



In The Grove

by Rhonda McCanness



Work by Michael Mahan of From The Ground Up Pottery

Thirty-seven Seagrove pottery shops will welcome visitors with open houses, kiln openings, demonstrations, studio tours, door prizes and more for the Celebration of Spring, Apr. 26 and 27, 2014. It's the biggest open studio tour of the year. Each shop will celebrate in its own unique way. Participating shops will have special event signs to mark the way. Brochures and maps can be picked up at each of these shops. For more information, visit

(www.CelebrationOfSeagrovePotters.com).

The North Carolina Pottery Center's latest exhibition, *Teachers of Tradition: NC's Folk Heritage Award-Winning Potters* is still on view until Apr. 26, 2014. This temporary exhibition highlights and honors the work of thirteen of the state's outstanding traditional potters. The NCPC is located at 233 East Avenue in Seagrove. For more information, call 336/873-8430 or visit (www.NCPotteryCenter.org).



Works by Bruce Gholson & Samantha Henneke

Bulldog Pottery will hold "Daffie Days" Apr. 4 and 5, 2014, from 10am to 5pm. The event welcomes the beginning of spring and celebrates the flowers that come with the season. Artists Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke invite visitors to join in lively conversation about their recent work and enjoy refreshments. A variety of elegant vases and an array of studio art pottery created by Gholson and Henneke will be featured. Bulldog Pottery is located five miles south of the Seagrove stoplight at 3306 US Highway 220 Alternate. For more information, call 336/302-3469 or visit (www.BulldogPottery.blogspot.com).

Pottery Road Studio and Gallery will hold a "Birds and Blooms" event Apr. 5, 2014, from 10am to 5pm. The violas and muscari surrounding the shop will be in full bloom for the event. Artists Don and Susan Walton will have new work available, including birdhouses, vases, flower arranging pieces and other springtime pots. Pottery Road is located at 1387 NC Highway 705 South. For more information, call 336/707-9124 or visit (www.PotteryRoad.com).

Bulldog Pottery in Seagrove, NC, Offers "Daffie Days" - Apr. 4 & 5, 2014

Celebrate the Vase on Apr. 4-5, 2014, 10am-5pm, with potters Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke of Bulldog Pottery in Seagrove, NC, by attending "Daffie Days - Hello Spring! A Celebration of the Ubiquitous Daffodil".

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Works from Dover Pottery

Dover Pottery invites visitors "Down the Rabbit Hole: a Collection of Whimsical Teaware and Other Delightfully Droll Creations" on Apr. 26, 2014, from 10am to 5pm. The event will feature whimsical tea sets designed and crafted by 3 Legged Cat, a new project by Fiva McCanness and Jared Zehmer at Dover Pottery. Light refreshments of tea and cookies will be available. Dover Pottery is located at 321 Dover Pottery Drive in Seagrove. For more information, call 910/464-3586.



A view from last year's iron pour at FireFest.

Coming up in May is FireFest at STARworks, May 2-4, 2014. FireFest is a three-day celebration of the role of fire in the creation of art. Ceramic artist Cristina Córdova and glass artist Ché Rhodes have been invited to create art, hold slide shows and participate in finale events involving fire.

Daily admission is \$5 and a weekend pass is \$10. Admission includes lectures, slide shows, live music, finale events and more. Visitors will have the opportunity to try working with hot glass, metal or clay by participating in STARworks Open Studios for an additional \$10. More in-depth workshops will be offered for those who are more serious about a particular medium. Food and locally-brewed beer will be available on site.

STARworks is located seven miles south of Seagrove at 100 Russell Drive in Star, NC. For more information, call 910/428-9001 or visit (www.STARworksNC.org).

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like pencil and paper, clay and water - and in the pottery community of Seagrove you will find a dynamic duo working and living at Bulldog Pottery. Potters, Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke are a pair and work side by side in their studio creating pottery

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Museum Hours:
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that is nearly impossible to resist. And for those who collect, create, or covet ceramics or those just beginning to explore the beauty of shaped clay should head on out to their "Daffie Days".



Work by Samantha Henneke

Join them when they display their newest vases, a form that is the potters' path to connect people to the beauty of spring blooming flora. Every spring Gholson and



Work by Bruce Gholson

Henneke focus on their carefully crafted and glazed vase forms to celebrate beautiful spring flowers, especially the queen of all - the ubiquitous daffodil, whose many varieties bloom from mid-January to early May.

Everyone gets a cup of coffee and a slice of the latest yummy coming out of the oven. Bulldog Pottery is located 5 miles south of the town of Seagrove, NC, at 3306 US Highway 220 Alt. (Exit 58 Black Ankle or Exit 61 Seagrove).

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call 336/302-3469 or visit (www.bulldogpottery.com).

STARworks in Star, NC, Offers 2014 FireFest - May 2 - 4, 2014

STARworks in Star, NC, will offer the 2014 FireFest, a three-day celebration of the role of fire in the creation of art - May 2-4, 2014.

FireFest features glass, ceramics and metal, all of which incorporate fire to create art. Special guests ceramic artist Cristina Córdova and glass artist Ché Rhodes will create art, hold slide shows and participate in finale events involving fire.

Córdova was selected for "40 Under 40: Craft Futures" at the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum in 2012. Rhodes is an associate professor and head of Studio Glass at the University of Louisville, Allen R. Hite Art Institute in

Kentucky.

FireFest activities include workshops, demonstrations and slide shows in glass, metal and ceramics, special finale events involving fire, including an iron pour and a large ceramic sculpture firing and more.

STARworks Open Studios will be held Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. Open Studios will give visitors the opportunity to try working with hot glass, metal or clay. Food and locally brewed beer will be available on site. An art sale featuring work by several local artists will be held in the STARworks Gallery throughout the event.

Friday night's opening ceremonies

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