

# Nic. Pottery

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## Center to Participate in College's OLLI Program

**T**he Nicodemus Center and pottery friend and colleague Jack Handshaw of Hobbitt House Pottery, Fairfield, will be participating in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Penn State Mont Alto. Handshaw, with help from the center's James Smith, will be leading a pottery

class for older adults, beginning on Thursday, April 16. The class is limited to 10 students and will meet from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM for six consecutive Thursdays in the center's pottery studio, room 008, General Studies building on the Mont Alto campus. The fee for the class is \$36 for OLLI members and \$72 for non members plus \$25 for materials for all students.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes are found on the campuses of 122 colleges and universities throughout the United States. Each provides a distinctive array of non-credit courses and activities specifically developed for adults aged 50 or older who are interested in learning for the joy of learning.

OLLI is a program of the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Headquartered in San Francisco, the foundation was founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a local businessman and community leader. The foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life through support for higher education and the arts.

The pottery class will introduce students to the art of making pottery and sculptural objects in clay. Students will have the opportunity to make pinch, coil, balloon and slab works. The class will also cover glazing, throwing on the potter's wheel, operating a kiln and studio safety. For more information and to receive a registration form for the upcoming pottery class and other OLLI programs, contact Tom Mulkey by email at [TomMulkey@comcast.net](mailto:TomMulkey@comcast.net) or by phone at 717.352.2421.



*Jack Handshaw will be teaching a beginner's pottery class for older adults through the OLLI program at Penn State Mont Alto beginning April 16. Photo: Tracy Holliday*

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# MONT ALTO POTTERY GUILD & CALENDAR

By vote of its members, the Mont Alto Pottery Co-operative is no more. The former co-op has undergone a name change and is now the Mont Alto Pottery Guild. Why the change? Guild more truly represents what the organization is and does – an association of artisans engaged in the same trade or pursuit. In our case, guild refers to an association of artisans or aspiring artisans engaged in all things pottery.

And in keeping with a new name, the guild and Nic Center have begun 2009 with their first-ever presence on the web at [montaltopottery.org](http://montaltopottery.org). The web site is in its very beginnings with many additions and changes to come. Our site designer and webmaster is Staci Grimes, guild member and Penn State Mont Alto Information Technology staff member. Staci is a graduate of the center's pottery class in 2003 and an active member of the guild.

## 2009 Calendar of Events

- April 6 through May 22, **EXHIBIT OF HISTORIC FOLK POTTERY FROM THE COLLECTION OF EDWARD S. GOODHART**, 11 AM to 2 PM, M – F, in room 302, General Studies building, Penn State Mont Alto (PSMA).

- April 13, **BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING**, 7 PM in room 302, General Studies building, PSMA.

- April 24 - 26, **PIT-FIRE 3 PENN NATIONAL GOLF CENTER** Our third community pit-firing will begin on Friday afternoon with the loading of the pit and firing at dusk and unloading on Sunday at noon, weather permitting. A fee of \$5 per piece will be charged for pots and their makers to be



part of the event.

- May 2 - 3 **CUMBERLAND VALLEY GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN SPRING STUDIO TOUR**, runs from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday & Sunday. Ten different artists and craftsmen or, in the pottery guild's case, collective artists/craftsmen, will open their studios to visitors, demonstrating their crafts and selling their works.

- July 13, **BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING**, 7 PM in room 302, General Studies building, PSMA.

- July 18, **CHAMBERFEST ARTS DAY**, 9 AM to 4 PM, Chambersburg, guild pottery sale.

- September 12, **CUMBERLAND VALLEY POTTERY FESTIVAL**, 10 AM to 5 PM at Renfrew Park, Waynesboro. Guild members and 20 regional potters will be selling their works and conducting hands-on workshops for visitors, including hand-building and throwing on the potter's wheel.

- October 12, **BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING**, 7 PM in room 302, General Studies building, PSMA.

- October 17, **STUDIO OPEN HOUSE**, noon to 3 PM, in the pottery studio, room 008, General Studies building, PSMA. Pottery making demonstrations and workshops for the general public.

- October 17 through November, **POTTERY GUILD'S FALL EXHIBITION**, room 302, General Studies building, PSMA.

- October 31 – November 1, **CUMBERLAND VALLEY GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN FALL STUDIO TOUR**, runs from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday & Sunday.

- December 3 – 5, **10TH ANNUAL BELL FAMILY REPRODUCTION SALE**, Thursday, 5 to 8 PM, Friday & Saturday, 11 AM to 4 PM, in the pottery studio, room 008, General Studies building, PSMA.

- December 4 – 11, **END OF FALL SEMESTER POTTERY GUILD SALE**, 11 AM to 4 PM daily, in the pottery studio, room 008, General Studies building, PSMA.

