



# Newberry Arts Center in Newberry, SC, Offers First South Carolina Clay Conference - Feb. 27-28 & Mar. 1, 2015

Celebrate Clay at the 1st annual South Carolina Clay Conference – Moving Clay Forward, taking place at the Newberry Arts Center in historic downtown Newberry, SC, on Feb. 27-28 & Mar. 1, 2015. The conference is sponsored by City of Newberry PRT, and will featuring ceramics by Sue Grier of Asheville, NC, and Mike Vatalaro of Greenville, SC.



Work by Mike Vatalaro

public on Friday and Saturday. Modeled after well-known clay conferences in North Carolina and Alabama, the conference will allow for presenters and attendees to be immersed in conversation on 'all things clay'. Included will be a Friday evening reception and Saturday evening BBQ. Sunday morning, the conference will close with an informative lecture on a clay related topic. Professionals, educators, amateurs and students can all enjoy the creative atmosphere which this type of intimate gathering promotes.

Of the conference, Palmer says, "The City of Newberry Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department has put forth great efforts to create an art center that educates and nurtures the community and surrounding areas with visual art experiences for all ages.

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Newberry Arts Center – NAC – is thrilled to be hosting the first South Carolina Clay Conference. Instruction in pottery is a large part of our center. Newberry Arts Center is excited to be bringing clay artists together from all over South Carolina and beyond to help build a stronger clay community and move clay forward in South Carolina."

Ceramic works by Grier and Vatalaro will be on exhibit in conjunction with the South Carolina Clay Conference. Exhibit hours are: Fri & Sat., 9am-5pm, and Sun 9am-1pm. The exhibit is open to public, but the conference is open only to registered

participants.

The cost of attending the conference is \$225 and some meals are included - the complete schedule should be firmed up soon. The organizers have set up a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn in downtown Newberry with a double room at \$89 a night including continental breakfast.

The Newberry Arts Center is located at 1107 College Street in Newberry, SC.

For more info and registration details, contact: Marquerite Palmer, Art Program Coordinator by calling 803/321-1015 or e-mail to (mpalmer@cityofnewberry.com).

# Vista Studios in Columbia, SC, Features Works by Eileen Blyth

Vista Studios in Columbia, SC, will present *Drawing the Line*, featuring works by Eileen Blyth, on view in Gallery 80808, from Feb. 13 - 24, 2015. A reception will be held on Feb. 13, from 6-9pm.

Artist Eileen Blyth's upcoming solo art show, *Drawing the Line*, does exactly as its title suggests. It drives us to decide at what point we've reached our limits, exhausted all possibilities, seen all there is to see. With a nod to graphic arts icon Milton Glaser, the show encourages viewers to look closer, to examine the tiniest details and open their minds to new or unforeseen perspectives.

According to Glaser, no artist should stop exploring and discovering new prospects. Just because an artist has landed on something that resonates – that sells or is widely celebrated at one moment in time – does not



Work by Eileen Blyth

mean that the artist is "done" and should be *continued on Page 11*



Work by Sue Grier

For this first SCCC, art program and conference organizer Marquerite F. Palmer has brought together presenters Sue Grier and Mike Vatalaro. With many years experience each, both potters will demonstrate their talents and techniques during the conference. The overriding theme for this year is Altered Vessels. Also during the weekend, the presenters will have their work for sale along with pieces from the conference attendees. The pottery sale will be open to the

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