

North Carolina Pottery Center

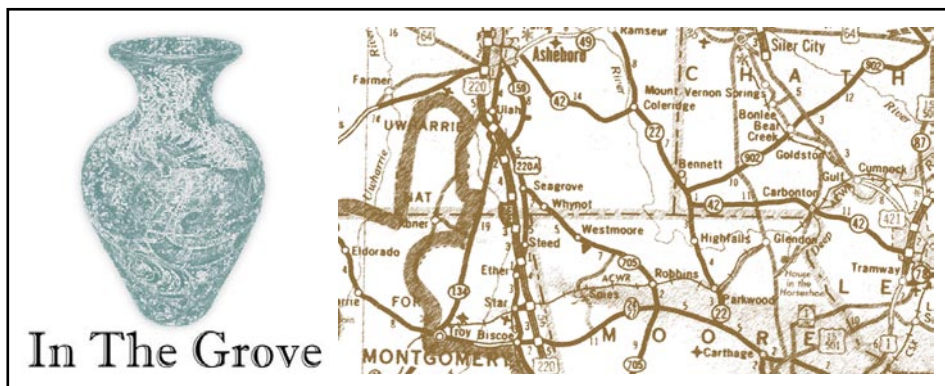
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The mission of the North Carolina Pottery Center is to promote public awareness of and appreciation for the history, heritage, and ongoing tradition of pottery making in North Carolina. The Center is located at 233 East Avenue in Seagrove, NC. Hours of operation are Tue. - Sat., 10am - 4pm.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Center at 336/873-8430 or visit (www.ncpotterycenter.org).



In the Grove with Rhonda McCanless

The 8th Annual Potters Market Invitational at the Mint Museum in Charlotte, NC, is Sept. 15, 2012, from 10am to 4pm. Potters from 40 North Carolina pottery shops have been invited to attend, including potters from 10 Seagrove shops.

Potters Donna Craven, Jeff Dean and Stephanie Martin (Dean & Martin Pottery), Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke (Bulldog Pottery), Fred Johnston and Carol Gentithes (Johnston & Gentithes Art Pottery), Daniel Johnston, Sid Luck (Luck's Ware), Frank Neef, Ben Owen III, Pam, Vernon and Travis Owens (Jugtown Pottery), along with Jennie Keatts (JLK Jewelry at Jugtown), and David Stuempfle will all represent Seagrove, NC, at the invitational. For more information, visit (www.mintmuseum.org).

Mark and Meredith Heywood are celebrating the 30th anniversary of Whynot Pottery on Oct. 13, 2012, from 9am to 5pm and Oct. 14, from 11am to 4pm with an open house and special edition of "Muds and Suds in the Yard," a Whynot event typically held in the spring. The Heywoods are making special stamped and signed pots to commemorate the occasion.

Raven Pottery and Abela Body Care will join the Whynot potters for the event. On Saturday, from 2 to 5pm, special guests Andrew Deming and Joel McClosky will stop by with some locally brewed beer. Deming and McClosky are craft brewers and the driving force behind Four Saints Brewing Company, soon to be Randolph County's first commercial micro-brewery. Deming and McClosky will offer beer tastings and unveil their 2012 St. Nicholas Christmas Ale. For more information, call 336/873-9276 or e-mail to (contact@whynotpottery.com).



Glass pumpkins from STARworks Glass Lab

Hand-blown glass pumpkins will be ripe for the picking at STARworks Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 6, from 9am to 1pm. Over 1000 glass pumpkins in all shapes, sizes and colors made by the artists at STARworks Glass Lab will be available. This is the only time of year the pumpkins can be purchased. For more information, visit (www.starworksn.org) or call 910/428-9001.

Rhonda McCanless is editor and publisher of *In the Grove*, a monthly newsletter about Seagrove, NC, that focuses on pottery news. Click the link to see the latest issue. Rhonda works full-time for Central Park NC in Star, NC, and can sometimes be found at her husband's pottery shop, Eck McCanless Pottery, located at 6077 Old US Highway 220 in Seagrove, NC. She can be reached at 336/879-6950 or at (professional_page@rtmc.net).



Work of From the Ground Up pottery

Michael Mahan will host the 4th Annual R.D. Mahan Turkey Roast and Kiln Opening at his shop, From the Ground Up on Oct. 6, 2012, from 9am to 6pm and Oct. 7, from noon to 5pm. The turkey roast is an annual celebration Mahan hosts in memory of his father. Pottery by Mahan, his daughter, Chelsea Mahan and son, Levi Mahan will be featured during the event. New pots will be unloaded from the kilns and organic food and coffee will be served. For more info, visit (www.fromthegrounduppots.com).

Whynot Pottery Celebrates 30 Years of Making Pottery - Oct. 13 - 14, 2012

Mark and Meredith Heywood moved to Whynot, NC, in the summer of 1976. After a start in small farming and furniture making Mark and Meredith were encouraged by the local potters to learn the craft of pottery making. Soon it consumed all of their spare time.

In October of 1982 they were ready to open Whynot Pottery. The name is from the community they live in, Whynot, NC, and honors Meredith's grandfather, J.B. Slack, who was born and raised in Whynot. J.B. and others made sure Whynot stayed on the



NC map.

Whynot Pottery for the most part has been a two person operation with both Mark *continued above on next column to the right*

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and Meredith throwing, glazing, loading and unloading kilns. Mark does fire the large and small gas kilns, the one step that Meredith gladly leaves to him, just as Mark leaves the bookwork to her. Both Mark and Meredith have a hand in every other step of the operations from start to finish.



In the past 30 years they raised two children while making pottery. While both children have a great appreciation for handmade items and pottery in particular they have each moved on to be successful in other fields. Having spent many hours working to help promote the Seagrove potters Meredith also worked with the Randolph Arts Guild in Asheboro, NC, on the NC Potters' Conference for 15 years and served on the board of directors of the North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, for 10 years.



About potting, "There is nothing else that I would want to do", says Mark, "I truly love what I do, spending hours with clay creating something that will be used in someone's home gives me a satisfaction that I have gotten from nothing else I have ever done".

"The moment this all comes together is at

the point when a piece is bought and taken away to be used. I get the most pleasure when I walk into a home and see our work in use. It makes what we do a complete circle", said Meredith.

How do you mark 30 years in the business? Well of course you make pots stamped and signed especially to commemorate the occasion and: We are pleased to invite you to visit us Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9am-5pm or Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, from 11am-4pm, rain or shine, for an open house and special edition of "Mud and Suds in the Yard". Mud and Suds is our spring time event but joining us to help celebrate are the usual suspects Raven Pottery, Abela Body Care and on Saturday, from 2 until 5pm, special guests Andrew Deming and Joel McClosky. Deming and McClosky are craft brewers and the driving force behind Four Saints Brewing Company, soon to be Randolph County's first commercial micro-brewery. On Saturday Four Saints will be offering a tasting of a brew or two, as well as the unveiling of the 2012 St. Nicholas Christmas Ale.



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Haven't found the article about your exhibit yet? Did you send it to us? The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be Sept. 24th for the October 2012 issue and Oct. 24 for the November 2012 issue. Don't put it off. Get your info to us - soon.