

newsletter wins \$25 of
Duncan products.
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This news from other clubs.
Bill and Musette Young of
Colorado sent the following
information about their local
IADCTT chapter.
“Our chapter here in Colorado
will be holding a regional
education program in August
(we'll have some more
information out on that in the
next couple weeks). The dates
are Fri-Sun, 8-10 August,
with a possible extra program
(separate from the regional)
on Monday.”

SHOW DATES

Upcoming shows in our area include :
San Antonio – Jan 24 – Jan 26
West, Tx - March 8 and 9
Mesquite (Dallas) April 25-27
Alexandria, La May 17 and 18

If you get to attend any of these shows,
please let us know what you saw, heard,
etc.!!!!

Speaking of Shows, the society is
looking for a theme for this years'
Houston Ceramic Show. Contact any
society member with your suggestions to
take to the next meeting for
consideration. The society's next
meeting is February 3. Better yet bring
the suggestions with you as you join us
for fun and ideas.

Last show theme was “Let Freedom



Ring”

News from Local Teacher Courtney Frantz.
“Here's my schedule so far. Feb. 1st Piping
class on Chestnut Blooms @ Katy Cty.
March 1st - Clay Basket Making @ Katy Cty.
April 5th - Clay Batik @ Katy Cty.
May 17th - Piping and clay flower making to
do a Dandelion Teapot

Feb. 16th there may be a class at E & H but
don't know if it will be a clay carving class of
a lighthouse (a Gare class) or another Gare
class called "Sienna Style" which is a very
Italian look.”

Courtney taught a class last month at a
shop in Sugar Land. Here's her comment
about the shop. “I taught a piping class at
Potter's Place. They primarily do thrown
and slab pottery but also do some work on
bisque. It was a nice shop and friendly
people. ... The owner's name is Karen
Cruse. Courtney”
Any members know Karen?

Do you know of a class being offered?
Are you taking a class that you think
others would enjoy? Let us know. We'd
like to fill those classes and then share
that learning with others! Contact any
society member or call 281 534-3325
about upcoming classes.

There will be a “wipe back” technique
on greenware class offered Jan 18 –
Saturday at Cactus Bend Ceramics.
Class will be taught by guest teacher Pat
Ramsay. Call 281 534-3325 for info.
Hope you can attend.

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FYI

Education Fund – if you are an active member of the TGCCS, there is an education fund available to help you take classes to learn more about ceramics. You may be reimbursed a total of \$50 a year (2 classes at \$25 each). If you qualify, keep your receipt for the class and turn it in to the treasurer for reimbursement.

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New Shops?????

Rumor has it there are a couple of people trying to open shops – how exciting. One is in the Baytown area and one in the Alvin-Manville area. Let’s wish them all the luck and keep looking for the shop openings.

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The Ten Commandments of Ceramics
#5 – Thou shalt let thy paint dry thoroughly between coats!
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TIPS FROM SOCIETY MEMBERS

Gloria had a great tip for those who pour their own molds. If you have trouble remembering the small pour holes on the bottom or the sides of the mold for add-ons Mark the main pour hole with an "X" or dots with magic marker or pen to the side of the pour hole to remind you there is another pour once this is drained.

From Bob’s information about APT II presented at the last meeting. Try APT II for ceramics (blue label) on hot spots to get the glaze to adhere to the spot. If you need the spot to be white (not that ugly discolored yellow of fired and glazed hot spots). Add some APT II to white underglaze, paint the hot spot, let dry and clear glaze over it.

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Bob has an idea. Rather than buy an expensive extruder. Empty a caulking tube, fill it with clay and extrude using a caulking gun. We’re going to look for a caulking tube that can be emptied, cleaned and filled with clay. To Be Continued

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MOLD, MOLD, WHOSE GOT THE MOLD?
Has anyone got the Boothe "Paint Brushes" molds. They come in two sizes of handles and 3 different brush heads. Some of us would be interested in purchasing the greenware. Call 281 534-3325 if you have them or know who does.
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"NEWS FROM THE NET"

Creative Paradise has published a list of to be discontinued Kimple molds. Check with Jerry at E&H for sale prices on these molds.

Check out the See No, Hear No, Speak No Rabbits. Too Cute. These will be coming out soon from Creative Paradise.



www.kimple.com

Rumor has it that Duncan will be changing the price of their 2oz OS Stains. Moving the price downward. Does anyone ever lower prices?

www.duncanceramics.com

Boothe has a new "Class in a Bag" by Elsa Riedel. It's a beautiful rose with unusual embellishments.



Boothe has published their new catalog and they have a CD version available.

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