

NEWS LETTER

In the know...

- We meet on the 1st Monday of the month at Mt. Olive Lutheran church at 7:00 PM. Located at 10310 Scarsdale, Houston. Please come and join us, you do not have to be a member to attend. We have several people in the area that travel to the meetings and they are willing to car-pool.
- **2006 Dues of \$24.00 are now due, please see Margie Adams for you payment.**

2006 Officers

President: Jeanne Bell

Vice President: Wanda Fontenot

Treasure: Margie Adams

Recording Secretary: Kathy Allen

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Bertsch

Parliamentarian: Pat Ramsay

Show Chairperson: Julie Pourteau

Next Meeting March 6th

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come and visit us and meet the new faces of the society.

MadeInFire Update

MadeInFire Ceramic Products has been sold to Starlite Mold Company. Starlite will be manufacturing MadeInFire molds, colors, and brushes. Starlite will begin moving the company in mid March. It is likely that will not be able to get MadeInFire merchandise for several weeks during the moving period.

Anyone wanting MadeInFire things from us before the move or for the Dayton (Midwest) Ceramic Show April 7, 8, and 9 must have their order to us no later than noon Tuesday February 28.

**Come see what our
Demonstration will be
done by Pat Ramsay**

Up Coming Classes

Brennan's Pride Class Schedule: *Call Shop for more info 281.585.8888*

Mar. 2	CFE Tulip Product Knowledge (on 2 tiles or choice of ware) AM or PM	\$25 for class
Mar. 5	Lace Drape or Porcelain project with Gene	TBD
Mar. 7	Doc Holliday Certification: Majolica Sunflower AM or PM	\$25 for class
Mar. 14	Valentina, Painted with Victory Spanish Colors	TBD
Mar. 16	Airbrushing on piece of your choice	\$25 for class
Mar. 17	Porcelain Projects taught by Gene & Jeanne (cost does not include supplies)	\$40 for class
Mar. 18	Duncan U, Strawberries in gold - Teacher: Tracy Hughes	\$35 for class
Mar. 21	Doc Holliday Certification: Underglaze Poinsettia AM or PM	\$35 for class
Mar. 23	Texas Blue Bonnets, By Gene AM or PM	\$35 for class
Mar. 25	Raku Party, limit 6 people (all inclusive)	\$40 for class
Mar. 28	Duncan U, 3 hour class - Teacher: Tracy Hughes	\$35 for class
Mar. 28	Clay Hand Building, By Gene	TBD

Who's having classes?

We have had several emails and calls from all over the gulf coast area concerning classes in and around their area's town. If you are a shop and are having classes please let us know.

Mold, Mold who's got the mold???

- Gene Brennan is looking for the eagle that is on the stump that is made by Byron, and a Confederate Soldier.
- John Duncan is looking for the parakeet that is sitting on top of the world.

Please let us know if you're looking for something in particular, even if it is a piece or product, we will help you find it.

Like it or Spike it

If you have found any new product or technique and you want to share, please send an email to Christine:
ceramicshouston@yahoo.com
 or mention it at the next meeting

Meeting Reminders:

Refreshments & Snacks: March-Christine
 April-Wanda
 May-John
 June-Jeanne

Anyone who wants to bring in a piece for "Show and Tell" is very welcomed to do so.

Demonstrations: March-Pat Ramsay
 April-John Duncan
 May-Gene Brennan

Happy Birthday !!!

For those of you who have one in February !!!!

We want to take a moment to welcome our newest member
 Cindy Cornick of Backyard Ceramics

Claudia Ann Draper Tabor from Nov 3 Pasadena citizen, from J. Webb

Claudia Ann Draper Tabor passed away Oct. 30, 2005 from complications of Multiple Sclerosis. She was a long time citizen of Pasadena, her family owned The Pasadena Hobby Shop for 40 years. Claudia was a talented artist as well as a business woman operating that business for a while after her parents had passed away and until Claudia retired. Claudia has donated her body to Living Legacy and will later be interred in Del Rio at the family cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society Lone Star Chapter, 8111 N. Stadium Dr. Suite 100, Houston, TX 77054. Web site: www.nationalmssociety.org/txh

