

Nic. Pottery

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Nic. Center to Auction off Reproduction Set

The Nicodemus Center for Ceramic Studies at Penn State Mont Alto will be holding a one-time-only silent auction of the complete 17-piece set of its historic folk pottery reproductions. The center began producing the reproductions in 1997 in conjunction with the Bell & Sons exhibit and currently produces one reproduction per year.

During the past 13 years regional ceramic artists Lynette King, Orrtanna, Jack Handshaw, Fairfield and James Smith, Fayetteville, have been commissioned by the center to create the 17 distinct reproductions in limited editions of 150 or 250 each. These reproductions are based on original works made at the John Bell & Sons Pottery (1833 - 1896), Waynesboro, and,

in one case, the Solomon and Daniel Baker Pottery (1816 - 1879), Salem Church Road near Waynesboro.

The set includes a miniature jug bank, rope handle jar, two ale mugs, tobacco jar, two pitchers, small and large jugs, butter tub, vase, miniature washbasin

and pitcher, lidded canning jar, and slip decorated platter, bowl, mug and pie plate. All the reproductions are earthenware with the exception of the stoneware canning jar.

The reproductions are currently on display in the lower level of the General Studies building on the campus of Penn State Mont Alto. Silent auction forms are available in the center's pottery studio, room 008 of the General Studies building, and on the center's web site at www.montaltopottery.org. Sealed bids will now be accepted through March 15. This is an extension from the original January 31 deadline. Proceeds from the silent auction will be used by the center to support its work to preserve and interpret historic folk pottery sites of the Cumberland/Shenandoah Valley region. For more information contact the center by e-mail at jms48@psu.edu or by phone at (717) 762-4670.



The Nicodemus Center is offering this 17-piece set of its historic folk pottery reproductions for purchase as a single lot through a silent auction. Written bids will be accepted through March 15.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

- February 1 through May 22

HISTORIC FOLK POTTERY FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE NICODEMUS CENTER FOR CERAMIC STUDIES
11 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday and by special arrangement in room 302, General Studies building, Penn State Mont Alto (PSMA).

- April 12

BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING
5:30 PM in room 302, General Studies building, PSMA.

- April 23 – 25,

PIT-FIRE 4 PENN NATIONAL GOLF CENTER
Our fourth 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 7 – 8

CUMBERLAND VALLEY CRAFTS GUILD SPRING STUDIO TOUR
Runs from 10 AM to 5 PM on Friday & Saturday.

- July 12

BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING
5:30 PM in room 302, General Studies building, PSMA.

- July 18

CHAMBERFEST ARTS DAY
9 AM to 4 PM, Chambersburg, guild pottery sale.

- September 18

Sixth Annual **CUMBERLAND VALLEY POTTERY FESTIVAL**
10 AM to 5 PM at Renfrew Park, Waynesboro.
Guild members and more than 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 11

BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING
5:30 PM in room 302, General Studies building, PSMA.

- October 16

POTTERY 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 16 through November

MONT ALTO POTTERY GUILD'S FALL EXHIBITION
room 302, General Studies building, PSMA.

- October 30 – 31

CUMBERLAND VALLEY CRAFTS GUILD FALL STUDIO TOUR
Runs from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday & Sunday.

- December 2 – 4,

11TH 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 3 – 10

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



Mont Alto Pottery Guild members David Goldstein and Judy Hoffman Bolton are shown helping at the guild's sales booth during last year's Cumberland Valley Pottery Festival at Renfrew Park, Waynesboro. Photo: Tracy Holliday

MEMBERS – Nicodemus Center 2009-2010

* Pottery Students/Guild Members

Life Members

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

Master Potters

Marty Amrhein & Harvey Sheets
Terry & Linda Barkdoll
Marie & Ed Beck
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Beck
Ruth S. Bryson
Mr. & Mrs. George P. Buckley
Greg & Debi Duffey
Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Dunlap, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick E. Fleagle
William H. Gelbach, Jr.
Richard & Kaye George
Dr. Edward S. Goodhart
Jeffrey L. High
Senior Judge John W. Keller
Jerry & Mary Jo Kowallis
Krepps Dental Studio
(Mike & Brenda Krepps)
Tom McFarland *
A. Kathryn Oller
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Stephen & Sharon Rost
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Dr. John C. Stauffer
Betty D. Thompson
Dr. G. William Thorne
WACCO Properties
John & Gloria Walker
Angela Grove Weagly
Mary Jane Weagly

Journeyman Potters

Myrna Binkley
Don & Phyllis Brothers
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Max E. Creager

Bill & Twila Flohr
Jack G. Handshaw, Jr. *
Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy S. Maxwell
Doris O. & Harry L. Oyler
Willard & Virginia Rahn

Potter's Apprentices

James & Melodie Anderson-Smith *
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen E. Beck
Harold, Lori, Delaney & Devyn
Blubaugh
Mr. & Mrs. Jon B. Cook
Mr. & Mrs. James Deegan
Jeffrey S. Evans & Associates
William & Elizabeth George
Paul & Joan Jones
Dr. John & Mrs. Martha H. Keller
Will & Jill Kessler Family
Wayne & Debbie Martz
Mr. & Mrs. Donald G. McCleaf
Tracy Barlup, Michael McIntyre &
Family
Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Miller
David & Norma Monn
Harry G. Morningstar, Sr.
Cheryl Plummer
Joe & Karen Rock
Mr. & Mrs. Richard G. Shook
Mr. & Mrs. Walter P. Smith
Dr. & Mrs. Robert G. Steiner
Mrs. Mary B. Unger
Dan Wiley * & Joan Mitchell

