

Texas Gulf Coast Ceramics Society

February 2008 Newsletter

Request for Help with the 2008 Show

Please look over the following list of Show Jobs and contact either Wanda Fontenot or Julie Pourteau to sign up for one or more of the jobs you can help with. It will take all of us to have a successful show and it is time to start working on it now. Please contribute to the effort.

Show Jobs

Booth Chairperson: Glenn Pourteau (409)316-1711; nbe@bayoucityplumbing.com

Contact all previous and potential new vendors concerning booth rental: We can all help with this, but report your efforts to Glenn. _____ - _____ - _____

Put together vendor packets: Wanda Fontenot _____ . _____

Make Name Tags _____

Brochure Chairperson: _____

Contact all previous advertisers about brochure ads: _____

Contact all vendors about brochure ads _____

Contact anyone and everyone about brochure ads _____

Lay out pages of brochure _____

Arrange for printing of brochure _____

Prepare member page for brochure _____

Competition Chairperson: Pat Ramsay (281)705-6011; ptandle@verizon.net

Arrange for judges: Pat Ramsay

Order and pick up trophies and ribbons: _____

Take in competition entries: Wanda Fontenot; Margie Adams; Jeanne Bell

Place entries on tables _____

Place ribbon dividers on competition tables: _____

Staple comment sheets to entry tags: _____

Arrange for or provide judges lunch _____

Move major award pieces to front table _____

Return pieces to entrants: _____

Hospitality Chairperson: Cindy Cornick; (281)428-2651

Arrange for BBQ _____

Advertising Chairperson: Jeanne Bell; (832)483-3051; jbell52451@yahoo.com

Design show ad for magazines and brochures _____

Design flier and poster to give to shops _____

Write press release _____

Send press release to all newspapers, radio and TV stations _____

Make copies of fliers and posters and see to it that all interested shops receive them _____

Ticket Booth Chairperson: _____

Work at ticket booth _____

Work at raffle booth: Wanda Fontenot _____

Prize Chairperson: Wanda Fontenot; (713)875-0674; wfontenot@playtimeceramics.com

Collect door prizes _____

Collect grab bags or items to go in grab bags: _____

Bag items for grab bags: _____

Make & Take Chairperson: Margie Adams; (832)689-2791; margieca@pdq.net

Slots filled so far: Cindy Cornick; Becky Jurtshuk; _____

There are jobs at the show that everyone connected to the TGCCS or the Show are expected to participate. Those jobs are:

Make sure room is clean when we leave: All members are expected to help and all vendors are to clean-up their own area.

Visit non-member shops to promote the show. Everyone is asked to promote the show as we go about our business/hobby.

With every member's help and enthusiasm for the show we can put on a wonderful show and help this industry rebound to some of its former glory. Please get excited and do your part to help the show be a success. Call the Chairperson listed above the job you are interest in helping with or, if you can take on the Chair position for the positions not filled, call Julie Pourteau, Show Chairman, or Wanda Fontenot, TGCCS President.

Visit our website at houstonsceramics.org. You'll find it has expanded and contains a list of all members, a calendar of events, a message board, numerous links and up-to-date information on the ceramic happenings in the Houston area.

New Members are needed to grow and support our organization and our businesses and hobbies. Please bring guests to the meeting that have an interest in fired arts and encourage your friends to join the Texas Gulf Coast Ceramic Society. You **do not** have to be a member of TGCCS to help with the show, but we would love to have you join!

Special Techniques: Wanda Fontenot suggested I try the following on a piece I did for Becky's Ceramic Studio that came out of the glaze firing very pitted with bare spots where the glaze pulled away from the bisque: Paint a dark soft drink (I used Dr. Pepper) all over the piece, after filling in the bare spots with glaze and let it dry. Fire again to cone 06 and walla! The pitting is gone and I had a nice smooth surface. I was amazed and haven't a clue why it works, but it does. Wanda got this idea from Becky Jurtshuk and she remembered it was something her sister did to repair pieces years ago.

Upcoming Classes (For more detail info call – shops listed on the Local Member Shop section)

Scheduled Classes: I'm sure there is more going on out there, but no one has called me or emailed me with events to be posted here.

