

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 carpool.
- 2006 Dues of \$24.00 are now due, please see Margie Adams for you payment.

2006 Officers

President: Jeanne Bell

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Parliamentarian: Pat Ramsay

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If you receive this newsletter by mail all pictures will be in black and white, in order to see pictures in color you need to sign up to receive by email or you can go to our website and download a copy of the newsletter to see all of the beautiful artwork

A note from you Corresponding Secretary:

I want to take a moment to apologize to you for not having the March issue of the newsletter out, that should not happen again.

*Sincerely,
CB*

Next Meeting

May 1st

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



Time is tick, tick, tickin' away

We have just over 5 months till our 50th Anniversary Show, if you haven't got your flyers or your booth application please call **Julie Pourteau for information.**

Gene Brennan will be Doing this months Demonstration. Come check it out!!

Up Coming Classes

Who's having classes?

We have had several emails and calls from all over our area concerning classes in and around town. If you are a shop or a teacher and you are having classes please let us know.

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

4/04	CFE's Pansies or Tulips w/Gene Daytime or Evening	\$25.00
4/06	Doc Holliday Class Credit: Ice Mill (12-5PM)	\$25.00
4/08	Doc Holliday Class Credit: Pen & Ink (12-5PM)	\$25.00
4/14	RAKU Party (all inclusive) Limited to 6, call and reserve your spot	\$35.00
4/15	Doc Holliday Class Credit: Wet Brushing (12-5PM)	\$25.00
4/18	Gene's Texas Bluebonnets w/CFE Daytime or Evening	\$25.00
4/20	Horse Plate in shades of gray By John Duncan (6-9PM)	\$25.00
4/22	Doc Holliday Class Credit: Clay Carving & Hand building (all inclusive & 2 sessions)	\$40.00
4/22	Mold Making Class By: Glenn & Julie Pourteau (all inclusive)	\$50.00
4/27	Wind Romance, Dry brushing	\$25.00
Friday nights	Various Porcelain Projects (6-9 PM)	\$20.00 plus supplies

Bell's Little Treasures Class Schedule: Call Jeanne for more info

Every	Porcelain Dolls !!!!	\$10.00 fee per Class
Friday	Porcelain Dolls !!!!	Supplies can be purchased from
Evening	Porcelain Dolls !!!!	Jeanne or Gene at the shop
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Duncan University Class Schedule By: Tracy Hughes
Classes taught at Brennan's Pride Shop

4/25	Pansy Powder Box	\$25.00
<p>If you are wanting to take the Duncan Essentials class to receive your CDT certificate. Please call Brennan's Pride or you can email Tracy at tracy@3newleaves.com, we must have a minimum of 6 people to hold class.</p>		

Meeting Reminders:

Refreshments & Snacks: May-John
June-Jeanne

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

Demonstrations: May-Gene Brennan

If you have an idea or want to write an article for our newsletter, please don't hesitate to send it to me or if you have pictures of your finished pieces and you want to share it with us please send me a picture of the piece with a brief description and techniques used and I will put it in the next newsletter. My deadline is the 10th of every month. So email to ceramicsHouston@yahoo.com or snail mail them to me at 505 W. Dumble, Alvin, TX 77511 (if it is a hard copy and you want your picture back, please include a SASE, so I can send it back)

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

Like it or Spike it

- **Greenware Octopus:** I had the opportunity to use Margie Adams Greenware Octopus at a recent class. This innovation was the neatest thing I had used, it cradled your greenware ever so gently and you could position it the way you needed to paint your fragile piece. It was awesome. If you are interested in one you can contact Margie Adams at margieca@pdq.net
- **Glenn and Julie Pourteau's Mold Making Class,** This class taught you how to make a 2 part mold and everyone that took the class had a great time and are excited about pouring their new molds. They will be teaching this class again in April at Brennan's Pride.

