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Message from the President

Hello CDA members. May 25th was our last CDA meeting until September. I'm pleased that CDA activities have increased noticeably in 2014, due in large part to Ginger's workshop planning. Thank you Ginger--you have revived us!

We are looking for new show options. If you have ideas on this, please share them with Bob Hitt. I have an idea on this myself, which could sort of combine "show" and "exhibit". Have you ever heard of a Pop Shop? It's a shop that pops up for a short period--a few weeks or months--in a spot that has been vacant for too long. The landlord allows a short-term lease, and the shop publicizes and operates for a very limited period of time. If we can find a well-exposed location of a smallish size, that could be available for a few weeks say starting just after Thanksgiving, maybe we could set up a pottery and clay art pop shop that could take advantage of the holiday gift season. I have a pop-shop veteran friend who could help us navigate the details. I'll learn more about it before our September meeting. If you'd like to sell in our pop shop, make stuff over the summer!

Also over the summer I would like you to consider what you might be willing to do for CDA in 2015. We will need to elect Board officers in November, so we'll designate a Nominating Chair in September or October. We may also need to fill some Chair positions, depending on who will be leaving their current position. What can you do for CDA to keep us going strong?

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UP COMING EVENTS

June 22: CDA picnic
Aug. 16-17: Soda firing at Ray Woods
Sept. 6-7: Artists in the Park
Sept. 21: Next meeting

CDA PICNIC

The CDA Picnic will be held Sunday, June 22, from noon to three at Debra Chako's home.

Please bring a dish to share, a chair, and, if you wish, an item for the silent auction. Chicken, soft drinks and beer will be supplied. There will also be a tool raffle and a pottery exchange of clay related possessions such as books, tools, pieces, etc

Marion Adams requests that all CDA items be returned to her at the picnic.

Directions:

The address is 1536 McCullough Lane.

From Virginia Beach Blvd:

Turn onto N. Great Neck Road; Turn right at the 5th traffic light - Mill Dam Road (Wendys & 7/11)

Turn left on Woodhouse Road (into Alanton, just past Baycliff)

Follow signs for North Woodhouse Road. (you will veer left at the first fork; at the second fork, veer right)

Turn right onto McCullough Lane. 1536 is a gray shingle house on the left.

Debra's phone number is 617-4113

Parking is very limited so try to car pool or park your car on Woodhouse Road and walk down the Lane.

Demos

The May demo was quite fun. Robert Hitt taught us to make lawn and garden jewelry. Actually, they were hand built flower blossoms, approximately 6 inches in diameter and several inches deep. Some resembled tulips, others poppies, and others hibiscus. Of course, one could make them to resemble a wide variety of real or whimsical flowers. He described how to mount them on green wire stems (available at garden stores) and even add leaves. These are the ultimate perennials, they can be enjoyed for years and there is no weeding!

The September meeting demo will be "making ocarinas" by Chuck Wolfe. Ocarinas can be as simple as a multi-toned whistle or as complex as a precision musical instrument. This will be a simple hand building operation in a make-and-take format. Chuck will do the demo and bring along extra clay and tools, so if you want to stick around, you can make your own! This is fun activity for novices and clay experts. Chuck has made them with girl scouts, youth groups, birthday parties, and even Bible study adults. We will learn a basic design, but your imagination is the limit as to the forms that the ocarinas can take. There have been ocarina fish, turtles, birds, dragons, ducks, cars, bunnies, and so forth. Ocarinas are as much fun to play as they are to make and decorate. Sheet music will be provided. Maybe, after you take them home for firing and glazing, we can bring them back to do a concert.

Show News CDA

The next show for CDA members to participate will be the "Artisans in the Park" show in September. This show will allow participating members to display their pottery and make sales through CDA. The show will be in September on the weekend of the 6th and 7th. Members will be charged 30% of their sales up to a max of \$170. This would be the same amount you would pay to do the show independently. We will be under a picnic pavilion which will provide some shade and protection from the weather. Set up times for the show and other details will be sent to show participants later. Anyone interested in doing this show should call Robert Hitt (show Chair) 495-0052 and put their name on the list or waiting list should the show spaces fill up. Potters in the show need to be with their pottery for the duration of the two day show.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are a past member who has not paid 2014 dues, you may be surprised to be receiving this June newsletter. In mid-February this year CDA emailed a special reminder notice to members who had not paid 2014 dues, and at the end of February, those who still had not paid were purged from the membership roster and mailing list. Several past members requested that the Board reconsider this action, so the topic was discussed at the May 25 Board meeting. The Board voted and approved to keep names on the roster indefinitely. Membership has its privileges, so the paying membership would be indicated as PAID. Unpaid members would have access to the CDA website (as they do now) and would receive CDA newsletters as long as they have an e-mail address listed. We are hoping past members will stay in touch with what's going on in CDA, and that our activities may be interesting enough to get you to rejoin. We'd like to have you back!

If you're a paid member and have received this newsletter twice, it's because we're merging the old mailing list with the new. Please bear with us while we work out the kinks.

Thank You Note re Empty Bowls:

" While helping Barbara Kobylinska distributing Silent Auction pieces, I heard from many happy people who praised all CDA member's for working so hard work for such a worthy cause. Just wanted you to know. Buzzy Hamberg"



SODA FIRING Aug. 16-17 Wood's gas soda fire kiln. This will be a 2-day event. Bring 4 bisque-fired pieces. Medium size. Cone 8-10 clay only. Car Pool available \$20

Don't forget - we're on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ceramic-Designers-Association/132125376830962>

Please email any photos you have of CDA activities to Meghan at megd54@gmail.com, so we can share what we do and learn together with the Internet community. Workshops, shows, and other events - photos from different members are a great way to record the good times in CDA and share them with anyone who has an interest in clay! And if you have your own Facebook page, feel free to interact by commenting on and sharing posts, and inviting your friends to 'like' our page.

For Sale:

Skutt computer controller for Skutt kilns 208-240v.
Good condition. Retail price new-around \$700.

Asking:\$300.00

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The KM1 Wall Mount Controller can upgrade just about any KilnSitter controlled kiln under 50Amps with a NEMA 6-50 or NEMA 15-50 plug to perform just like an automatic kiln. Just plug your kiln into the back of the controller, plug the controller into the wall outlet and install the thermocouple.

Fall meeting dates are Sept. 21st and November 16th.

Calls to Artists, for the 2014 timeframe (Taken from TAA Artline)

To get newly posted calls, please check the following websites often:

<http://professionalartistmag.com/>

<http://www.artshow.com/juriedshows/>

<http://www.callsforartists.com/>