Becky's Ceramic Studio: The **NEW** Duncan Distributor in town!! Becky's shop is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 3pm and on Thursday evenings from 5pm to 9pm if students confirm attendance. Becky will also open at other times by appointment 832-651-2199.

Scheduled Classes are at Becky's Ceramic Studio in LaPorte:

David Hoff, Teacher	Thurs., March 13 th	Duncan Essentials I
David Hoff, Teacher	Fri., March 14 th	Duncan Essentials II
David Hoff, Teacher	Sat., March 15 th	Duncan Essentials III
David Hoff, Teacher	Sun., March 16 th	Duncan Essentials IV
Gene Brennan, Teacher	Sat., March 22 nd	Southern Magnolias (Majolica)
Ginnie Conroe	April 18, 19, 20	Working w/clay & crystals
Gene Brennan, Teacher	Sat, May 17 th	Fantasy Cat
John Duncan, Teacher	Sat., June 21st	Spring Dandelions (piping & Underglaze)
Gene Brennan, Teacher	Sat., July 19 th	Pen & Ink on gourd – Winter Birds
Gene Brennan, Teacher	Sat., August 16 th	Doc Holliday Certification Class – Wet Brushing

Katy Ceramics: Classes are posted on line or call LeAnn at the number posted below for Katy Country. The web site is: www.Katyceramics.com or www.Katycountry.com

Sell - Buy - Trade – Want

Jim Brennan repairs kilns and sells used kilns including new Paragon Kilns. Call (832) 385-6831 Brennan’s Pride still has bisque, greenware, counters and showcases for sale. If you are interested, call Gene at (832)621-5338 to make an appointment.



Mold, Molds, Who’s Got the Mold:

John & Jim looking for the Budgie “sitting on the world” mold. Who has one? Cindy Cornick is looking for the mold of an eagle with his wings spread. Gene is looking for just the head to the Byron Eagle...if someone got it from JoAnn’s molds earlier this year, please let Gene know as she has the other parts. Becky is looking for an old Duncan Mold #980 or 989 of a small whale with tongue sticking out (it’s suppose to be an ashtray).

Molds for Sale:

Brennan’s still have new and used molds. If interested, call Gene (832)621-5338.

Local Member Shops

<u>Shop’s Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Products</u>
Bell’s Little Treasures	Pearland	(281) 483-3051	Porcelain– Molds – Slip – Classes
Brennan’s Pride	N/A	832-621-5338	Colors for Earth products-Dona’s Hues-Dona’s Molds - Doc Holliday Molds & Paint
Kiln Repair & Classes Scheduled by appointment only			
E & H Ceramics	Houston	(713) 921-2045	Colorific Porcelain-Rex Tools-Form-a-Leaf-Clay for Hand building
Becky’s Ceramic Studio	LaPorte	(827)471-0110	Greenware-Bisque-Molds-Slip-Classes-Mayco-Gare-Ceramichrome-Kimple
Backyard Ceramics	Baytown	(281) 428-2651	Duncan Distributor-Classes-Greenware-Bisque
Katy Ceramics	Katy	(281) 391-9555	
Playtime Ceramics	Santa Fe	(409) 316-1711	
Jean’s Ceramics	Houston	(281) 442-1786	

Local Non-member Shops

<u>Shop’s Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Products</u>
Ceramic & Pottery Center	League City	(281) 332-4490	
Al-Pat Ceramics	Houston	(281) 495-2043	
Mary Lou’s Ceramics	LaPorte	(281)471-0714	
M & T Ceramics	Webster	(281) 280-0175	Greenware – Bisque - Slip
Monica’s House of Ceramics	Houston	(281) 564-4997	

Last Minutes Thoughts

Emails are nice! If you decided and would like to join our society mailing list or be removed, please send email to: wfontenot@playtimeceramics.com or call one of our member shops.

Jim and I would like to thank all of you for your friendship and support over the past 5 years we have had Brennan’s Pride EnterpriZes, Ceramics, Etc. open to the public. We hope to see you when we come back during the winter months and wish you all much success and satisfaction with the art of ceramics.

REMEMBER: The next meeting of the TGCCS will be **Monday, 7pm, March 3, 2008**, at the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on Scarsdale. Please come and share your ideas, enthusiasm and companionship with us. **Bring a friend! If you need a ride or directions, call one of the member shops listed above.**

Gene Thornton-Brennan
Corresponding Secretary