

# Bulldog Pottery - Cousins

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tery celebrating the spirit of the area's long history of artisans working in clay.



Work by Samantha Henneke

Dan Anderson taught for 32 years at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and retired from teaching in 2002 to become a full-time studio potter. Anderson's pots combine his love of architectural shapes and his fascination for decal illustrations with his sparky sense of humor. He finds his ceramics a joy to make and when he is finished with the final decal firing... he admits, there is nothing like them in the whole wide world. Anderson will demonstrate on Sunday, June 1, from 1:30-2:30pm, and talk about his perception of the good pot and his experiences as a potter and teacher.



Work by Dan Anderson

Blair Clemo is one of the up-and-coming potters of the 21st century. He received his MFA from Alfred University in 2010 and has given presentations and workshops throughout the USA. He was an artist in residence at the International Ceramics Studio in Kecskemét, Hungary, and recently finished a teaching video for the nationally



Work by Michael Kline

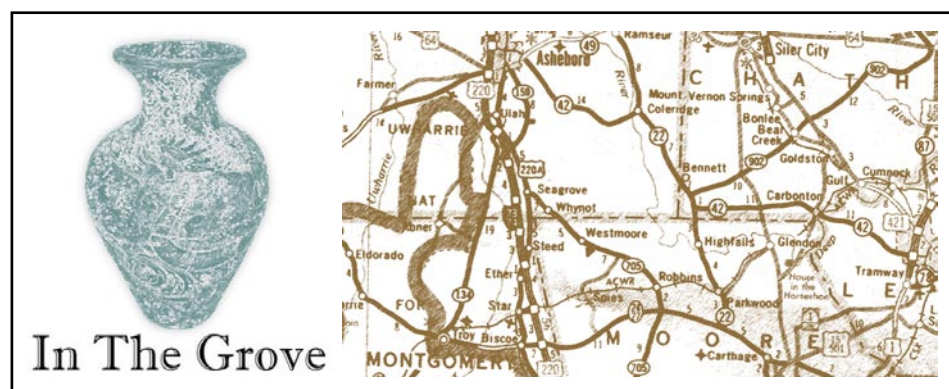
known *Ceramics Monthly* magazine's online resource *Ceramics Arts Daily*. Clemo has accepted a tenured track teaching position beginning this fall at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. He will give a demonstration at "Cousins in Clay" on Saturday, at 3pm.

Bulldog Pottery's Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke make strong and harmonious functional pottery and for the past 15 years have specialized in unusual molybdenum crystalline glazes on their vases and ceramic wall art paintings. Their NC mountain cousin Michael Kline is known for his lyrical floral brushwork that gracefully wraps around his wood-fired traditional forms. Kline presents workshops around the country and writes a mighty fine blog at ([www.sawdustanddirt.com](http://www.sawdustanddirt.com)).

Pick up a Seagrove Potters map while at Bulldog Pottery's "Cousins in Clay" and make it a weekend visiting the Seagrove Potteries. Seagrove, NC, is synonymous with ceramics. A unique group of over 100 potters, and over 65 open pottery shops, are located within a short distance (a 10-15 minute drive) from the town of Seagrove, making it a destination for serious pottery shopping and a time to meet the "Cousins in Clay" who are proud to make art you live with.

Bulldog Pottery is located at 3306 US Hwy. 220 Alt, Seagrove, NC 27341.

For more information, visit ([www.cousinsinclay.com](http://www.cousinsinclay.com)), call Bruce or Samantha at 336/302-3469 or 910/428-9728, or e-mail to ([bulldog@bulldogpottery.com](mailto:bulldog@bulldogpottery.com)) for more information.



by Rhonda McCanless

May in Seagrove is filled with spring kiln openings, special guest artists, a new exhibition at the pottery center and more.



