

The North Carolina Pottery Center

POTTERS WORKING IN 2D!

The Potter's Palette at the NC Pottery Center February 4, 2012

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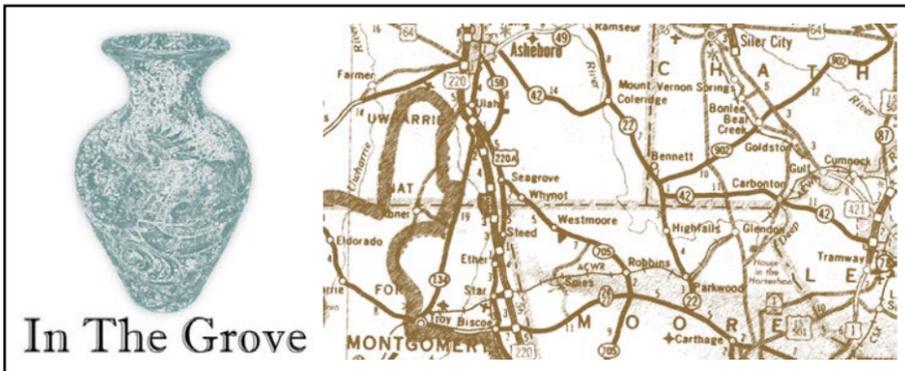


An extraordinary collection of one of a kind, 12" x 12" canvases created by NC clay artists, that will be auctioned at a reception starting at 4pm at the North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC.



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view the canvases, submit absentee bid and buy tickets (\$15 or 2 for \$25)



In the Grove with Rhonda McCanless

Many of the potters in North Carolina are known for their clay expertise. However, the general public may not know that these clay artists have talents that carry over to other mediums. The North Carolina Pottery Center (NCPC) will hold a unique fundraiser on Feb. 4, 2012, to help showcase some of that overflowing talent.

Clay artists from across the state were invited to participate in "The Potter's Palette." Each participating potter received a blank 12" x 12" canvas to decorate with a medium of their choosing. Many painted, some drew and others even used pottery to complete the canvas. The results are impressive and are currently on display at the NCPC. The canvases are also posted on their website, (www.ncpotterycenter.org). Canvases will be auctioned off to raise money for the center. The event begins at 4pm on Feb. 4, with live music and buffet. Over 80 canvases are featured in the auction, which begins at 5pm.

Tickets are \$15/person or \$25/pair and should be purchased in advance. There will be a limited number of tickets still available at the door. More information can be found on the NCPC website or by calling 336/873-8430.

The NCPC will also feature a new exhibit, *What's Upstairs*, beginning Feb. 17 and ending Apr. 28, 2012. The exhibit is in response to the question most often asked by visitors to the center and will showcase the NCPC's permanent collection.

On Mar. 10 and Apr. 14, patrons can

bring their NC pottery to the NCPC to be identified. Special lectures will be held on those days, as well. Steve C. Compton, curator of the exhibit, will be one of the lecturers. The other will be announced.



In other 'Grove news, the Seagrove Potters of Historic Busbee Road will hold their second annual Valentine's Day event on Feb. 10 and 11, 2012. There are 11 shops, including three museums, a jeweler, a blacksmith and a variety of other crafts available on Busbee Road. Each shop will feature something different. Some will have demonstrations, others will have refreshments and all will have items that would make great gifts for the holiday.

This year, the group is taking the event one step further. Each shop will donate 5% of their sales from the event to a charity of their choice. Charities will include St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Sandhills Children's Center, Brenner Children's Hospital, Humane Society of Moore County, Robbins Area Christian Ministries and Breast Cancer Research.

More information about the event and participating shops can be found at (www.potteryofbusbeeroad.com).

In other 'Grove news, the Seagrove

Area Potters Association (SAPA) has launched a new program. SAPA's new Patron Supporter program will allow patrons special benefits that will not be available to the average pottery shopper.

Patron supporters will pay \$25 per year for an individual membership or \$40 per year for a couple membership. Benefits will include free admission to the Celebration of Seagrove Potters in November, an e-mail newsletter to keep patrons up-to-date on Seagrove pottery events, and invitations to Patron Weekend events.

The first Patron Weekend event was held on Dec. 10, 2011, and was a big success. Patrons who presented their membership cards at one of the 21 participating shops received special discounts, demonstrations, gifts and other special offers

exclusively available to patron supporters.

The next Patron Weekend event is scheduled for this summer. The number of participating shops will vary with each event. More information about how to become a patron supporter can be found at (www.discoverseagrove.com) or can be picked up at most Seagrove area pottery shops.

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NC Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, Features Works from its Collection

In response to our visitors most often asked question, "What's upstairs?" The North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, will present the exhibit, *What's Upstairs?*, showing the NCPC's hidden treasures, on view from Feb. 17 through Apr. 28, 2012.

This was a natural choice for an exhibit as we continue to build our permanent collection of North Carolina pottery. This Exhibit, *What's Upstairs?* showcases our permanent collection and is part of our campaign to represent the state's diverse past, present and ongoing pottery as an important state treasure. The exhibit will also feature two special lectures with a chance for patrons to also have their NC Pottery identified. The identification and lecture days are Mar. 10 and Apr. 14. Guest speakers to be announced.

The North Carolina Pottery Center is the result of years of work by many dedicated individuals who love NC pottery. The award winning building designed by Frank Harmon, utilizes natural light and an interesting use of space. Pottery that is not on exhibit is housed upstairs in open storage



Unsigned, marked "V" from the Catawba Valley Region

that can be seen from the galleries below. In a state known for pottery, the NCPC strives

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