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What's on the Website?

Ever browsed the PFP webpage on the SCCL website? Lana Schempp, our treasurer and webpage manager, thinks you might like to. Members should use our webpage to review club information, check out photos of members' projects, and find sources to enhance pottery techniques. "My favorite part of the website is the photo section! Since some of the beautiful projects created by our members go quickly from kiln to home, I'd love to get photos of your projects so I can post them." Email your photos to Lana at: <code>lanasch.sccl@outlook.com</code> All Playing in the Mud newsletters will be archived on the website. Log in to the SCCL website and <code>click on the PFP webpage</code> to see all it has to offer.



Bubble Glaze Class







After taking this class, eight of our potters may be forever blowing bubbles! Kathy Bacon provided information and demonstrated the technique. Then all the participants followed the glaze recipe and grabbed a straw and blew bubbles onto their bisque piece. Kathy and her assistant Florence walked around and provided tips and answered questions. The results were fabulous and the laughter contagious.

Here's the Bubble Glaze Recipe: 1 Spoon of underglaze, 3 spoons of water and 3 drops of dishwashing soap.

More information about this technique can be found *here*.

Upcoming Classes

Watch for emails to sign up for the following classes!

Christmas Tree Class with Joanne Ploch Dates: Sat October 12 at 10 AM Attendees: up to 10 people

The class will create a Christmas tree. One will be demonstrated, but bring your own ideas. Christmas Tree Demo Link.

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.

Clay Attachment Class

According to Virginia Burgh, the moisture of the clay and the scoring of the piece make all the difference in successful attachment. She passed around various pottery samples and showed us what worked well and what didn't. Virginia inspired us with her unique and creative pieces.

Tips from Virginia:

- Join seams at near leather hard stage and score well. If scored well, water is sufficient and slip isn't needed
- Use an online clay shrinkage calculator to determine how large your pottery piece will be after it is fired. View Online Calculator.
- When making a lid, it is better to have the inner lip a little smaller than too big.



Dates to Remember

- October 12-13 from 10 AM -5 PM: Spruce Pine Potters Market, Cross Street Commerce Center, 31 Cross Street, Spruce Pine, NC. *More info here*.
- October 19, Saturday, from 10 AM 4 PM: Carolina Clay Matters Pottery Festival. 8300 Monroe Rd, Charlotte. Get *Free Tickets!*
- November 2, Saturday, 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*.
- November 3, Sunday, from 11 AM 5 PM: Historic Rock Hill Pottery Festival, 258 E West Street, Rock Hill, SC. Enjoy the festival or *Click Here* to participate in the event.