# MEMBERS – Nicodemus Center 2008-2009

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\* Pottery Students/Guild Members

## Life Members

Mr. & Mrs. Kenton H. Broyles  
Thomas S. Heefner

## Master Potters

Terry & Linda Barkdoll  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Edward Beck, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Beck  
Dr. & Mrs. Richard C. Bell  
Ruth S. Bryson (Country Lane Antiques)  
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Richard & Kaye George  
Dr. Edward S. Goodhart  
Diana van Gilder Gunder  
Jeffrey L. High  
Jeffrey A. & Barbara Hirt  
Senior Judge John W. Keller  
Marge Kiersz  
Jerry & Mary Jo Kowallis  
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(Mike & Brenda Krepps)  
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John & Olivia Palmer  
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Marty Amrhein & Harvey Sheets  
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Bill & Twila Flohr  
Jack G. Handshaw, Jr. \*

## Potter's Apprentices

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen E. Beck  
Myrna Binkley  
Harold \*, Lori, Delaney \* & Devyn Blubaugh  
Mr. & Mrs. Jon B. Cook  
Mr. & Mrs. James Deegan  
Jeffrey & Beverley Evans  
William & Elizabeth George  
Dwight & Jean Hastings  
Jay & Pat Heefner  
Paul & Joan Jones  
Dr. John & Mrs. Martha H. Keller  
Will & Jill Kessler Family  
Wayne & Debbie Martz  
Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy S. Maxwell  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald G. McCleaf  
Tracy Barlup, Michael McIntyre \* & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Miller  
David & Norma Monn  
Harry Morningstar, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew R. Oyer  
Doris O. & Harry L. Oyler  
Cheryl Plummer  
Willard & Virginia Rahn  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard G. Shook  
James & Melodie Anderson-Smith \*  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter P. Smith  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert G. Steiner  
Brandon & Debbie Stouffer \*  
Mrs. Mary B. Unger

John & Gloria Walker  
Joan Mitchell & Dan Wiley \*

## Potter's Helpers

Mary Ashe-Mahr \*  
Michael Bannon \*  
L. Joe & Liane Miller Benchoff  
Judy Hoffman Bolton \*  
Nickole Bricker \*  
Buchanan Automotive  
Libby Byam \*  
Mary Carson \*  
Anne Copenhagen \*  
James Crum \*  
Carrie Dietrich \*  
Johanna Durgin \*  
Rebecca Durgin \*  
Ronald Freshman  
Laurie Gamble \*  
Don & Pat Glasgow  
Dr. David C. Gnage  
Dr. David Goldenberg  
David Goldstein \*  
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(James & Barbara Bowersox)  
William H. Helfrick  
Janet Hess \*  
Jill Keller \*  
John & Martha Dudley Keller  
Andi Kline \*  
Pat Landerkin \*  
Doris Large  
Jean LeGros  
Peter & Sheri Linehan \*  
Enid Madaras \*  
Linda & Terry Martin  
John P. Massimilla  
David A. McCarney  
Marilyn McCarney  
Bev McFarland \*  
Jan Middour  
Gary Myers  
Amber Naugle \*

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# SPRING & SUMMER POTTERY CLASSES AT PENN STATE MONTALTO

The Nic. Center will be offering introduction to ceramics studio classes for adults from March 18 through April 22 and from June 15 through July 2. The March class will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 PM in the center's pottery studio, room 008, General Studies building on the Mont Alto campus. The June class will meet on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 PM in the pottery studio. The instructor for both sessions will be Tom McFarland, fine arts teacher at St. Maria Goretti High School, Hagerstown, assisted by the center's James Smith.

The classes are designed to introduce students to the art of making pottery and sculptural objects in clay. Students receive instruction and produce their own projects using various clay working techniques that include coil construction, slab building, press molding and throwing on the potter's wheel.

McFarland holds both Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees from the Maryland

Institute College of Art, Baltimore. He has more than 43 years experience as an art instructor and free-lance artist and is internationally know for his ceramic and fiberglass sculptures.

The ceramic studio class size is limited to eight and preregistration is required. The cost of the class is \$100 for center members and college faculty, staff and students and \$125 for the general public with a \$50 fee for materials for all registrants. All participants will be allowed access to the pottery studio outside class time. For more information and to preregister for the March 18 or June 15 sessions, call the center at (717)762-4670 or email James Smith at [jms48@psu.edu](mailto:jms48@psu.edu).

This coming fall two studio classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings, 6 to 9 PM. The first session begins on September 9 and runs through October 14 followed by a second session from October 28 to December 2.

