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All About Glazes

The glaze committee is made up of Wendy Carter, head of the committee, and Nancy Cohen, Roy Thompson and Doug Crippen. These committee members monitor the stock of all glazes and order replacements as they are depleted. They make test tiles of all stocked glazes and create new test tiles as new glazes are added. Dipping glazes are mixed in the studio and tested from time to time. Only frequently-used glazes are stocked with a back-up. The committee relies on all members to use the Glaze Log that is on the counter in the studio. When a glaze jar is empty, write the name of the glaze in the book and leave the jar on the counter so the reorders will be done in a timely manner. Complete instructions are in the Glaze Log, Wendy advises, "Feel free to experiment with glazes that we do not carry. I always recommend testing a glaze combination before using it on a pottery piece. Take the time to learn from a test tile, not a precious piece. If there are problems with glazes, let me know by writing it in the glaze book." *More of Wendy's tips will be posted on the wall by the glaze bottles.*

Building a Christmas Tree



With holiday music playing in the background, Joanne Ploch welcomed us into the pottery studio for a morning of fun, friendship and creativity. One of the key elements of this design required the use of the extruder. The brown extruder was broken, but that didn't stop Joanne! She enlisted the help of her husband and neighbor and it was fixed 3 minutes before the class began. With all the tools ready, Joanne demonstrated the steps with clear instructions and then invited us to add our own ideas. The creativity flowed! Birds, stars, garland and hearts were added as each person personalized their tree. Thanks so much, Joanne, for getting us into the holiday spirit and giving us a wonderful Saturday morning. Can't wait to see the finished trees! Check the website for more photos.

Warm Socks Warm Heart

Thanks to the kindness of the Pottery Group and others in Sun City, we were able to deliver 1,100 pairs of new warm socks to the Historic Banner Elk School, which is serving as Hurricane Relief Hub for Avery County. They were much appreciated by the leaders there, and even more so by those affected by the hurricane. The area of Banner Elk still has no water and the nearby areas were devastated. My husband and I volunteered at the Banner Elk School and at the Foscoe Grandfather Community Center, which allowed us to help those in need gather supplies. In the process we heard so many heart breaking stories about their homes...flooding, mud slides, people still missing and some who died—and yet they had incredible resilience and hope. If you are interested, I'll be happy to share more. Thanks again for your generosity—there will be warm feet for the winter! Let's not forget them—it will be a long recovery. *Mary Metzger*

2025 Executive Team Slate

At the October 30 PFP club meeting, Nancy Cohen, head of the nominating committee, presented the following candidates for the executive team: **Co-leaders:** Nancy Cohen and Lynne Hesney; **Secretary:** Julie Weng; **Assistant Treasurer:** Lana Shempp with Ellen Peters as Assistant Treasurer in Training; and **Monitor:** Martha Abrams. Since there were no contested positions, the membership just needs to approve the candidates. You will receive an email in November to affirm this slate.

Quilt of Valor



The Sun City Carolina Lakes Quilters and Honoring our Veterans Clubs awarded PFP potter Gene Thompson the quilt of valor on October 16. Many PFP members attended this special time where we honored Gene for his service to our country. Gene and Roy are invaluable members of our club. We are so proud of you, Gene, and Welcome Home!

Dates to Remember

- **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.
- **November 9, Saturday, from 11 AM - 3 PM:** SCCL Holiday Craft Fair in the Lodge.
- **November 6 & 12 from 6-8 PM:** 101 Introduction to Pottery Class in the pottery studio. Contact Janet Sinderbrand if you are able to volunteer at the class. janetsinderbrand@gmail.com
- **November 22, Thursday, from 5-8 PM:** PFP Holiday Party in Lake House Catawba Room. Bring a dessert or appetizer. **RSVP** by Nov. 11 to Kathy Olin kjolinagain@gmail.com.