

# Texas Gulf Coast Ceramics Society

## July 2004 Newsletter

### June Meeting “Elections”

Congratulations to the 2004 – 2005 newly elected officers: President – **Jeanne Bell**

Vice-President - **Gene Brennan Thornton** Treasurer – **JoAnn Buller**

Recording Secretary – **Margie Adams**

Correspondence Secretary – **Robert Treviño**

Parliamentarian – **Gloria Barbour**

Show Chairperson – **Julie Pourteau**

### Top Priority News

Our local show this year is at the Pasadena Fairgrounds (Campbell Hall, 7600 Red Bluff) September 10, 2004 10am-5pm and September 11, 2004 10am - 4 pm. Tell your friends and ask those friends to bring other friends to the show! Lots of booth pieces to bid on, “Make & Take” classes, plus lots of door prizes!

Our theme this year is Swamps, Marshes and Bayous. Hurry up and do your pieces and bring them Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for competition. All pieces will be accepted all day until 7 pm. Judging will start on Thursday.

Please contact one of the show staff for more information. We have got to meet the following due dates:

1. Dues (\$24) are due for the membership 2004 – 2005
2. The show staff needs money for the booths ASAP.
3. Add an application for the show brochure is due before August 15.
4. The Show Committee needs to know what you are going to donate for a door prize.
5. The Show Committee needs to know what you going to have at your booth for your raffle item.
6. We are also looking for a few more volunteers to help out with the setup, cleanup, etc.

### Show Staff

Chairperson: Julie Pourteau (409) 316-1711 Assistant Kelly Culver (281)534-3325

Advertising: Margie Adams (832)689-2791 Competition: Pat Ramsay (281)705-6011

Brochure: Christine Bertsch (832) 385-8389

### Editor’s Letter *(Ideas, opinions, and a brief introduction to this month’s newsletter)*

This is the beginning for all our new officers and our very first newsletter. As your new newsletter editor, I will try to do best job I can.

I am very excited to introduce a new format. I am simply using straight forward typing and columns for small pieces of information. Writing interesting topics will make the reader stay focused. We need ceramists’ contribution if we plan to please our readers.

I think all member shops and hobbyist should be mentioned one time or another every month. For this month I am happy to present E & H ceramics. I am hoping to develop a questionnaire as we gain experience. Upcoming classes will keep the fun moving in our community.

Taking a page out of “Popular Ceramics”, I would like to have a “Success Story” category on special techniques. Anybody interested in sharing something like this and detailing your surprise results? I’d like to continue “Like It or Spike It,” so please give me your input here, also .

It would be nice to mention new products that are coming out. For a while pottery glazes were hot, now Mayco underglaze reds are a hit.

Do not forget the old stuff. It would be nice to bring forward something old that still interests many today. Maybe an old mold or a wonderful glaze that fired like no other and everybody wanted to try it. Maybe you would like to talk about a long time gone artist that was so popular during that time.

The “Sell – Buy - Trade – Want” section will be helpful for those who want to unload or reload! We’ll also have a section for the “get wells”, birthdays and all those new babies!

As you can see, input from everyone will be needed in order to fill these categories and get interesting and helpful information out to our readers. So, hold on everybody! We are in for a rough ride but at the end all will benefit and enjoy. Thanks for voting me as your newsletter editor, Bob

## Shop of the Month



To get things started I selected E & H Ceramics as the very first shop to be the main focal point on this first newsletter. This shop is located at 1110 Evergreen Drive. It is about 6 miles from downtown Houston. Going toward Galveston on interstate 45 turn left on Griggs Road. The exit is right after Wayside. Griggs Road has the railroad track on the right and the Old Lawndale

Cemetery on the left. At the second light turn right onto Evergreen Drive. The shop is half a block down on the right.



Jerry’s Ma (Elise Huckaby) started at home as a hobbyist in 1949 and her beautiful brush stroke work and devoted interest in ceramics developed into a business. Jerry was working at a different job at that time but her Ma decided to include



her by using her last name, English as the first letter on the business. English & Huckaby developed into the initials E & H. This name since has been carried and moved to three different locations. Elise Huckaby had the first ceramic show at the old Houston Coliseum. A newspaper article was written on her success back in the 50s.

The business drew interest from traveling artists and they gave classes at E & H. Lucille Henderson, an excellent brush stroke artist from California, gave many classes in her shop (rose plaque - shown). Other traveling artists who came to E & H Ceramics were Charles from Oregon and Chula Cobb from San Antonio. She loved Ceramichrome products.

I asked Jerry what is her most popular old piece – and she said, “the giant frog from Atlantic Mold Company”. The mold is no longer available. Her most popular pieces from today’s new molds are turtles, frogs and crosses. She has plenty of projects for weddings, quinceneras (fifteenth celebration), etc.

E & H can pre-order from Mayco, Gare, Blue Diamond kilns, Creative Paradise, Nowell, Duncan, Starlite and many others. Call Jerry for details on regular and show orders. Blue Diamond Kilns is introducing their new computerized kiln at the show.



**New Products – Mayco’s Bisque Stroke and Coat Candy Apple and Hot Tamale. Check with E & H Ceramics for the availability of these products.**



**“Like It or Spike It” – ✓LIKE IT - Margie Adams, great piece using Candy Apple Red.**

**Upcoming Classes – None reported for the month of August.**

### **Personal**

Condolences: Barbara Ryan from Texas City; Past president of the Mainland Club. She was a true and dedicated ceramist. She is greatly going to be missed.

### **Sell - Buy - Trade – Want**

Jim Brennan is looking for parts from old kilns that are being thrown away. Call (281)585-8888

A devoted hobbyist is selling all her 2000 molds, kiln & supplies for \$5000. For more information call (281)485-1570

Blanca Bustamante found the “Ducky Do-A-Lot” mold. Gene is happy to have that new baby.

## Local Member Shops

Shop's Name	City	Phone Email	Website
Backyard Ceramics	Baytown		
Bell's Little Treasures	Pearland	(281) 797-8757	
Brennan's Pride Enterprizes	Manvel	(281) 585-8888	www.ceramicsetc.net
Cactus Bend Ceramics	Dickinson	(281) 534-3325	
Dreamcatchers Ceramics	Alvin	(281) 756-8327	
E & H Ceramics	Houston	(713) 921-2045	
Garden Road Ceramics	Pearland	(281) 485-1570	
Mary Lou's Ceramics	LaPorte		

## Last Minutes Thoughts

Let's make our newsletter inviting to our readers. Send us your "Success Story".

Our newsletter is created from contributions from ceramist, artists, hobbyist . . .

If there's something you'd like to see in an upcoming newsletter, feel free to drop me a line ceramicshouston@yahoo.com or fax me at (713) 718-6815.

Do to budget crunch our society is hoping and wishing for all enthusiasts in the Texas Gulf Coast Ceramics Society who have an email address to use it to receive their newsletters. Email produces beautiful color newsletters. So, if you have an email address please consider receiving your newsletter by email, instead of by mail. That would be a tremendous help in cutting costs and our communication service would be so much easier. We will still have the snail mail for those who not have access to a computer.

**Contest?** "Popular Ceramics" July 2004, Artistic Vase Contest: Only a picture of your favorite vase is needed. It would be nice if a member won from our area.

Our next **two** meeting are August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, starting a 7 pm at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on Scarsdale. Please come join us. Bring some of your pieces for show and tell.

For more info check: [WWW.houstonceramics.org](http://WWW.houstonceramics.org)