

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

December 12 – Christmas Party

January 17, 2016 – Next Meeting



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Message from the President

I am excited to bring in 2016 with some new chair positions. We will miss the past workshop chair, treasurer, exhibition, and newsletter chair folk, who have all done fantastic jobs, but I look forward to new vibrancy and new ideas from our upcoming chair coordinators. Please come to the next meeting and vote on these and other subjects. It is my hope that CDA will have a more public light with opportunities for exciting gallery exhibitions and workshops. I hope that the group is able to learn many new things this coming year. Also, remember to come to the Christmas party at Barbara Kobylinska's. She has a great studio I am sure many of you will enjoy visiting. Thanks to Barbara for offering up your home and I look forward to seeing you and many friends there! Glad tidings to you all for a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday. - *Lynne*

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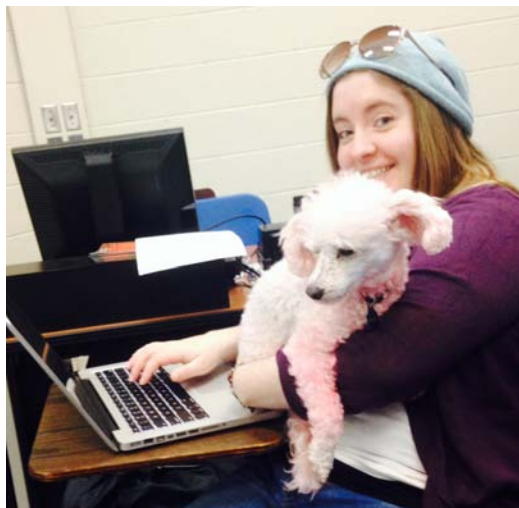
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New CDA Officers & Committee Chairs for 2016

Treasurer – Julita Wood

Secretary – Pam Gray

Workshops – Patricia Isenhour & Janet Drew

Newsletter – Meghan DeSanto

Exhibitions - Robyn Bailey & Lesley Hildreth

Members at Large – Pauline Grehawick & Ray Wood

Two of our CDA members are honored to have their work displayed at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center: Bill Pinkham and Lesley Hildreth. Congratulations!

Virginia Made

October 31, 2015 – January 17, 2016

"Virginia Made" explores Virginian artists' and artisans' contemporary takes on traditional crafts, manipulating materials like wood, metal, glass and fabric in new and exciting ways. The exhibit features work from 15 artists, and will include furniture, fiber art, glass, metal and more. These artists, and many others, will also be represented in PFAC's annual holiday pop-up shop, Artful Giving, which will be open for the duration of the show.

www.pfac-va.org



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For Sale
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Bailey large clay-extruder with 22 multiple dies and adapters, many are new-never used. \$345.00 for the extruder and all of the dies. The dies were after market, strengthened with welded stainless

steel supports which holds them in place better and is a huge advantage to extrusions. This extruder can handle small and large dies. Pictures available. Reply to pbastinelli@yahoo.com .



Holiday Christmas Party 2015

The CDA Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, at 5pm, at Barbara Kobylnska's house.

CDA members are asked to bring a dish to share (a veggie, salad, or dessert) **for the potluck**. CDA will provide coffee, soft drinks, chicken pieces, and cups/plates/utensils/napkins.

We will have a gift exchange; if you want to participate bring your own small piece or ceramic related item like: a tool, book or glaze.

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Totem Exchange 2016

Dear Fellow Members,

We have received a great response from members wanting to participate in the **COLLABORATIVE TOTEM EXCHANGE !**

AND it is on the schedule for our CDA summer picnic in June of 2016. For those of you who have not made a commitment yet, you need to sign up so we can have a firm count for participants to make their pieces. Don't wait until the last minute - people would not have made enough pieces.

About this exchange...

Each person produces by *hand or wheel* a predetermined quantity of "pods" of a predetermined size of **any** design. (Items of your design are threaded through a 1-inch hole to be stacked on a rod.) Depending upon how many people participate will determine the quantities each member need to produce. Complete the pieces on your schedule and in your studio before June. You'll be committed to produce 10-12 pieces to exchange. One to keep for yourself and the other pieces are then exchanged at the picnic.

~Any clay body that is vitrified

~*Minimum* finished size = 6 inches and up

~Any shape with two holes to thread on rod: (1 inch wet diameter holes to allow for clay shrinkage)

~Any finish to survive outside weather: Glazed, stained, under-glazed, painted, and/or other finishes.

This count will be finalized later with you when we have confirmed the number of participants and groups. Then on the day of the picnic we'll randomly draw for "groups" and order of "selection". Sign up this month to participate by return email and avoid the rush!

Wishes to you and your families for a very Merry Christmas!

Suzanne suzcowan1@juno.com



Historical Highlights

Greater Coclé jar in the form of an ocelot
AD 700-950

Río Grande, Coclé Province, Panama
Pottery, clay slip, paint

MAI purchase from Eva M. Harte, 1966 (23/6750)

Featured in 'Central America's Past Revealed', Smithsonian Institution.
<http://latino.si.edu/exhibitions/centralamericarevealed.htm>



Tips & Tricks

Crafting and Using Clay Tools

Make Your Own Wire Clay Cutter

Need an extra wire cutter? Just find a spool of stainless steel fishing leader (very thin steel wire) and some PVC pipe (about 1.5 in.). First, cut the PVC pipe into pieces large enough to serve as the toggle handles. Then you can drill holes into the sides of the pipe and thread the wire through and around the PVC toggles, giving you a new clay wire cutter that will create a good, easy cut.

Thanks to Bob Hitt for the sharing a new clay tool trick!

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Thanks to Debra Chako for an enlightening demonstration and explanation of creating mosaic tiles at the November CDA meeting! Little Apollo was an avid listener!



Mosaic Tiles

CDA Workshops

Planning for new workshops is currently in progress, so stay tuned for more information! Check the CDA website for postings - www.cdava.com.

Shows

CDA plans to participate in the **Virginia Beach Cherry Blossom Festival in 2016**. There is usually space for ten potters, so let Bob Hitt know if you'd like to be involved in this event. More details should be available soon.

If anyone has new ideas or learns of new show opportunities in which CDA could participate, please also reach out to Bob Hitt.

Empty Bowls 2016

The date for the 2016 Empty Bowls Dinner is **March 21, 2016**. It's never too early to start making bowls! Bowl roll events are being planned, so look forward to hearing that schedule soon.

Looking back at 2015...



Until next year!