

NEWS

JANUARY 2006

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 are now due, please see Margie Adams for you payment.

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Happy New Year!!!

Texas Gulf Coast Ceramic Society

Congratulations to our new 2006 Officers

We want to welcome them to the 2006 Board and may this be the best year yet. Your 2006 Officers are as follows:

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

Come see what our Demonstration will be For February

Up Coming Classes

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

Jan. 20&28	Baby Doll Part 1 & 2	Teacher: Jeanne Bell	\$10 per class
Feb. 3 & 17	Baby Doll Part 3 & 4	Teacher: Jeanne Bell	\$10 per class
Feb. 2	Texas Blue Bonnets w/ CFE	Day or Evening	\$20 for class
Feb. 4	Tropical Holiday Paradise	Duncan U-Tracy Hughes	\$35 for class
Feb. 7	Acrylics w/ texture	Doc H'day Certification By: Gene	\$35 for class
Feb. 9	Wind Romance Dry Brushing	Teacher: Gene Brennan	\$35 for class
Feb. 10	RAKU Party (includes everything)	6-10 PM Teacher: Gene Brennan	\$40 for class
Feb. 12	Gare : Strawberry Patch	1-5 PM Teacher: John Duncan	\$35 for class
Feb. 16	Ice Mill in Acrylics	Doc H'day Certification By: Gene	\$35 for class
Feb. 18	Fabric Covered Bisque (includes everything)	10a-4:30p Teacher: Susie Franklin	\$30 for class
Feb. 25	Mold Making (includes everything)	Teacher: Glenn Pourteau 9a-4:30p	\$50 for class
Feb. 28	Neon Nasturtiums	6-9 PM Duncan U-Tracy Hughes	\$35 for class

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.*
- *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

Pat Ramsay has found a paint holder that can hold up to a 160 2 oz. Bottles, It is called "The Spinner Paint Rack" She said it takes up very little space and she loved it so much she went and bought another one . She found this at Michaels. It usually runs about \$29.00, but if you wait Michaels usually has a coupon for 40% off in the newspaper and that makes it even a better deal.

Thank you for sharing Pat.

Meeting Reminders:

Refreshments & Snacks:

- February—Jerry
- March—Christine

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

Demonstrations:

- February—Kathy Allen
- March—Gene Brennan

Happy Birthday

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

We want to take a moment to welcome our visitors...

Lindy Doehner &
Lee Bertsch

A Word From Our President...

First, I would like to say a special "Thank you" to all the members who attended the November meeting and participated in the election of officers for 2006. Each of you, the members, are the TGCCS. Without your attendance and participation at meetings little can be accomplished to further the purpose of the Society. This coming year is going to be a challenging one and one in which a lot needs to be accomplished if we wish to continue as a Society towards accomplishing our ultimate Purpose of promoting education in ceramics and fired arts. As you all know, one way in which we attempt to do this is by putting on the annual TGCCS Show. The up-coming 2006 Show is the TGCCS's 50th Anniversary show. To survive for 50 years is a testament to all those members who have come and gone before us dedicating and volunteering their time and efforts and ideas towards accomplishing the many aspects of organizing the TGCCS to start with and then putting on that first show – venturing into the unknown with no guarantees of the outcome! We must extend our thanks to them as we continue the tradition with our own time, efforts and ideas. "Times are changing" and we are heading into a new era. If we wish to continue towards accomplishing our "Purpose" as stated in our Constitution, we must all work together, putting aside any individual differences, and donating our time, our ideas, and our energy towards attendance and active participation in monthly meetings, show preparations and show participation. We must start now exchanging ideas and discussing ways to further our Purpose, either through continued annual shows and/or developing and implementing other avenues. This is not something that can be accomplished by the Executive Board and/or the Show Committee alone. It is something which can only be accomplished through the efforts and ideas of each of you, the members. A lot of new ideas for future shows were brought up for discussion during the past year. The up-coming months will involve much discussion and implementation on those ideas and on new ideas. Your input is encouraged and welcomed. You can be a part of the future direction of the TGCCS and the possibility of seeing your ideas implemented through your active participation and encouragement of others, or not. The choice is up to each of you individually. Yes, it will take time, something each of us has too little of, but we can work together to make the rewards worth it. Therefore, as your President, I wish to encourage each of you who are current members, those who are past members and those who will become future members to attend the meetings, to encourage other ceramicists to become active members, to share your ideas, participate in discussions and to direct your energy towards the future endeavors of the TGCCS. It is my hope that 50 years from now the members of the TGCCS can look back on our efforts with sincere appreciation for our accomplishments, just as we do towards those who have preceded us.

UP COMING SHOWS

The West Show

March

More Information Coming Soon

The Dallas Show

April

More Information Coming Soon

It's our 50th Anniversary

Let's get ready to celebrate!

We only have 8 months left

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

Big News From Teddy Bear Molds:

(Jan. 1st, 2006)

After 20 years in business, it is time to close Teddy Bear Molds. We wish to thank our customers for all this time we have shared with you. You have one last opportunity to order any molds from us before

the business is closed. Discounts are up to 55% off. You pay the UPS, \$5 packing. We will continue to fill orders for as long as they come in. I don't know how long that is going to be. When the phone is turned off—you will know it

is over, Molds and Blocks will not be available again! Call us very soon

1-800-772-3445.

More information at:

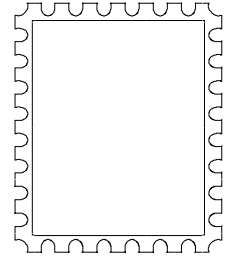
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Member shops:

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

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

Non-member Shops:

Alora's	Houston	(713) 682-7878
Backyard Ceramics	Baytown	(281) 428-2651
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
GBSP
GB
GBSP
GBSP
FP

KEY:

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