

# CERAMIC DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION

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## Message from the President

Hello CDA,

I want to start 2014 by thanking our talented, hard-working 2013 CDA Board members. From members' suggestions and from responses to the survey we sent out, we gathered info for improving CDA. Then the Board needed to devise ways to implement those ideas. We had to look beyond the way we were used to doing things and brainstorm about other ways we could try. In the last few months of 2013, the Board was energized by the changes we were working on. It was an amazing process to see the 2013 Board pull together with the goal of revitalizing CDA. I'm pleased with what we accomplished. Look for further improvements by the 2014 Board.

TAKE NOTE! Our January 19 meeting time will be earlier than usual. There's a workshop on January 19<sup>th</sup> (more info elsewhere in this newsletter). That workshop ends at 2pm, and then we will have the general members meeting at 2pm. That's an hour earlier than the usual members meeting, so if you're not at the workshop, please come at 2pm for the meeting. We will be voting on the proposed revisions to the CDA bylaws at that meeting. The proposed revisions were published in the December newsletter.

It's time to renew... CDA membership dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. And please update your contact info when you mail your check! Find details about paying dues on the CDA membership page <http://www.cdava.com/membership.html>. Someone joining for the first time should fill out our membership application so we get all their info. The application is available by a link at the bottom of the membership page.

Happy New Year!

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### UP COMING EVENTS

January 12: Bowl Roll @ Va. Wesleyan noon

January 19: Next meeting—2 PM

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## **HAYNE BAYLESS WORKSHOP APRIL 26-27**

This will be a demo held at Virginia Wesleyan College. \$50.

Send check made out to CDA, to Ginger Jenkot to register.

4482 Ocean View Ave. VB, VA 23455; phone 408-6636

A two-day workshop includes:

- Principles of hand-built functional pottery, with emphasis on how to get the most out of your extruder and slab roller
- Unusual approaches to surface treatment using colored slips and pattern-making materials
- How to make customized extruder dies using tools and materials found at any hardware store
- How to make your own hand tools and modify those you have to suit your individual needs
- A slide show of Hayne's work, plus historical examples of hand-built work

Beyond the nuts and bolts of technique, Hayne discusses at length pottery's aesthetic considerations and how technique will affect aesthetic concerns and vice versa. His emphasis is on how our technical and aesthetic decisions serve the material, clay.

## **CDA Workshops**

To register: Send check (to CDA) to Ginger Jenkot, 4482 Ocean View Ave. Unit B, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WORKSHOP TITLE/ DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MATERIALS /LOCATION</b>	<b>COST</b>
1/19/2014 10 - 2	<b>EXTRUDED COFFEE MUGS</b> with Barbara Kobylinska	Weslyan Clay Studio Tools; Ware Boards; plastic; brushes; BAG LUNCH; Clay is provided; 15 Spaces	\$15
Feb 8, 2014 10 - 2	<b>SOMETHING FISHY - Fish Plates</b> with Robyn Bailey	Weslyan Clay Studio Tools; Ware Boards; plastic; brushes; BAG LUNCH; Clay is provided; 15 Spaces	\$15
Feb 21-23	<b>REDS, REDS, COPPER REDS!</b> Phil Guilfoyle and Ryan Billey. Learn about Copper Red reduction glazes and fire a gas kiln.	Weslyan Clay Studio Bring 4 bisqued bowls/pots; 2 stoneware, 2 porcelin , Medium size; 20-25 participants	\$35
March 23 10 - 2	<b>WIRE CUT DISH</b> <b>HANDBUILT OR THROWN</b> with Ginger Jenkot	Weslyan Clay Studio Tools; Ware Boards; plastic; brushes; BAG LUNCH; Clay is provided; 15 Spaces	\$15
May 17- 18	<b>SODA FIRING</b> Ray Wood's gas soda fire kiln. This will be a 3-day event.	Bring 4 bisque-fired pieces. Medium size. Cone 8-10 clay only. 15 Spaces Eastern Shore. Car Pool available	\$20
Summer	<b>OFFSET BOXES</b> Participants will learn how to make offset boxes from slabs. An architects dream!	Weslyan Clay Studio Tools; Ware Boards;	

## *CDA Website Statistics and the Potters' Links Page*

I've recently been paying attention to the statistics offered by our web host that allow us to monitor how often our CDA web pages are being viewed and from where our referrals are coming. I was pleasantly surprised to see that our home page had 888 visits in October and 596 visits in November of 2013! Our highest month this year was in March (due to Empty Bowls) when we logged 1311 visits.

