workshops and lectures; executive meetings (all welcome to attend); special interest meetings to plan workshops and work out schedules.

Members may participate in the group bulk supply order (twice a year, spring and fall). Members get group discount pricing and reduced shipping costs.

What members can do:

Members are encouraged to attend an executive meeting, put workshops together (the executive board will guide you along the way), donate and take part in Soup Bowls for Hunger, serve on special committees for workshops and events. Participate in member sales and exhibitions and help educate the public in the arts, pottery and our group. If you have a question or need information contact any board member.

We have a web site www.capecodpotters.org for announcements, updates, newsletters, message boards, a link page where you can list your works or website and much more. To have something included on the website or in the newsletter write to Cape Cod Potters, Inc. Box 76, Chatham, MA 02633-0076 or email news@capecodpotters.org.

Meeting dates and details on any of our programs and functions are found throughout the year in our newsletters and on our website. Remember most importantly that our membership application is mailed out with our December/January newsletter. If you have not received your newsletter by the second week in January, check our website or contact a board member so you don't miss our enlistment period.

Spring Bulk Supplies Order

Any member of the Cape Cod Potters, Inc. may participate in the spring bulk supplies order. Call Steve Kemp with your order or if you need more information. Order now and save on shipping and bulk discounts. Call before April 19th with your order, 508-255-5853.

Recommend a Video or Book

We will be purchasing more videos, books and publications in the future. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We will again be donating them to the library system for use on the C.L.A.M.S. (Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing) system, so all of Cape Cod has access to them. If you would like to see your favorite potter's book, pottery book or video in a library near you, please contact Gail Turner with your suggestion, 508-385-4214

Tina Holl Workshop

We would like to thank Tina Holl for a great workshop. Her sculpture building is truly remarkable. Her sculptures are literally built from the ground up and are completely self-supporting, truly an eye opening technique.

Thanks Tina for a great workshop.



Thanks to Denny Howard for the Pictures.

Executive Board

The 2004 Executive Board:

Sharon Shaffer—*President*
Brain Brader—*Vice President*
Emma-Marie Snedeker—*Treasurer*
Gail Turner—*Secretary*

As voted by majority at the Annual Meeting.

Cape Museum of Fine Arts—Classes

The Cape Museum of Fine Arts will begin their spring classes starting April 19th. Their Summer classes, workshops and kids summer art camps will begin July 6th.

For more information please see their website: www.cmfa.org