

Celebration of Seagrove Potters' Spring Kiln Opening Takes Place in Seagrove, NC - Apr. 21 & 22, 2018

The 10th Annual Spring Kiln Openings and Studio Tours of the Seagrove, NC, potteries will take place on the weekend of Apr. 21 and 22, 2018, Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm. The annual Celebration of Spring in Seagrove is a self-guided tour of individual pottery galleries, studios and workshops. It is held at participating shops located from the downtown city center and throughout the countryside. Over 55 local potters will host kiln openings, studio tours, demonstrations.



Works from Bulldog Pottery

Spring has always been a time for renewal and awakening in Seagrove and this year an unprecedented number of shops are opening their doors at the same time to Celebrate spring. From the downtown and nestled throughout the countryside, visitors tour individual potter's studios and workshops and shop for pottery pieces fresh from the kilns. Some potteries will have demonstrations, hands-on activities, food and music. Go behind the scenes to experience the process first hand and have the unique opportunity to meet the artists before buying pottery to take home and enjoy.

Those attending will have the opportunity to win a gift certificate for \$150 that can be used at one of the participating Celebration of Spring shops. Pick up a card at one of the shops (or download it from the website), get it stamped in six shops and mail it back by May 5, 2018. Qualifying cards will be entered in a drawing, which will take place the weekend of May 15. This event is presented by the Seagrove Area Potters Association.

The Spring Tour Guide can be downloaded from (www.discoverseagrove.com) and includes a map, shop hours and listing of the participating shops. You can also go to Facebook to see who is participating at (www.Facebook.com/CelebrationofSeagrovepotters), and link to the individual artists for more information.



Work from From the Ground Up

The list of participants for 2018 include: Ben Owen Pottery, Blue Hen Pottery, Blue Stone Pottery, Bulldog Pottery, Cady Clay Works, Cagle Road Pottery, Carolina Crockery, Chris Luther Pottery, Chriscoe Pottery, Crystal King Pottery, Daniel & Kate Johnston Pottery, Dean & Martin Pottery, Dirt Works Pottery, Donna Craven Pottery, Donna's Pottery Haven, Dover Pottery, Eck McCanless Pottery, Pottery by Frank Neef, From the Ground Up, Great White Oak Gallery, Hatfield Pottery, Humble Mill Pottery, JLK Jewelry at Jugtown, Johnston & Gentithes Art Pottery, Jugtown Pottery, Keith Martindale Pottery, Kings Pottery, Kovack Pottery, Latham's Pottery, Levi Mahan Pottery, Luck's Ware Pottery, Lufkin Pottery, Matthew Kelly Pottery, McNeill Pottery, Michele Hastings & Jeff Brown Pottery, Nichols Pottery, O'Quinn Pottery,



Work from JLK Jewelry

Old Gap Pottery, Pottery Junction, Pottery Road Studio & Gallery, Potts Pottery, Redhare Pottery, Ray Pottery, Rock House Pottery, Seagrove Art Pottery, Seagrove Stoneware Pottery, Smith Pottery, Studio Touya, Stuempfle Pottery, Thomas Pottery, Tom Gray Pottery, Triple C Pottery, Turn & Burn, Village Pottery, Whynot Pottery & Acacia Tile, Windsong Pottery, and Wyndham & Brookhaven Pottery.



Work from Whynot Pottery

Seagrove is in the central piedmont of North Carolina. Seagrove is the largest community of potters with the longest continual history of pottery making in the United States. More than 100 ceramic artists call this tourist destination home. Seagrove potteries are open year-round and visitors can shop galleries and studios from the town's center, extending to a 20-mile radius along the scenic NC Pottery Highway. Tour different shops to experience Seagrove's pottery tradition, meet the potters and discover the limitless talent that thrives within this creative community.

Seagrove's long history of pottery making began with the abundant and varied natural clay deposits found in the vicinity. This history has continued with 4th and 5th generations carrying on the tradition. Due to the area's rich heritage, national and international ceramic artists have relocated to Seagrove, adding to the diversity of this unique pottery community.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, contact Alexa Moddero or Bobbie Thomas at 336/707-9124. Seagrove Area Potters Association, P. O. Box 309, Seagrove, NC, 27341. E-mail to (contact@discoverseagrove.com) or visit (www.discoverseagrove.com).



Firefest

April 6 & 7

featuring artists Sunkoo Yuh, Ethan Stern & Mac Metz

A 2-day festival celebrating the role of fire in the creation of art. Participate in workshops in clay, glass & metal, watch demonstrations, listen to artist talks & enjoy finale events involving fire. Live band, food trucks, beer garden on site.

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North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, Offers Exhibition of Sculptural Ceramics

The North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, will present *Different Shapes: Sculptural Ceramics in North Carolina*, on view from Apr. 13 through June 15, 2018. A reception will be held on Apr. 13, from 5-7pm.

The roots of North Carolina's long and rich pottery tradition lie deep in the creation of utilitarian ware for everyday life, but today's ceramics encompass much more, embracing a wide range of forms, styles, and technologies. *Different Shapes* is a celebration of the diversity of sculptural work that North Carolina's potters are creating now.

Featured artists include: Cynthia Aldrich, Nikki Blair, Will Dickert, Brian Evans, Holly Fischer, Carol Gentithes, Becky Gray, Billy Ray Hussey, Tinka Jordy, Jeff Kiefer, Tomoo Kitamura, Eric Knoche, Ellen Kong, Andrew Massey, Jenny Mastin, Jeff Pender, Joseph Sand, Kathy Triplett, Aaron Wilcox, and Dina Wilde-Ramsing.

Many pieces in this exhibition are available for purchase. Purchased pieces must remain in the exhibition until it ends.

The North Carolina Pottery Center is the only state-wide facility in the nation devoted solely to pottery. Designed, funded, and constructed through the labors of many citizens, the center opened to the public in Seagrove, NC, on Nov. 7, 1998. The North Carolina Pottery Center is a dynamic and engaging place where people of all backgrounds, ages, and interests discover the beauty and the stories behind North Carolina's world-class clay culture. We are the first stop for visitors arriving in Seagrove and a place to which people will return to learn about North Carolina pottery. Visitors enjoy the beauty of our campus and are delighted by our interior spaces. We provide them with information about ceramic artists in the local area and throughout the state, and we are a gateway through which visitors enhance their appreciation of North Carolina's clay culture.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Center at 336/873-8430 or visit (www.ncpotterycenter.org).

STARworks in Star, NC, Offers Festival of Fire - Apr. 6 & 7, 2018

The small town of Star, NC, will be aglow with fiery fun during Firefest at STARworks, Apr. 6 and 7, 2018. Firefest is a two-day festival celebrating the role of fire in the creation of art.

The event includes blazing finales, demonstrations in clay, glass and metal, artist talks, live music, food trucks, beer garden and the opportunity for attendees to get their hands dirty. Guest artists have been invited to create sculptures, present

their work during artist talks and participate in finale events involving fire.

Firefest attendees can try working with hot glass, metal and clay during STARworks Open Studios on Friday evening. More in-depth workshops in each medium will be offered Saturday.

New for Firefest this year is "Kids Draw It, We Make It," taking place Friday evening at 7:30pm. Local children, ages

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