



Cape Cod Potters, Inc.

# Cape Cod Clay Voice

## Welcome to the Cape Cod Potters Membership

Welcome to the Cape Cod Potters. We are a diverse group with a common thread: our love of working with clay. The agenda of this organization revolves loosely around our work cycles and the ebb and flow of life on Cape Cod. Our organization tends to be dormant during the summer when a majority of the membership is involved in making a living, selling pottery, in a seasonal economy. In the fall we often host a workshop that is meant to inspire and energize us so that we might continue to create and produce through the off-season. We also put together two group bulk-buying orders of pottery supplies usually in the early spring and again in the fall. During the dead of the winter and the spring our organization is the most active. Most important, the Cape Cod Potters is a support system for those who are addicted to clay and its trials and tribulations. Please feel free to reach out and get involved.

Our year begins in February after the close of our membership drive. Our combined annual business meeting, dinner and workshop is held during the first quarter of the year. During the course of the winter and into the spring we may hold workshops given by our own members or by well-known potters. The workshops are always inspiring and thought provoking.

In April the Cape Cod Potters and the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School hold their annual fundraiser, Soup Bowls For Hunger. All of our members make and donate soup bowls to help raise money, through ticket sales and donations, for the Family Pantry, which distributes food to anyone in need living on Cape Cod. Over the years together we have raised more than \$158,000 for this great cause.

In the past the fall ushered in our annual pottery seconds yard sale. The money raised from the sale of pottery seconds donated by our members went towards underwriting the various scholarships and programs that we sponsor. Currently, we are looking for new ideas that could generate income so that we might continue to underwrite these programs. In the past we have helped to underwrite the Art Internship program, supported the Harwich After School Pottery program, funded scholarships at Castle Hill, made donations to CERF, contributed funding to the wood kiln at Castle Hill and to the wood kiln at Plimoth Plantation, underwritten new shelving and a wheel for The Creative Arts Center, and bought and distributed books and videos to many Cape Cod libraries. Finally, we have provided some financial aid

to our own members when they were experiencing difficult times.

The Cape Cod Potters, during the course of the year, hold executive meetings, which all are welcome, and publish a newsletter to make our membership aware of past and future events that relate to pottery. We host a website, <http://www.capecodpotters.org>, which posts newsletters, announcements, updates, pottery classes, exhibitions and workshops. Individually and collectively potters join together to buy materials, share clay and glaze information, visit Museums and studios, and to hold sales and exhibitions of their own. In the fall of 2009 we initiated Clay Club. These informal sessions take place the first Monday of the month and meet at the Cotuit Art Center from 10-12. Any potter is welcome to join us in these free wheeling conversations that center around clay and the making and selling process. The essence of the Cape Cod Potters is to serve as a resource and a support system for people interested in furthering their knowledge of pottery and refining their skills. We encourage you to be an active member of Cape Cod potters and to support us as we support you.

Welcome.

### Workshop Event

Doug Fitch and Hannah McAndrew come to Falmouth on Cape Cod, April 9th and 10th, 2011

This is a must see workshop, don't let this one pass you by. Information on page 2, workshop order form is enclosed with this mailing.

More workshop order forms are available on our website: [www.capecodpotters.org](http://www.capecodpotters.org)

### Soup Bowls

**Soup Bowls for Hunger** is April 13th, 2011.

Ticket order form is enclosed with this newsletter. More forms are available on our website at: [www.capecodpotters.org](http://www.capecodpotters.org)

If you need information or would like to help, please contact Gail Turner or Nancy Craemer.

### Soup Bowls for Hunger 2011

This joint fundraising event, between the Cape Cod Potters and the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, will take place on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. There will be three sittings: 5:30, 6:00, and 6:30pm. Tickets this year will sell for \$18 each and all funds raised will go towards the Family Pantry, which serves clients from all of Cape Cod and houses a warehouse for the Boston Food Bank. We need to make between 600 and 700 bowls, which will each hold a generous cup and a half of soup. Bowls may be wheel thrown or hand built and must be food safe. We will be assisted again this year by the Brewster Treatment Program under the Department of Youth Services and Cadet Girl Scout Troops 81312 and 80930. They will help to set up the dining room, wash all the bowls, decorate the brown bag placemats, send out ticket order forms, bus tables

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and clean up after the event.

The Cape Cod Five Charitable Foundation will underwrite all food and mailing expenses. All ticket sales and donations will go directly to the Family Pantry. Last year we raised over \$12,000.

Your donated bowl is a cherished reminder to each patron of this wonderful evening. Please drop your bowls off as soon as possible at Kemp Pottery at the Orleans rotary, Heart Pottery on Route 6A in Brewster, Dean Pottery in Marstons Mills, the Creative Art Center on Crowell Road in Chatham, or bring them to a Clay Club meeting at the Cotuit Center for the Arts or the April workshop at Falmouth High School.

## Executive Meeting

The next Executive meeting will be held at Pain D'Avignon in Hyannis, MA, May 9th, 9:00am. All members are welcome to attend.



## Clay Club Meeting

The next Clay Club meeting is March 7th, at the Cotuit Center for the Arts, 4404 Route 28, Cotuit, 10AM to Noon. All are welcome.

## Doug Fitch and Hannah McAndrew Workshop



### Doug Fitch and Hannah McAndrew

When Doug Fitch and Hannah McAndrew come to Falmouth on Cape Cod April 9th and 10th, they bring with them not only their own skills but a tradition of pot-making in the British Isles that extends back thousands of years. Even today, spring plowing in Britain commonly turns up Roman and earlier British Bronze Age shards in the soil. Devon, where Fitch's Hollyford Pottery is, has been a center of pottery since Medieval times because of the ready supply of red earthenware clay and wood for firing pots. Fitch digs his own clay in Devon and makes very traditional slip-decorated English forms - jugs, cider jars, cups and bowls - in his studio. His work is in English museums. McAndrew, who lives in southern Scotland, is a juried member of the Craft Potters Association. She uses traditional slip-decorating techniques to extend the tradition on her 21st century forms. The two potters are friends and we expect not only great throwing but an entertaining exchange of views between the two and their audience.



LUNCH IS INCLUDED!

### Workshop:

The two potters will take the workshop through the full pot-making process, right up to the point that the pots are ready for the fire. Both will talk about where their work fits within the tradition of English pot-making and about their country lives as potters. Doug will throw traditional English country pottery forms such as cider jars and big jugs, mugs for cider and tea, bowls for soup. Hannah will throw plates and platters, footed small jugs, mugs and serving bowls. Both will trim the forms once they've dried a bit, and add feet and pulled handles where called for. Doug's sprigging and pulling of handles on his big jugs should be particularly interesting. Then both will slip-decorate their pots. Doug often dips entire pots into slip, then decorates simply in a country fashion with finger swipes through white slip to the brown clay body. Hannah works meticulously with a slip-trailer to decorate her work with geometrical designs and written sayings, as well as drawings of birds, other fanciful creatures and plants.

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