

Texas Gulf Coast Ceramics Society

March 2003 Newsletter

COME JOIN US

Our membership is growing, and we couldn't be more proud! Welcome to our newest member Robin Spigner.


Robin has recently acquired Roundtree Ceramics molds and opened MaryLou's Ceramics at 4311 Red Bluff in Pasadena. Look her up when you are in the area.

If you would like to join our society, why not come to the next meeting. It will be held at Mt Olive Lutheran Church located at 10310 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston, Tx 77089.

The church is located on Scarsdale between Beamer and Blackhawk. It can be reached easily from the Beltway or I-45.

 CERAMICS
COMMANDMENT #10

Thou shalt start thy project more than one week before

thou needeth it. 

Directions to the new meeting place are :

From I-45 – Exit Scarsdale just south of Fuqua (Almeda Mall). Travel west on Scarsdale past Beamer. The church is on the left just a ways past Walgreens.

From Beltway 8 – Exit Beamer. Travel south on Beamer to Scarsdale. Turn right and the church is on the left just a ways past Walgreens.

From FM 518 – Turn onto Dixie Farm Road. Travel east to Beamer. Turn left on Beamer, travel north past San Jacinto College to Scarsdale. Turn left on Scarsdale and the church is on the left just a ways past Walgreens.

If in doubt, call Margie for more directions. Cell phone 832 689-2791

Kathy Allen is bringing a dessert for refreshments. We will have coffee and tea available. If you would like something different to drink, please feel free to bring it.

The regular meeting starts at 7:00pm so you will have time to eat supper before coming to the meeting.

We will have a executive board meeting at 6:30pm before the regular meeting in April. So to all board members, we'll see you at 6:30pm April 7, 2003.

Demonstration at the next meeting (April) will be provided by Robert Trevino. In May, Cherie

will be doing a demonstration. If you have an item or a technique you'd like to share with the group - demo it!!!!!! Contact a society member to schedule your session.

Holiday in the Park (Show News)

The date for the show is the 5th and 6th of September at the Pasadena Rodeo Grounds – Campbell Hall.

This year the society will be awarding ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for booth decorations. So make sure your booth fits the theme “Holiday in the Park”. Let's all participate and have fun in the process.

Show information is available on the website.

www.houstonceramics.org

We are always looking for ways to improve the show. If you have any suggestions for the 2004 show, please contact Julie or Kelly with the information. Or bring you ideas to the next meeting.

LOOKIE ! LOOKIE!

Show ads for our show should be in the next issues of “Fired Arts and Crafts”, “Popular Ceramics” and “Doll Crafter”. **Speaking of the magazines, change is good.** “Popular Ceramics” will be issued every two months instead of monthly.

“Fired Arts and Crafts” is going to a full sized magazine. Hope these changes help to improve both magazines.

MOLD MOLD

Who's got the MOLD?????

Cindy is looking for a Texas plate. Do you have one? If so let her know.

Pat now has the Turtle Pot that was the requested mold a couple of months ago. Not only the pot, but the lid that makes it a cookie jar. It's really cute. Hopefully Pat will have one ready to enter in the

competition or just display at the show.

Welcome to the Hood!!!
We have a new shop opening in Baytown! Cindy Cornick's shop is located at 3610 Massey Tompkins Road in Baytown. Good luck to Cindy. Lets go visit her place.

Classes

The following classes are coming up

1. March 23, 2003 Lusters and Over Glaze Metallics
Garden Road Ceramics Call Blanca 281 485-1570 for more information
2. Katy Country taught by Susie Peschke – Santa Plate – Saturday March 22, 2003 from 9am – 4pm Call Linda at 281 391-9555 to sign up.
3. Katy Country has a Ceramic Batik class scheduled for April 5, 2003. Check with Linda for more details.
4. April 21-22 Lace Draping at Brennan's Pride EnterpriZes taught by visiting teacher Connie Bailes - Call Gene 281 388-0161 for details.
5. Cactus Bend Ceramics – Kelly has a couple of new techniques (Snake Skin and Cork) for future classes. Call Kelly at 281 534-3325 for info

6. April 21-22 Lace Draping at Brennan's Pride EnterpriZes taught by visiting teacher Connie Bailes - Call Gene 281 388-0161 for details.
7. Dandelions will be featured in a May class at Katy Country. The class is a Jeanette McCall pattern and is scheduled on May 17, 2003 according to Katy County website.
8. Brennan's Pride EnterpriZes is going to host a mold making class. Please contact Gene for more information. 281 388-0161

NEW PRODUCTS

New glazes from Mayco. Now you can create sophisticated pottery looks with new Pottery Coats from Mayco. Simulate the look of stoneware, terracotta and other clay bodies. Their Spring 2003 color release includes the Pottery Coats, new Element glazes, Element Chunkies and Pottery Cascade.