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(Members from page 3)

Chase Utermohlen Newton \*  
Betsy Payette  
Bill & Debbie Pflager & Family  
Linda Pottinger \*  
Jack & Katrinka Pritchard  
Michelle Radbill \*  
Kaye L. Ressler  
Janie Salansky  
Mary Ellen Selvaggio \*  
Nichole Senebeck \*  
Mike & Sue Shatzer \*  
Betty C. Sterner  
Jane Stockhausen \*  
Andrea Struble  
Nikki Sussman \*

Joanne Stepler Thompson  
Pat Verderosa  
Don & Peggy Weller  
Rebekah Wingert \*  
Kirk Wishard \*  
Sheri Wolf \*  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert R. Zimmerman

## Honorary

Harry & June Anderson  
Penn National (Patti Nitterhouse \*)

## NCCS Board of Directors

Kenton H. Broyles (President)  
Marty Amrhein (Vice President)

Walter P. Smith (Secretary)  
David Gnage (Treasurer)  
Richard C. Bell  
John W. Keller  
Daniel E. Wiley

## NCCS Advisory Board

Donald Glasgow  
Thomas S. Heefner  
Willard F. Rahn

## NCCS Staff

James M. Smith (Executive Director)

# Dan Wiley Joins Nic. Center's Board of Directors

**D**aniel (Dan) Edwin Wiley, Chambersburg, was elected to the center's board of directors at the board's January organizational meeting. Dan will be serving a three year term of office as the representative of the Mont Alto Pottery Guild. He is a graduate of the center's pottery program in 2004 and has been active in the guild since completing the class. Dan provide the following biographical sketch for use in this issue of the newsletter.

Dan Wiley received his BSChE from the University of Kansas in 1957, where he was elected to Alpha Chi Sigma, Sigma Tau and Tau Beta Pi. After college, he spent 31 years with the chemical division of PPG Industries, working in process development, R&D administration and plant technical management. He began a second career of 11 years with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) working within the Office of Industrial Technologies on energy efficiency and renewable energy issues. At DOE Dan originated the concept of the Industries of the Future program and in 1998 undertook a one-year detail with the Electric Power Research Institute to work on their technology roadmap initiative.

Dan has held membership and served in a number of professional organizations, including the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society. He was Chair of the National Capital Section, AIChE from 1998-1999, and was elected Fellow of AIChE in 2001.

Since retirement Dan's interests have focused on the arts. He and his wife Joan Mitchell became members of the Nic. Center in 2005. He is currently serving his third year as a board member of the Cumberland Valley School of Music. In addition to pottery and music, Dan is a skilled woodworker and photographer and is currently learning the art of silversmithing through workshops in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.



*New Nic. Center board member Dan Wiley is shown with other potters and their pots at the unloading of the guild's first pit-firing at Penn National Golf Center in October, 2007. Photo: Joan Mitchell*

## NCCS Financial Statement January 1 to December 31, 2008 and current budget for 2009

<b>Income</b>	<b>2008 (actual)</b>	<b>2009 (budget)</b>
Grants/Professional Services	\$12,422	\$12,500
Membership & Corporate Contributions	\$ 7,990	\$ 9,000
Pottery reproductions/publications	\$ 6,913	\$ 7,000
Student & Guild Fees	\$10,794	\$12,000
Misc.	\$ 609	\$ 600
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$38,728</b>	<b>\$41,100</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Fund-raising expenses	\$ 1,571	\$ 2,500
Materials/postage		
Pottery reproductions		
Printing		
Newsletters		
Accessions	\$ -00-	\$ 500
Research/Exhibits (staff & materials)	\$28,547	\$30,000
Pottery Studio (instructor/materials)	\$ 3,488	\$ 3,500
Administrative		
Office rental	\$ 1	\$ 1
Communication	\$ 526	\$ 550
Insurance	\$ 1,690	\$ 1,800
Payroll taxes	\$ 1,736	\$ 1,800
Accountant	\$ 60	\$ 500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$37,618</b>	<b>\$40,151</b>

## ACCOUNTANT/TAX PREPARER SOUGHT BY NIC. CENTER

Since our inception in 1995, Michael S. Snyder, CPA, Waynesboro, has provided accounting services to the Nic. Center on a pro bono basis. The center is indebted to Mike and his staff for their generosity. In late August of 2008, Mike closed his office. As a result, the center is currently seeking an accountant or tax preparer to provide annual tax preparation services on a pro bono or reduced fee basis. The center is a non-profit, 501(c)3, corporation and currently em-

ployes one full-time employee. We operate on a calendar year with an annual budget of between \$35,000 to \$55,000. Our payroll runs four times a year on a quarterly basis. In addition to quarterly and year-end payroll tax filings, the center requires completion of the Federal 990 and State BCO 10 forms. If you or someone you know are interested in providing tax preparation services to the center, contact James Smith by email at [jms48@psu.edu](mailto:jms48@psu.edu) or by phone at 717.762.4670.