Up Coming show

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

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

- Gene Brennan is looking for the eagle that is on the stump that is made by Byron, also the boy and girl graduates from Holland #700 & 701
- John Duncan is looking for the parakeet that is sitting on top of the world or any kind of parakeet.
- cjbecker@3rivers.net is looking for 2 Scioto molds #158 & 160. The frog and dog planters. Please Email if you have them.
- Cindy Cornick is looking for Clay Magic's Birthday Bear Candy Servers #J-1490
- Brennan's has some customers that are looking for particular items if you have these please call Gene or Christine
 - ▶ Christmas tree w/ mice throughout the branches, pelicans

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.

Porcelain, Porcelain, and more Porcelain



Our very own president, Mrs. Jeanne Bell has been teaching classes on how to make porcelain dolls, her first class was on the doll “Sugar Britches and Good Morning Sunshine” and boy were they something, these dolls are very lifelike and are absolutely gorgeous. She is currently working on starting other dolls, in the mean time,

Jeanne has teamed up

with Gene Brennan and they will be team teaching a variety of porcelain classes, thus including: Lace Drape, Victory Spanish Oils , Hand building, Dolls, China painting and much more. These classes will be held at Brennan’s Pride Ceramic Shop



in Alvin on Friday evening’s from 6 to 9 PM. Give Jeanne or Gene a call and get the latest information on classes. Classes run from \$10 to \$20 each plus the cost of your supplies. Come on in and join in on the fun.



Coming Soon to Brennan's Pride...



Connie Bailes

Porcelain artist Connie Bailes will be at Brennan's Pride Ceramic Etc. May 2nd to the 7th teaching a variety of classes. Call Gene Brennan at 281.585.8888 to sign up for the class(s) you want to take. The following is a class schedule of Connie's classes.

- Tuesday May 2nd, 6:30PM Button's and Bows (*hand building*)
- Wednesday May 3rd, 6:30PM Dogwood Wall Pocket (*hand building*)



- Thursday May 5th, 9:00AM Lace Draping
- Friday May 6th, 9:00 AM Texas Wild Flowers (*hand building*)
- Saturday May 7th, 9:00 AM The Jazz Fool (*featuring Victory Spanish Oils*)

These classes are filling up and are limited to 12 people per class if there are more than 12 she will schedule a class during the day.



Create A Way, Get A Way

I had the opportunity to go to a Create-A-Way, Get-A-Way retreat taught by Colors for Earth's, Paula McCoy. This was such an enjoyable experience that I have to say if you ever get an opportunity to go, jump on it. I learned a lot about their product and enjoyed not



having any distractions and being able to just paint and eat. The retreat is all inclusive, your pieces that you work on are included, no need to buy anything else unless you want extra. If your interested in taking a painting vacation,

you can go to Paula's web site and sign up at paulamccoy.com or you can call her for information, her next retreats are June July, August, September, and November, but, you have to hurry her classes fill up quick.



Glenda Madewell of Houston has over 30 different doll heads and bodies, new doll stands, wigs and other miscellaneous doll accessories (including Sugar Britches and 20 old reproductions of

German antique Dolls).

She also has a Paragon Kiln (8 sided, 22" D X 26" W)

She is asking for \$700.00 or best offer. For more infor-

If you have anything (ceramic related)

to sell you can put your info here.

Just email your information to

ceramicshouston@yahoo.com

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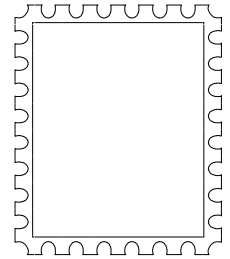
Jim Brennan has some new and used kilns for sale. Jim also does Kiln repair and special classes to teach you how to properly care for, maintain, and operate your kiln. Give Jim a call at 832.385.6831

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 (open Workshop on Wednesdays)

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

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GBSP (Call for hours)
GB (Call for hours) **Reopening Soon**
GBSP (Call for new hours)
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FP

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