Potter's Helpers

Mary Ashe-Mahr *
Michael Bannon *
Jackie Bayer *
Dr. & Mrs. Richard C. Bell
L. Joe & Liane Miller Benchoff
Linda Bernhisel *
Judy Hoffman Bolton *
Anita Brezler *
Nickole Bricker *

Buchanan Auto Park
Buchanan Automotive
Mary Carson *
Becky Clingerman *
Lisa Crawford *
Erin Delaney *
Mary Delaney *
Ronald Freshman
Laurie Gamble *
Don & Pat Glasgow
Dr. David C. Gnage
Dr. David Goldenberg
David Goldstein *
Staci Grimes *
Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home
(James & Barbara Bowersox)
Gene Hale *
Jay & Pat Heefner
William H. Helfrick
John & Martha Dudley Keller
Anna Kent *
Carolyn Kent *
Pat Landerkin *
Doris Large
Beth Lesko *
Jennifer Lesko *
Linda & Terry Martin
Kelle & John Massimilla
Marilyn McCarney
Bev McFarland *
Alex Miller *
Andy Moats *
Kristie Moats *
Gary Myers
Patrice L. Nitterhouse
Kumiko Nuss *
Laura Patterson *
Betsy Payette
Bill & Debbie Pflager & Family
Jodi Plum *
Jack & Katrinka Pritchard
Michelle Radbill *
Joe Rosinski *
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SPRING POTTERY CLASSES AT PENN STATE MONT ALTO

The Nic. Center will be offering introduction to ceramics studio classes for adults from March 17 through April 21 and from June 14 through July 1. 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. Smith holds both Bachelors and Masters degrees in Anthropology from the College of William and Mary and has spent the last 30 years as an historic archaeologist and museum director working in the field of historic folk pottery. He began creating his own works in 2003 and is the founder of the Mont Alto Pottery Guild.

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 17 or June 14 sessions, call the center at (717)762-4670 or e-mail James Smith at jms48@psu.edu.

(Members from page 3)

Darwin Seiler *
Mary Ellen Selvaggio
Deb Shandera *
Jennifer Statler *
Betty C. Sterner
Brandon Stouffer *
Debbie Stouffer *
Andrea Struble
Joanne Stepler Thompson
Lisa Wagner *
Don & Peggy Weller
Kirk Wishard *
Dr. & Mrs. Robert R. Zimmerman

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Harry & June Anderson
Penn National

NCCS Board of Directors

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Willard Rahn

NCCS Staff

James M. Smith (Executive Director)

IN MEMORIAM

Pennsylvania State Senator
Terry E. Punt
(Master Potter)

Staci Grimes Joins Nic. Center's Board of Directors



Staci Grimes, Shippensburg, joined the center's board of directors at its January meeting as the representative of Penn State Mont Alto. Staci is currently an employee of the college and works in information technology. She is a graduate of the center's pottery program and has been active in the guild since its creation.

Staci holds a degree in Forest Technology from The Pennsylvania State University and is working toward degrees in both biology and English. She currently is employed as a Computer Support Specialist in the Information Technology Services department at Penn State Mont Alto.

Staci's interest in pottery began in 1992, when she studied briefly under Johnstown potter, Jim McDowell. Eleven years later she reconnected to clay when she took the center's pottery class in 2003. She has been a contributing potter in the Carlisle Empty Bowls program for the past two years.

Web design is another creative outlet for her and she published and maintains the guild's web site at www.montaltpottery.org. Staci is also a noted landscape photographer. Her work is currently on display in the gallery of the Chambersburg Council for the Arts through February 20. Other art affiliations include membership in the Shippensburg Arts Programming &

Education (SHAPE), Carlisle Arts Learning Center, Perry County Council for the Arts and Huntingdon County Arts Council. A number of her photographs were entered into the juried Cumberland Valley Photo Salon in 2009.

Staci is also actively involved in community service organizations. She is a past vice president of the Parent Teacher Organization, Grace B. Luhrs Elementary School, Shippensburg, annual judge in the Franklin County Science Fair, and regular presenter at the Gettysburg Career Fair. She loves to travel and is planning trips to both the Southwest and the Northwest of the US this year.



Staci Grimes recently joined the Nic. Center's Board of Directors and currently serves as the board's treasurer. She is shown throwing a bowl at the Carlisle Arts Learning Center. Photo: Staci Grimes

NCCS Financial Statement January 1 to December 31, 2009 and current budget for 2010

Income	2009 (actual)	2010 (budget)
Grants/Professional Services	\$ 3,845	\$ 5,000
Membership & Corporate Contributions	\$ 6,925	\$ 9,000
Pottery reproductions/publications	\$10,663	\$11,750
Student & Guild Fees	\$ 9,678	\$10,000
Events	\$ 1,593	\$ 1,600
Misc.	\$ 982	\$ 750
Total Income	\$33,686	\$38,100
Expenses		
Fund-raising expenses	\$ 2,176	\$ 2,000
Materials/postage		
Pottery reproductions		
Printing		
Newsletters		
Accessions	\$ -00-	\$ 500
Research/Exhibits (staff & materials)	\$22,500	\$26,500
Pottery Studio (instructor/materials)	\$ 3,866	\$ 3,500
Administrative		
Office rental	\$ 1	\$ 1
Communication	\$ 400	\$ 550
Insurance	\$ 1,686	\$ 1,700
Payroll taxes/FICA	\$ 2,211	\$ 2,400
Accountant	\$ 690	\$ 700
Total Expenses	\$33,530	\$38,101

SILENT AUCTION FORM
NICODEMUS CENTER'S BELL FAMILY & BAKER REPRODUCTIONS 1997-2009

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Silent Auction Bid \$ _____ (minimum bid \$1,000)

To be eligible, bids must be postmarked by March 15, 2010. The individual with the highest winning bid will be notified on or before March 31, 2010.

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