New Element Colors:

EL113 Spanish Moss
EL114 Copper River
EL115 Iron Moss
EL116 Blue Stone
EL117 Waterfall
EL118 Blue Grotto

Element Chunkies:

EL201 River Bottom
EL202 Bark
EL203 Coal Dust
EL204 Glowing Embers
EL205 Jade Pebble
EL206 Meteor Shower

Pottery Coats:

PC501 Terra Cotta Blue
PC502 Speckled Buff Base
PC503 Khaki Base
PC504 Concrete Base
PC505 Black Base

Pottery Cascades:

PC601 Clear Cascade
PC602 White Cascade

Has anyone tried these new colors?
If so, please share your impressions.

Thanks to Gloria Barbour for the great demonstration at the March meeting. Gloria showed us her mosaic tileing vase, swamp vase, flower and easter egg candle holder. She had some great ideas for other pieces and techniques. You're great Gloria.

Reminder : Easter is late in the year for 2003 (April 20th). That gives you plenty of time to try new Easter things, new techniques and new products. And, of course, report back to the society with all your findings and results.

Since Easter is coming, why not use up some of those little bits of glaze on an egg project for the kids. You'll have fun with the kids and you'll get good use of some of those old bottles of glaze, not to mention those bisque eggs.....

Report on West
Jan Smith, Sally Elkins, Julie Porteau, Glenn Porteau, Margie Adams, Pat Ramsay and Kathy Allen all attended the show at West, Texas this year.

The show was interesting and seemed to have lots of traffic for a first year show.

Lots of familiar faces in the vendors booths, including Jan and Sally. Ruth and Jim were there with their Kala brushes. Susie was building dolls again and Bill was peddling his supplies at P&C.

It was a nice trip and great visit with the people.

Future Shows

Mesquite (Dallas) April 25 and 26th and Alexandria La. In May.

KALA Brushes (Ruth and Jim) are putting together a package of brushes for us to use as the prize in the raffle at the Houston show.

Don't you think that is a great prize?

We should be able to sell lots of tickets for the raffle. Check out the brush stroke ads in the ceramic magazine. Ruth is working on a whole series. Each ad will show a new brushstroke and or technique.

Check out the website

www.kalabrush.com if you have access to the web.

NEW FLYERS AND NEWS

DUNCAN :

- New mold catalog that includes the Scioto molds that are now a part of Duncan
- New "Chubbies" Flyer

GARE

- New Flyer Horse Head Plaque Flyer
- Pixies for the Garden Flyer and a Ball Frog
- Price increase for molds was effective March 1, 2003
- Eight (8) new Pottery glazes to add to the collection.
- Introduction of four (4) new crushed crystal glazes.

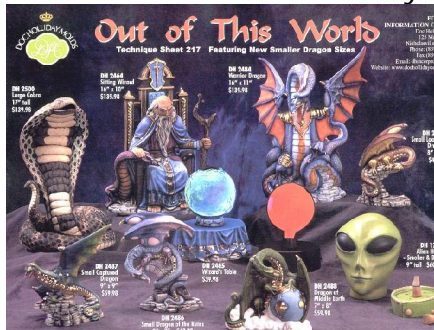


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Peacock Pebble

DOC HOLIDAY

- Wild Animals Plaques, etc. Flyer
- Out of this World Flyer



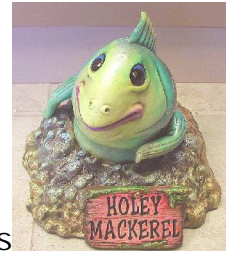
- Rumors of a new Dragon for the Large Castle (anyone heard this one?)

CLAYMAGIC

- Welcome Log Slice, etc. Flyer
- Racoon Pot Lights, etc.

CREATIVE PARADISE

- Holes with



Critters

- Love Some Bunny Flyer
- Favorite Things Flyer
 - Plates, Etc.
- Loyal Flyer
 - Freedom Rock, etc.
 - Fatty Things, etc.

Travel the seas with great people from our great craft! Learn about using Kimple Colors while you view the beauty of Alaska! Your ship is sailing August 9 2003! See the above flyer for details. Contact Elaine Pillon at kimplemold@earthlink.net or World Class Vacations at 1 800 755 2417 for more details.

TL DESIGNS

- Gather Moss Flyer

MAYCO

- Garden Treasures
 - Owls, etc.

CARDINAL DESIGNS

- Stones
- Stakes

- Garden Ornaments, etc.

MADE IN FIRE

- Cross Eggs
- Grandma, Grandpa Inserts, etc.
- Spring Things, etc.
- Leather Things, etc.



Birdhouse Bookends

BOOTHE

- New Catalog on CD ROM
- New Class in a Bag by Paula McCoy using Crackle Technique



- New mold for a Table Top Clock with Fee Rose Pattern



RIVERVIEW

- 2003 Releases on the Web

Come join us at the next meeting.
April 7, 2003 at 7:00pm.

Remember executive board meeting
at 6:30pm.