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2016 Upcoming Events

January 9 - Bowl Roll

January 16 - Bowl Roll

January 17 - Meeting &
Bowl Roll Follow-Up

January 30 - Bowl Roll

March 21 - Empty Bowls Dinner



Message from the President

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays! I am looking forward to 2016 and the new line up - I am expecting great things this year from our new committee chairs, so look for some exciting upcoming events. We have a scheduled meeting to vote in these members, so please mark your calendars for Jan 17th at 3pm, Virginia Wesleyan College, Room FA-9. The future upcoming board and general meetings will be posted for 2016 in the next newsletter, but unless otherwise stated, they will be held in the FA-9 room at VWC, the third Sunday of that month, same times as normally held for board and general meetings (2 & 3 pm respectfully).

Happy New Year!

Lynne

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Annual membership runs from January 1st to December 31st .

The dues are \$30 for an individual, or \$50 for a family.

You can use the Paypal link on the website (cdava.com) or download a membership application and mail it with your check made out to "CDA" to:

**New Membership:
Join CDA!**

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.

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



Bowl Roll Schedule



Bowl Rolls / Throw-a-thons provide fun bowl-making opportunities to prepare for CDA's annual Empty Bolls Dinner.

January 9th at Virginia Wesleyan, from 10a – 2p

January 16th at Virginia Wesleyan, from 10a – 2p

**January 17th at Virginia Wesleyan, from 1p – 4p
(trim bowls + CDA Meeting)**

January 30 at Debra Chako's Studio, from 11a – 3p

February 20 at Virginia Wesleyan, from 10a – 2p

Totem Exchange



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. The deadline to sign up by email was the end of December. For those who have signed up, the participant count will be finalized later when the number of participants and groups is confirmed.

Specifications for your pieces:

- ~ 10 to 12 pieces to exchange (one to keep, the others to exchange)
- ~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.
- ~Your preference if it's made by hand or wheel

Contact Suzanne with any questions you may have:

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18th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner

Happy New Year Fellow Clay Friends!

It's time to get serious about The Empty Bowls Dinner. The date has been set for our 18th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner: Monday, March 21. We need bowls! We have scheduled several "Throw-a-thons"/ Bowl Rolls.

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As always, bring clay if you can. We'll have some there if you can't. Bring your tools to work with. An optional food item to share is welcome. But most importantly...bring yourself. We always have fun and fellowship at these events. The more the merrier!

An exciting addition this year is that some members of the Tidewater Turners of Virginia are going to be contributing hand made wooden bowls.

Looking forward to yet another successful fundraiser!

Joyce and Debra

NCECA Conference

March 16 – 19, 2016

The National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts is holding its 50th Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri this year. A number of CDA members are planning to attend; ask your fellow members, as you may find a travel buddy if you wish to go!

The 2016 conference theme, Makers, Mentors and Milestones will explore the personal, social and aesthetic forces that animate creative work with elemental materials, methods and ideas in the midst of the information age.

<http://nceca.net/2016-kansas-city/>



Historical Highlights

Amulet in the form of a Horus head in silhouette

Possibly Late Period, 664-525 BCE, Egypt

Clay

Gift of Charles Lang Freer, Freer Gallery of Art F1908.91

http://www.asia.si.edu/collections/edan/object.php?q=fsg_F1908.91&bcrumb=true



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Thanks to Akiko Tanaka for demonstrating how to fold furoshiki at the Holiday Christmas Party! Furoshiki are traditional Japanese wrapping cloths used to carry various items. There are different ways to fold the square piece of fabric, such as into a small bag, and they are also a great way to wrap your ceramic gifts!



Furoshiki Demo

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 on Saturday, April 2, 2016**. It is from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Red Wing Park. 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

Newsletter Contributions and Our CDA Facebook Page

If you have ideas, photos or news that can be added to the monthly CDA newsletter, please email Meghan at megd54@gmail.com. Members should also contact her if they do not receive the newsletter email. Keep an eye out for additional emails requesting contributions for features such as 'Claymate of the Month'.

The CDA Facebook page is another way to see updates and share about CDA events with your friends!

2015 Holiday Christmas Party

