

### **BULLDOG POTTERY GHOLSON & HENNEKE**

Seagrove, NC www.cousinsinclay.com

## COUSINS IN CLAY JUNE 3 & 4, 2017

## **PROUD TO MAKE ART** You Live With

Samantha

# 9th Cousins in Clay

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you to their rural pottery community of Seagrove in central North Carolina. Pick up a Seagrove Potters map while at Bulldog Pottery's "Cousins in Clay" and make it a weekend of visiting Seagrove Potteries. The Woodfire NC pre-conference will be firing up Seagrove kilns throughout the weekend.

Seagrove is synonymous with ceramics. A unique group of over 70 open pottery shops throughout the year are located within a short distance from the town of Seagrove, making it a destination for serious pottery shopping and a time to meet the potters, who are proud to make art you live with. A visit with the Seagrove potters of North

Carolina will help you appreciate the wide variations of clays, glazes and types of kiln firings. Visit the potters where they live, make and sell their pots - pots of art and pots of function.

Bruce

Bulldog Pottery is located at 3306 US Hwy. 220 Alt., 5 miles south of Seagrove's traffic light - look for the blue water tower beside their driveway.

For more information about the potters and "Cousins in Clay," visit their website at (www.cousinsinclay.com), or call Samantha or Bruce at 910/428-9728 or cell, 336/302-3469. There is no admission fee for this event.

work to, taking place May 26 through June 7. Registration fee for the Seagrove preconference is \$225 for general admission and \$125 for students.

**Michael** 

The mountains pre-conference will be held in and around Asheville. Participants and organizers have assembled the region's top wood fire potters and will host national and international guests. During the week of June 1 through June 7, participants can enjoy firings, exhibitions, demonstrations, studio tours, parties, music and more.

Mountain participants are guaranteed 4.5 cubic feet of work in the firings, which equates to three shelves of 9-inch pots or a 20-inch cube. The mountains pre-conference admission is \$225 for general admission and \$175 for students.

Registration for the main conference, held at STARworks, is \$245 for general admission and \$195 for students. Lunch will be provided for main conference attendees on Friday and Saturday.

A full schedule of events for both preconferences and the main conference can be found online at (<u>www.woodfirenc.com</u>). Information on guest artists, exhibitions, travel arrangements and accommodations can also be found on the website.

Lindsay & Kenyon **Guest Cousins** 

Those interested in volunteering should contact Mary Holmes by e-mailing to (mary@centralparknc.org) or calling 910/ 428-9001.

Woodfire NC is sponsored in part by STARworks Ceramics, North Carolina Pottery Center, National Endowment of the Arts, North Carolina Arts Council, The Log Book and Larkin.

STARworks is located at 100 Russell Drive in Star, just off I-73/74 in northern Montgomery County.

For more information, visit (www.STARworksNC.org), call 910/428-9001 or e-mail to (contact@starworksnc.org).

## **Conference Takes Place at STARworks in Star, NC - June 8-11**

**An International Wood Fire** 

STARworks, the North Carolina Pottery Center and wood fire potters of North Carolina will host Woodfire NC, an international wood fire conference, June 8 - 11 at STARworks in Star, NC.

Panelists, lecturers and demonstrators will explore all aspects of wood firing during the three-day conference. Topics will include the historical, ethical and environmental aspects pertaining to the field. Panelists will discuss the role of clay in the firing process, along with loading, cooling, color, kiln design and marketing wood fired pots. There are 60 wood fire ceramic artists participating in the main conference.

A series of pre-conference wood firing workshops will take place May 26 through June 7 in Asheville and Seagrove, NC. Seagrove pre-conference attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy ceramic exhibitions, tours and a large scale sculpture firing, as well as contribute work to wood firings, participate in firing shifts and attend



other special events with more than 20 Seagrove wood fire artists and their guests from around the world.

Seagrove participants can customize their pre-conference schedule based on the kiln firings they would like to contribute continued above on next column to the right

## **Between Potters and Painters Takes** place in Seagrove, NC - May 20

**Pots and Paint, A Joint Effort** 

Experience a new adventure as potters and painters come together to share their inspiration. Seven Seagrove, NC, pottery shops and seven painters from NC Plein Air Painters of the Carolinas have a special day planned on May 20, 2017, from 9am-4pm. Become an art enthusiast as you meet the artists, learn about pottery and plein air or outdoor painting.

Watch the painters' artistic visions of still life arrangements, landscapes and historical buildings develop before your eyes. The best part is you'll have the opportunity to own the paintings and pottery as a fond reminder of your trip! Make plans to spend the day in Seagrove on a self guided tour for

this paint-out event on May 20, 2017, rain date will be the following weekend May 27. Participating pottery shops include: Crystal King, From the Ground Up Pottery, JLK Jewelry & Jugtown Pottery, Smith Pottery, Thomas Pottery, and Westmoore Pottery.

Participating NC Plein-Air painters include: Joyce Cavanagh-Wood, Joyce Metters, Cheryl Powell, Amy Queen, Liese Sadler, Phyllis Steimel, and Robin Wellner.

This event is free and open to the public. Maps are available at each pottery shop.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings or call 336/879-4145.

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be May 24th for the June 2017 issue and June 24 for the July 2017 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now. And where do you send that info? E-mail to (info@carolinaarts.com)

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