

Welcome New Members

Give a warm welcome to the seventeen people who have become members since January: Betty Bernstein, David Bower, Carolyn DeLaney, Carin DeRosa, Darlene Finkelstein, Mary Guerrero, Cathy Hearn, Mikaela Koncijula, Kathleen Marlowe, Susan Mauk, Maryann McGarity, Julie Mielak, Gayle Price, Ann Richardson, Michael Rizzuto, Karen Schilder, and Mary Willingham. If you see someone you don't recognize in the studio, ask their name. Let's get acquainted! One of our new members, Mary Willingham, has volunteered to serve as the lead for the display case committee. Mary and her husband, Bert, left Tennessee and came to live in SCCL five months ago. Mary studied pottery for four years and her real love is hand-building. She loves the challenge of putting the pieces together! Mary says, "The best part of PFP for me is the amazing fast turnaround of pieces by the fantastic kiln committee."



Upcoming Classes

PFP is happy to offer the following classes to members. Free classes are one of the many benefits of your membership. Watch for sign-ups in your email.

Bubble Glazing with Kathy Bacon

Date: Monday, September 9th, from 10 to 11:30 AM

Attendees: up to 12 people

What is Bubble Glazing? Check out [Ceramic Arts Network](#)

Demonstrating Clay Attachment with Virginia Burgh

Date: September 19 at 9:30 AM

Attendees: up to 10 people

Ever had a handle or foot crack or fall off? Learn how to successfully attach various clay pieces like handles and feet and the role clay moisture plays in your results.

Wheel Class with Mitch Kotula & Janet Sinderbrand

Dates: Tue/Wed December 10-11 from 6-8 PM

Attendees: up to 5 people

Learn and practice techniques of throwing pottery on the wheel.

Price Changes

At the last PFP meeting, the club voted to increase the price of clay and dues. In the past five years, glazes have increased over 35% and brown and white clay have increased 30%. This is the first increase in club dues since PFP began in 2005.

- **Brown and White Clay:** As of August 1, \$32 per 25 pounds
- **2025 PFP yearly dues:** From \$50 to \$75

Dates to Remember

- **September 5 at 11:30 AM:** PFP club meeting in the studio.
- **September 14 from 10 AM - 2 PM:** SCCL Craft Fair in the Lodge.
- **October 19 from 10 AM - 4 PM:** Carolina Clay Matters Pottery Festival. 8300 Monroe Rd, Charlotte. Get [Free Tickets!](#)
- **November 2 from 10 AM- 5 PM:** Deck the Halls Artisan Craft Fair. 14111 Capital Blvd, Wake Forest, NC. \$3 per person/ \$5 for two people, Under 12 Free. [More info here.](#)

A Toast to Olga

Olga Korytko, co-leader of our pottery club, left SCCL in August to live closer to her family. At our July 24th meeting, we toasted Olga for her many contributions to our club and her leadership on the PFP board. Olga's ready smile, helpfulness and creative gifts will be missed by us all. Here's to you, Olga!

Talent Show Display

The SCCL Performing Arts Club has invited our club to have a table in the Lodge during the talent show on October 17-19. Pottery will be displayed from 6-9 p.m. Each evening will feature the work of different potters. The display committee will set up the display, but each potter will be responsible for taking their pottery home at the end of the evening. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact, Mary Willingham: sewheavenly@hotmail.com

Together We Can

Our pottery studio is made possible by the volunteer service of our board and its various committees. By working together, our studio runs smoothly and provides a wonderful place for creativity and friendship. The Nominating Committee is looking for new Board Members for 2025. Contact Nancy Cohen with your suggestions. nancylc21@yahoo.com

Another way to get involved is to serve on one of the following committees.

- **Kiln**—Loads and unloads the kiln for bisque and glaze firings.
- **Glaze**—monitors and orders glazes.
- **Education**—selects proficient members to teach and or demonstrate various pottery techniques.
- **Social**—organizes club social events 2-4 times per year.
- **Display case**—gathers pottery from members and displays the pieces every other month in the Lake House.
- **Cleaning**—schedules 3-4 work days per year to clean the studio and our equipment.
- **Shard**—monitors the supply of community shards and creates new shards as needed.
- **Publicity and marketing**—prepares bimonthly newsletter and seeks ways to promote PFP in the community.

Contact Neysa Bennet if you would like to serve on one of these committees. neysernb@gmail.com