



by Rhonda McCanless

A lot is happening in Seagrove, NC, in October, beginning with From the Ground Up's annual R.D. Mahan Kiln Opening and Turkey Roast, Oct. 4 and 5, 2014, 9am to 5pm. The event will feature tree pots, soul pots, bells, birds and more, made from local clay, fired in wood. Work created by Michael Mahan and his children Levi and Chelsea will be available. The kiln opening is in memory of Mahan's father, Ron Mahan. There will be live music and refreshments will be served all day. From the Ground Up is located at 172 Crestwood Road in Robbins. For more information, visit (www.FromTheGroundUpPots.com).



Work by Michael Mahan

Seagrove potters are joining forces with the North Carolina Pottery Center (NCPC) to celebrate American Craft Week with a special event on Oct. 11, 2014. Visitors who bring machine made products (mugs, bowls, etc.) and turn them in at the NCPC will be given a coupon for 20 percent off a handmade replacement for that item at participating pottery shops.

The NCPC will have a complete list of participating pottery shops and will hand out coupons from 10am to 2pm. Visitors are invited to explore the pottery center's exhibitions for free during the event. The NCPC is located at 250 East Avenue in Seagrove.

Jugtown Pottery will have a wood-fired kiln opening and present a show of photographs by Angela V. Walker, Oct. 11, 2014, 8:30am to 5pm. The opening will feature pottery pieces by Vernon, Pam, Travis and Bayle Owens. Walker's photographs were taken in North Carolina and will be available for purchase. Visitors can meet Walker from 10am to noon and learn more about her work.

A book signing for Steve Compton's *It's Just Dirt! The Historic Art Potters of North Carolina's Seagrove Region* will begin at 11am at Jugtown. New JLK designs by Jennie Keatts and new crafts for fall will be available. Jugtown is located at 330 Jugtown Road in Seagrove. For more information, visit (www.JugtownWare.com).



Work by Hitomi Shibata of Studi Touya

Studio Touya will hold a fall kiln opening Oct. 11, 2014, 10am to 5pm. The opening will feature the latest wood-fired teapots, cups, mugs and plates. Studio Touya is located at 4911 Busbee Road in Seagrove. For more information, visit (www.StudioTouya.com).

Crystal King Pottery's Autumn Open House is Oct. 11, 2014, from 10am to 5pm. The event will feature sculpture work, including bunnies, chickens and owls. A limited number of decorative pottery pumpkins will be available. The kilns will be

opened and unloaded at 11am. Crystal King Pottery is located at 2475 N.C. Highway 705 in Seagrove. For more information, visit (www.CrystalKingPottery.net).



Works from Avery Pottery & Tileworks

Avery Pottery & Tileworks will hold a kiln opening Oct. 11 and 12, 2014. The opening will feature richly glazed pots in warm colors, fresh from the kiln. There will be something old, something new, some surprises and the best selection of work available all year. For more information, visit (www.AveryPotteryandTileworks.com).



Work by David Stuempfle

The David Stuempfle Fall Kiln Opening Sale will be held on two Saturdays, Oct. 11 and 18, 2014, from 9am to 5pm. A selection of wood-fired stoneware will be available. Stuempfle is known for his large vessels. The shop is only open to the public during kiln sales or by appointment. It is located at 1224 Dover Church Road in Seagrove. For more information, visit (www.StuempflePottery.com).

Westmoore Pottery will hold their annual event "Stepping Back in Time: Hearthside Cookery" on Oct. 18, 2014, from 9am to 5pm. Members of the Historical Cooking Guild of the Catawba Valley will use traditional cooking methods to prepare recipes of the 18th and early 19th centuries in the large fireplace at Westmoore. Visitors are welcome to sample the results. Westmoore Pottery is located at 4622 Busbee Road in Seagrove. More information is available at (www.WestmoorePottery.com).



Work by

"Festival of Leaves" at Thomas Pottery is Oct. 18, 2014, from 10am to 5pm. Enjoy fall decorations, tour the studio and shop in the gallery while enjoying refreshments. The latest fall designs will be featured for this event. Thomas Pottery is located at

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Tues-Sat 10am-4pm
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1295 N.C. Highway 705 South in Seagrove. For more information, visit (www.ThomasPottery.com).

Caldwell-Hohl Artworks's fall kiln opening is Oct. 18, 2014, from 10am to 5pm. The opening will feature carved stoneware, lamps, home décor, studio tours, demonstrations, and tours of the log cabin. The shop is located at 155 Cabin Trail in Seagrove. More information can be found at (www.caldwellhohl.com).

Coming up Nov. 1, 2014, Pottery Road Studio and Gallery will hold their "Gift Ideas and the Thanksgiving Table" event, 10am to 5pm. New mugs and soup bowls, Thanksgiving table displays, recipe ideas and more will be featured for the event. The shop is located at 1387 NC Highway 705 South in Seagrove. For more information, visit (www.PotteryRoad.com).



The STARworks Glass Pumpkin Patch is Oct. 4, 2014, from 10am to 1pm. More than 2,000 hand-blown pumpkins and gourds in all sizes, shapes and color combinations will be available on the front lawn at STARworks. Each piece is created by STARworks Glass team, consisting of Joe Grant, Tom Zogas, George Dielman and Michael Migliorini. Proceeds from the event will go

to support STARworks programs.

The next STARworks Hot Glass Cold Beer evening is Oct. 9, 2014. HGCB is on the second Thursday of each month, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The public is invited to come watch a free hot glass demonstration. Visitors who are 21 and older can purchase a hand-blown STARworks glass and receive complimentary beer throughout the evening. Beer on tap will be from North Carolina breweries. STARworks is located seven miles south of Seagrove at 100 Russell Drive in Star. For more information, visit (www.STARworksNC.org) or call 910/428-9001.

It's not too early to make plans to attend the Celebration of Seagrove Potters, Nov. 21-23, 2014. Join them for the Gala and a first chance to buy pottery, bid at the Collaboration Auction, enjoy the fine food, drinks and entertainment on Nov. 21, 2014. Tickets are \$45 and will be available at (<http://www.celebrationofseagrovepotters.com/gala.html>). The Potters Marketplace will take place Nov. 22-23, 2014, from 9am-5pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. Admission \$5.

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From The Ground Up Pottery in Seagrove, NC, Offers Kiln Opening and Turkey Roast - Oct. 4 & 5, 2014

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and Sunday, Oct. 5, 9am-5pm.

Michael, Levi and Chelsea Mahan have been busy creating lots of beauti-

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