Works by Neolia Cole Womack

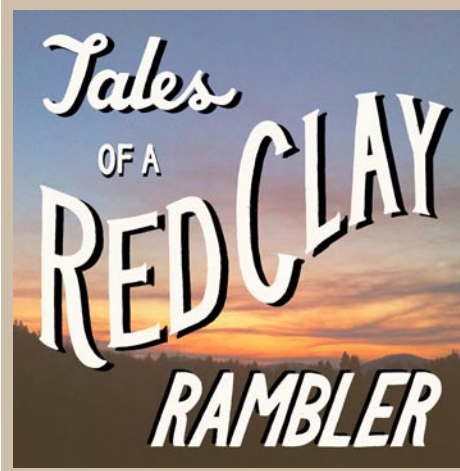
The North Carolina Pottery Center's newest exhibition, *Neolia, Keeper of the Cole Tradition: A Retrospective*, will be on display May 10 through July 26, 2014. The opening reception on May 10, from noon

to 2pm, is free and open to the public. The exhibition will explore the range of forms and richly colored glazes produced by the Sanford Coles over the past 80 years. The NCPCC is located at 233 East Avenue in Seagrove. For more information, call 336/873-8430 or visit ([www.NCPotteryCenter.org](http://www.NCPotteryCenter.org)).

David Stuempfle Pottery will hold a Spring Kiln Sale May 17 and 24, 2014, from 9am to 5pm. The sale will feature Stuempfle's latest wood-fired pieces. The shop, located at 1224 Dover Church Road in Seagrove, is only open for special events and by appointment. For more information, visit ([www.stuempflepottery.com](http://www.stuempflepottery.com)).

Donna Craven Pottery Spring Kiln Opening is May 31, from 9am to 5pm. There will be lots of pots available from the freshly fired wood kiln, including new vases and planters for spring. The shop is located at 2616 Old Cox Road in Asheboro. For more information, call 336/629-8173 or e-mail to ([donnacraven@embarqmail.com](mailto:donnacraven@embarqmail.com)).

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The Tales of a Red Clay Rambler Podcast features interviews with artists and culture makers from around the world. Hosted by ceramic artist Ben Carter, the show explores how the ideas and aesthetics of the interviewed artists reflect the greater cultures that surround them.

Carter was the educational director of the Pottery Workshop Shanghai from 2010 - 2012 and has been an artist-in-residence at Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass, CO, The Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, MT, and the Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center in Skaelskor, Denmark. He has exhibited internationally and taught workshops at art institutions in the United States, China, Australia, and New Zealand. He was also a resident at the Odyssey Center in Asheville, NC, for a few years - which brings him back the NC from time to time. For a complete biography and resume please visit the about page at [www.carterpottery.com](http://www.carterpottery.com).

For Podcast on NC Potters, select episodes 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 at this link (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/tales-red-clay-rambler-podcast/id523651655>).

If you like what you hear you might want to sign up for the newsletter. To join the list click the following link and sign up in the box below the streaming player: (<http://www.carterpottery.blogspot.com/2009/05/welcome-to-tales-of-red-clay-rambler.html>).



Work by Ben Carter



Work by Blair Clemo

"Cousins in Clay" at Bulldog Pottery is May 31, from 10am to 5pm, and June 1, 2014, from 10am to 4pm. Potters Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke have invited pottery artists Dan Anderson, Michael Kline and Blair Clemo to participate. Chronis Pou Vasilioiu will play Greek Bouzouki music on Saturday, and Clemo will demonstrate from 3 to 4pm. The potters' potluck on Sunday at noon is open to everyone to bring a dish and share. Anderson will demonstrate and talk about his icon inspirations on Sunday, from 1:30 to 2:30pm.

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 the shop's blog at ([www.BulldogPottery.blogspot.com](http://www.BulldogPottery.blogspot.com)).

FireFest at STARworks, takes place 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, visit ([www.STARworksNC.org](http://www.STARworksNC.org)) or call 910/428-9001.

Coming up in June, Tom Gray Pottery has been invited for a second time to exhibit in Cedar Creek Gallery's *National Teapot Show*, June 6 through Sept. 7, 2014. The show features more than 200 teapots created by more than 160 American craftspeople. The gallery is in Creedmoor, NC. To learn more, visit ([www.CedarCreekGallery.com](http://www.CedarCreekGallery.com)). Tom Gray Pottery is located at 1480 Fork Creek Mill Road in Seagrove. For more information, visit ([www.TomGrayPottery.com](http://www.TomGrayPottery.com)).



Work by Frank Neef

Pottery by Frank Neef will hold its 4th Anniversary Celebration on June 7, 2014, from 10am to 5pm. The celebration will include tours of the studio, refreshments and demonstrations of throwing on the wheel and Neef's unique cutting techniques. The shop is located at 258 East Main Street in Seagrove. To learn more, visit ([www.PotteryByFrankNeef.com](http://www.PotteryByFrankNeef.com)).

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