



## Press Release

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For immediate release:

### **Pottery from the Coastal Carolina Clay Guild**

The North Carolina Pottery Center is pleased to announce the exhibition, *Pottery from the Coastal Carolina Clay Guild*, with an opening reception that is free to the public on Friday, August 13 from 6-8 pm. The exhibit, which includes for sale pieces, will be on exhibit August 13-November 13, 2010. Please join us for the Artists' Reception on Friday, August 13th from 6-8 pm. Reception is open to the public free of charge.

The Coastal Carolina Clay Guild was founded in 2007 by a group of Wilmington potters with the purpose of sharing ideas and promoting the art and craft of pottery in our community. The Guild has grown to 100 members who reside in the eastern regions of North and South Carolina and are a diverse group consisting of full time, part time, and student potters.

Almost half of the guild members are participating in this show including Dina Wilde Ramsing, whose imaginative figure works are published in many books; Don Johns, known for special crystalline glazes and surface decoration; Gayle Tustin, painter and clay muralist, Vicky Smith, UNCW instructor who mixes unfired clay with glue; Geoff Calabrese, Cape Fear Community College instructor who makes head sculptures; Melanie Walter who combines clay with pine needles; Bill and LaceyAnn Struve who invented bronze metal clay; and Hiroshi Sueyoshi, who uses crater glaze on altered form vessels. Mr. Sueyoshi is also president of Coastal Carolina Clay Guild, and will curate the show.

Other participants include: Renato Abbate, Barbara Allison, Marty Allran, Nicholas Basta, Bonnie Bowden, Denise Bramley, Liz Bryan, Celeste Cavanaugh, Julie Cook, Brian Evans, Sasha Federer, Tari Federer, Sue Frye, Eileen Gordon, Joyce Grazetti, Pam Greenough, Mary Holden Hall, Pat Hart, Linda Hartman, Dick Heiser, Kaete Held, Pat Holleman, Helene Icard, Joyce Ingraham, Joe Jeffcoat, Tonda Jeffcoat, Robin Jones, Michelle Kerwin, Mary Kimmel, Pat Lanzi, Roger Mansur, Janine McClellan, Joan Millette, Jerry Parnell, Pauline Purdum, Mark Shelton, Giles Singleton, Christa Sylvester, Brenda Thomas, Janelle Walker, Cindy Weaver, Sybil West, Kathy Whitley, Leslie Willett, Motsy Wynn.

The coastal region of the Carolinas does not have a traditional pottery history, but does have a thriving and supportive art community and is a growing part of the rich craft heritage of North Carolina.

The Coastal Carolina Pottery Exhibit will be on display at the North Carolina Pottery Center through November 13th, 2010. The NCPC, a non-profit entity which is supported in great part by donations from individuals, is located in Seagrove one of the state's key historical and contemporary pottery producing regions.

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*The mission of the North Carolina Pottery Center is to promote public awareness of and appreciation for the history, heritage, and ongoing tradition of pottery making in North Carolina. The Center is located at 233 East Avenue in Seagrove, NC. Hours of operation are Tue - Sat 10 am - 4 pm. For more information, please call 336.873.8430 or go to [www.ncpotterycenter.org](http://www.ncpotterycenter.org)*

Picture 002 Chess Set Artist: Renato Abgbate

Picture 003 "Bob" Chinese Money Frog Artist: Julie Cook

Picture 004 "Man on a Bench" Artist: Mark Shelton

Picture 006 "Lookin Round Under Pam's Trees" Artist: Linda Anne hartman

Picture 007 "Ode to Gutav Klunt" Artist: Denise Bramley