One of our CDA pages is called "Potters Links". Here we provide a link to our members' websites or links to PDF documents with pictures of a member's work and contact information. This advertisement is a really nice benefit offered by CDA, yet only 9 members have supplied this information so far. Even if you are not yet ready to start selling your work, it is nice to have a web address to give folks who simply want to see some of your creations.

If you are a current member and have not already taken advantage of this service, consider adding your information to our list. To do this, simply email me a link to your site (which can use your own domain name or be a "shop" in a larger selling site like Etsy) or a document (either "doc", "docx", or "pdf" format) with your contact information and pictures. You can look at the links that are currently on the page ([www.cdava.com/potters\\_links.html](http://www.cdava.com/potters_links.html)) for example or inspiration. I hope to hear from you soon!

Trish  
CDA Webmaster  
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**\*\*\*\*\*January meeting time for general members is 2 pm\*\*\*\*\***

## **DUES ARE DUE**

Annual membership runs from January 1st to December 31st.  
The dues are \$30 for an individual, or \$50 for a family, payable via check or PAYPAL on the website. Dues need to be paid prior to attending any workshops.

Checks made out to "CDA" should be mailed to:

Ronda Borberg-Shulenburg  
Ceramic Designers Association Membership  
1215 Mallicotte Lane  
Newport News, VA 23606

Please include a frequently checked email address, reachable phone number and your website if you'd like it included on CDA's website.

## *There's a new studio in town!*

**Orzo Studio  
606 Court Street  
Portsmouth, VA 23704**

**website: [www.orzostudio.com](http://www.orzostudio.com)**

**Orzo Studio is a well equipped ceramics studio in the heart of Old Town Portsmouth, just one block from TCC and Courthouse Gallery. This studio provides open studio time on a monthly membership basis, as well as workshops and classes. This facility has a gas kiln, and the firings run on a constant schedule. Orzo Studio has 24/7 access, and members can engage there work on their own schedules. Key code locks on the doors give members full access at anytime.**

**Orzo Studio is owned and managed by Stephen Marder, local ceramic sculptor and teacher. At Stephen Marder's personal studio in mid-town Portsmouth, members participate in regular wood firings 3 times per year. The primary focus of Orzo Studio is provide a venue for ceramic artists with experience, both in studio and programming. This studio has custom mixed glazes, clay, as well as access to products from other suppliers.**

**This location in Old Town will be available for use in January 2014, probably around the 15th.**

**Note: Membership is only available to artists with experience in ceramics, to insure the studio is a safe, productive, and professional environment. Beginner classes will be available in the future.**

**Fee:**

**Monthly membership \$150 + tax (includes studio access for 1 month, glaze, firings, use of equipment, and 50 lbs of stoneware)  
classes and workshops coming soon**

## *Empty Bowls*

Empty Bowls is Friday, March 14. If you have not pledged bowls yet, please do so. Our next Bowl Roll is Sunday January 12 at noon at Virginia Wesleyan. We certainly appreciate all that Phil is doing for us.

Please email Judy Hurwitz at [judith.hurwitz@cox.net](mailto:judith.hurwitz@cox.net) the number of bowls being pledged and what you want to do at the event.

## *Demos*

January demo featuring Bill Pinkham is cancelled and will be conducted at some future date

## *Sculpture Class*

I have an opening in the Thursday morning sculpture class if anyone is interested.

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