

Texas Gulf Coast Ceramics Society

November 2004 Newsletter

Top Priority News

Congratulation Pat Ramsey on winning the reelection as parliamentarian.

Francina Huskey was the Hobbyist Freddy Competition Winner. Sorry for missing your name on last month's newsletter.

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

This month has been a salient one. The Christmas party is coming up and maybe after the holidays everybody will get back into the swing in ceramics.

I have enclosed an article that shows marbleizing with Glaze technique that I taught would give everybody a chance to experiment during the Christmas holidays. I saw it in an old Ceramics Arts and Craft magazine. I will take my piece to the January meeting for show and tell.

I did go to Monica Batson's house to see her beautiful ceramics on black people. She does one of a kind type of work. She has lots of figure pieces I have never seen. She has a good theme of beautiful things going her way.



The Hobbyist of the Month

Monica's House of Ceramics. Monica says: I started in 1996. I am a hair stylist and one day I was talking to a client and the subject of ceramics came up. On her next visit she showed me a piece she had done. I was so impressed with her piece that I got started. I informed myself by taking classes and I started at Beulah's. Eventually I got certified by Duncan. From then on I was hooked on ceramics and it took over my life. I keep

saying I have enough molds, and as soon as I see something else I get it. I have over 4000 molds and sometimes it is hard to keep up on what I have. I sell my pieces at my job and through word of mouth. I specialize in finished African and black pieces, kitchen, etc. More pictures on page 2.



Upcoming Classes (For more detail info call – shops listed on the Local Member Shop section)

E & H Ceramics has a class in January 2005 from Kimple Molds.



Call for details. ← More pictures of Monica's Ceramics

“Like It or Spike It” – Everybody liked the bubble glaze technique demonstrations at October's meeting. Monica tried an easier way by using an aquarium pump instead of blowing the soap mixed glaze with a straw.



Personal – “Get Well Wishes” to Joann Buller from all of us at TGCCS

Sell - Buy - Trade – Want

Jim Brennan repairs kilns and sells used kilns including new Paragon Kilns. He is looking for parts from old kilns that are being thrown away. Call (281)585-8888

Mold, Mold, Who's Got the Mold:

← **Jim** is also looking for dove mold very similar to the one shown.

Local Member Shops

Shop's Name	City	Phone	Email	Website
Bell's Little Treasures	Pearland	(281) 797-8757		
Brennan's Pride Enterprizes	Manvel	(281) 585-8888	whtrabbit@att.net	www.ceramicsetc.net
Cactus Bend Ceramics	Dickinson	(281) 534-3325	cactuskelly57@aol.com	
Dreamcatchers Ceramics	Alvin	(281) 756-8327		
E & H Ceramics	Houston	(713) 921-2045		
Garden Road Ceramics	Pearland	(281) 485-1570		
Playtime Ceramics	Santa Fe	(409) 316-1711	julie@playtimeceramics.com	
Mary Lou's Ceramics	Pasadena	(281) 998-9987	maryloucer@ev1.net	
Monica's House of Ceramics	Houston	(281) 564-4997	monicabatson@netzero.com	

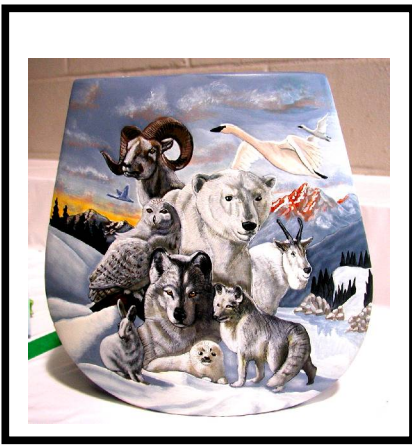
Local Nonmember Shops

Backyard Ceramics	Baytown	(281) 428-2651	Katy Country Ceramics-Katy	(281) 391-9555
The Ceramic & Pottery Center	League City	(281)332-4490	Ceramics by Tess	(281) 347-6048
			A Touch of Love	(713) 774-4790
			Wood Ceramics	(713) 643-9645

Last Minutes Thoughts

Emails are nice! If you decided and would like to join our society mailing list or be removed, please send email to: ceramicshouston@yahoo.com or call one of our member shops.

Our next meeting is January 3rd, 2005 , starting a 7 pm at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on Scarsdale. Please come join us. Bring some of your pieces for show and tell. There will be no meeting in December, because of the **Christmas Party @ Jerry's House**. Please call E & H Ceramics for more details. Gift exchange – bring a \$10 unisex type gift. Dinner – pot luck, bring a covered dish. Come and join us at 918 Davis Rd, League City – Coming from Houston , turn left on 518, pass highway 3, pass 270, 518 turns into 2094, left on Davis Rd. See the map shown on the address page.



←2004 Show picture – ceramic piece done by Dodds Cupit

Try This Exciting Technique

(Picture Shown below)

What you'll need: Suitable greenware vase, cleaning tools, #6 or #8 round brush, glazed tile or aluminum foil-covered plate., Glazes: Green Gold Art, Green Antique, Antique Rose, Steel Gray, White Satin, Mirror Black, and Glossy Black, Glaze thickener.

Marbleizing with Glaze

Combining glazes by applying one over another is an old, tried-and-true technique, yet is one that you never get tired of. Each piece completed with this method will be different and unique. The Vase picture shown uses a number of glazes to create a marbleized finish. Try the technique as given below, than use it with your choice of satin and art glaze to see what effects you can achieve.

Step 1 Select and carefully clean a suitable greenware vase. Fire the greenware to cone 04.

Step 2 Thin some mirror black glaze to the consistency of milk and use it to pour glaze the inner surface of the bisque vase. Pour out the excess glaze and use a damp sponge to wipe off any glaze drips.

Step 3 Use a glaze brush to apply 3 coats of green gold art glaze to outside of the piece and 2 coats to the bottom. Apply the glaze evenly and allow each coat to dry before applying the next one.

Step 4 Spoon some green antique glaze onto a glazed tile or a plate covered with aluminum foil. Add 2 or 3 drops of glaze thickener and mix well. Sponge the thickened glaze onto the vase in an up-and-down pattern or at an angle. Stop about 1" above the bottom of the piece to allow for any running of glazes during firing.

Step 5 Repeat the above step with Antique Rose, Steel Gray, and White Satin glazes, allowing the glazes to overlap, if desired. Allow the piece to dry.

Step 6 Load a #8 round brush with glossy black glaze and with a wiggly motion of the brush, outline the various color areas. Allow the piece to dry, stilt, than fire it to cone 06-05.

Credits: Lee Ann Ellison, Ceramic Arts & Crafts



Red Poppies taught at Blanca's by yours truly. It turns out to be a surprise. Beautiful work done by Christine Bertsch.