It's our 50th Anniversary

September 8th & 9th, 2006 Friday 10AM - 5PM and Saturday 10AM - 4PM

**Lone Star Exhibit Building
9055 Airport Rd. (FM 1484)
Conroe, Tx.**

If you have any questions or want to book your space please contact our Show Chairperson Julie Pourteau 409-316-1711 (*Metro Number, Houstonians Don't Dial 1*) or email to julie@playtimeceramics.com

UP COMING SHOWS

West, Central Ceramic Expo

March 11 & 12, 2006

West Fraternal Auditorium

1000 North IH35, West, TX

(15 mi. north of Waco) Exit 353/354

Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-3

Competitive entries accepted Friday March 10th, 10-7

Awards Sunday March 12th at 3

For more information contact:

Ginny-Rea Urban@ 214.327.8984 or
after 7 254.716.5227

Southwest Ceramic Association

54th Annual Ceramic & Doll Show

April 28, 29, and 30

Show hours Friday and Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-3

will be held at the

Mesquite Convention Center

1700 Rodeo Drive

Mesquite, TX 75149

Competitive entries accepted Wed. April 26th from 11-7

Entry forms available at website: www.swca-inc.com

Admission price per day: \$5.00

Seniors (60+) and Children (6-12): \$3.00

Big News again, From Teddy Bear Molds:

(Jan. 24th, 2006)

I needed to update you on the news that I had received after I had already put out the newsletter, I apologize for any inconvenience this might have brought you. CB

As of Jan 13, 2006 the going out of business sale has been cancelled. We have found a buyer for our company. Mr. Gary Starr of Tucson Arizona will continue production and

operation of Teddy Bear Molds. You can now place orders from the web site or call 520-579-5984. Our new address is:

Teddy Bear Molds

P.O. Box 1515

Cortaro, Arizona 85652

Email: Starr10734@aol.com

Orders placed since Jan 16th will be forwarded to the new owner. Discounts and shipping policy remain the same. More information on the "How to Order" page.

We expect a couple week transition period to fill orders. Return to the web site for more information.

More information at:

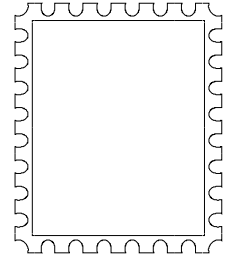
www.teddybearmolds.com

TEXAS GULF COAST CERAMIC SOCIETY

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If you have any questions or comments on this newsletter, please call or email me at the above information. CB



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Member shops:

Bell's Little Treasures	Pearland	(281) 483-3051
Brennan's Pride EnterpriZes	Alvin/Manvel	(281) 585-8888
Charmaine's Ceramics		(281) 341-6426
E & H Ceramics	Houston	(713) 921-2045
J A R Ceramics	Southeast area	(281) 705-6011
M & T Ceramics	Webster	(281) 280-0175
Playtime Ceramics	Santa Fe	(409) 316-1711
The Ceramic & Pottery Center	League City	(281) 332-4490
Jean's Ceramics	Humble	(281)442-1786
Backyard Ceramics	Baytown	(281)428-2651

Products

Pc; Dolls & other porcelain products
G,B,S,P,FP,Pc, HB, & Classes (*Doc Holliday, MadeInFire, Donahues, Colors For Earth, Colorific Porcelain, Crest, Rex Tools & Formaleaf*)
Fabric covered bisque
G, B,M, Sp,& Classes (*Mayco,Gare,Ceramichrome &Kimple*)
FP
G, B, Sp, S & P

G, B, WT, P, & S
G & B
G & B

Non-member Shops:

Alora's	Houston	(713) 682-7878
Dreamcatchers Ceramics	Alvin	(281) 756-8327
Garden Road Ceramics	Pearland	(281) 485-1570
Mary Lou's Ceramics	Pasadena	(281) 998-9987
Katy Country Ceramics	Katy	(281) 391-9555
Monica's House of Ceramics	Houston	(281) 564-4997

Products

Greenware, Firing, Supplies, Mayco
GBSP (Call for hours)
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GBSP
FP

KEY:

G=Greenware, B=Bisque, S=Supplies P=Paint, FP=Finished Pieces, Sp=Slip, Pc=Porcelain, WT= Wheel Throwing, HB=Hand Building