

# POTTERS PAGES

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## Inspiration

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### MT VERNON

On October 23-25, the Potters Council hosted their last workshop for 2015 at the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in Mt. Vernon, IL. The workshop, Ceramic Boundaries, OPENED, featured presenters Margaret Bohls, Sunshine Cobb, Harris Deller, and Susan O'Brien. Over the course of a beautiful fall weekend, the participants were able to learn and ask questions in a more intimate setting than typically afforded potters.



Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mt. Vernon, IL

In 2016, we'll be traveling to Portland, ME (6/10-12) and Portland, OR (10/21-23). We hope to see you at one of our workshops soon! Wondering if it's the right fit for you? Here's what people had to say about this workshop:

"Each [presenter] had their own method and each gave new or reinforced how to accomplish their objectives. You could go away with ideas and a new method to use. I enjoyed the conference because being newer at pottery there were new ideas that I hope to use in my development."

"All very good presenters, I liked that they all were different types of artists. I learned something from each one."

"The workshop was wonderful and so well organized. I really was impressed with the facility."

"I loved the contrast in style and approach to practicing ceramics that the presenters illustrated."

"Beautiful facilities! Great food! Loved the sponsor booths and input! Loved the pottery exchange!"

Check out the fun pictures on pages 6-7 from our time together and be sure to keep an eye out for our 2016 workshops on [potterscouncil.org](http://potterscouncil.org)!



Shrode Art Center, Cedarhurst, Mt. Vernon, IL

Thank you to all  
who participated! Check  
page 8 for our upcoming  
2016 workshops!

# Letter from the Chair:

**KEVIN CROWE, Potters Council Board Chair**



Two weeks ago, at 10:30 p.m., 12,500 pounds of castable were delivered to the loading dock of our local brewery. A crew of eight driving three pick-ups and three cars pulled up to the dock where a forklift weighed them down to their limit. We caravanned

the six miles to my kiln shed where by 1:30 a.m., we had unloaded, stacked and wrapped 240 fifty-pound bags by hand.

A week later, a gang of twelve arrived at the shed at 9:30 in the morning and fed that 12,500 pounds of castable to two mixers, applied it to thirty feet of anagama arch form, and had it wrapped with wet towels and plastic by 3:30 that same afternoon. During both events, questions about kiln designs, sources for used brick, kiln shelves, tales of past firings, plans for future firings and laughter filled the kiln shed. We all know one of us will need a hand in the future and we'll gather again to experience the satisfaction of being of service and the difficulty of asking for help.

As the crew drove away, I thought this is what the Potters Council could be—a vehicle in which we can offer assistance and receive help when we're stuck; a community of makers supporting each other. There are many types of barn raisings; they all leave us feeling connected, interdependent, reminding us that we are more than competitors for attention. We are in this together, this dance of giving and receiving, as we engage in the mysterious work of making something beautiful.

Peace,  
Kevin

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# Jubilee – 10 years Chawan Expo Project

## ST. BERNARD'S ABBEY, HEMIKSEM, BELGIUM

The International Chawan Expo Project was founded by the Belgian Ceramist and Professor Lou Smedts in 2005 as an open non-profit platform. The very first Chawan Expo was held at the St. Bernard's Abbey in Hemiksem, Belgium.

Chawan are hand built tea bowls, used in the highly cultivated traditional eastern tea ceremonies. A Chawan is manufactured in long hours of contemplating work, and the bowls are fired mostly in the raku-technique or in wood firing kilns. In the last 10 years, the Expo has been held in France, The Netherlands, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan (guest country in 2015), Croatia, Japan and the USA. I asked Lou about his

experience: "In the 10 years the project has existed, I selected exceptional talented artists that take on the challenge to make a tea bowl. I selected only from the photos of their works, looking for character, one's own style and love for the object. In short: bowls with a soul." September this year marked the tenth anniversary and was celebrated with a special Jubilee Expo in the same Abbey in Belgium where everything began in 2005. And, like in all the other Expos before, Lou was almost overrun with artists who wanted to be part of the expo. Potters Council was represented by the works of John Baymore, Steven Branfman and, as well as in person, by Evelyne Schoenmann.

We had an absolutely great time in Belgium. Of the 70 artists who attended the opening, 36 stayed the whole 10 days of the exhibition and we enjoyed interesting excursions as well as instructive workshops and tea ceremonies. The Chawan Expo Project is a success story! The next Chawan Expo will be held at the Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro (Tennessee, USA) from November 30 to December 12, 2015.

*Evelyne Schoenmann  
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1. Chawan Expo poster 2. Detail of Expo Exhibition 3. Oil Spot tea bowl 4. Evelyne Schoenmann in front of tea bowls 5. St. Bernard's Abbey

# Welcome New Potters Council Members

FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015

## ARIZONA

NATALIE REED-GOEHL

## CALIFORNIA

MARLENE BRANSON  
MARTHA BRODY  
HEATHER COSTIN  
MAGGIE COURTIS  
JENNIFER JOHNSON  
JUDITH LAYTON  
INGRID POWERS

## COLORADO

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MARTHA PEARSON

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SUZANNE STAUBACH

## FLORIDA

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## IOWA

JENNIFER JANE ABEL

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FRANK RICHARDS  
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TOM VICIAN

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SARA SIMON  
JOHN UTGAARD

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ANDREW JEFFERY  
CARA WILLIAMS

## MAINE

CHRISTINE CASWELL

## MARYLAND

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## MINNESOTA

NANCY GIANOLI

## MISSOURI

LISA HILTON

## NEW JERSEY

BONITA ENGEL  
BJORG HARDARDOTTIR

## NEW MEXICO

PAMELA MONTALBANO

## NEW YORK

STEFANIE BURDICK  
NANCY HENRY  
PENELOPE VAN GRINSVEN

## OHIO

JOAN MARQUARD BARRETT  
RAY STORER

## OREGON

SHARON GIBSON  
CHRIS NORTH

## PENNSYLVANIA

LISA BURNS

## SOUTH CAROLINA

MISSY BIRDSSELL

## TENNESSEE

ELIZABETH REES

## TEXAS

MARIS BLOUNT  
DEBRA CHRONISTER  
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RALPH TOBIN  
KIM TOMPKINS

## UTAH

MARK MONTAGUE

## VERMONT

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## WISCONSIN

CYNTHIA THOMAS

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## GERMANY

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## GREECE

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# Member Events/Exhibitions

## Houston, TX

Weaving with Clay - Baskets and MORE! Using an extruder to produce coils is only the beginning. Producing beautiful one-of-a-kind woven baskets combines clay, molds, glazes, and moisture management. Many unique and wonderful shapes, forms, and enhancements can be used to produce simple to intricate creations. Wyatt Schultz, 13923 Kensington Place, Houston, TX 77034. Call 832-257-9028; email [wyatt@livingsoulpottery.com](mailto:w Wyatt@livingsoulpottery.com). Visit [www.livingsoulpottery.com](http://www.livingsoulpottery.com) for more details.

## Suquamish, WA, NOVEMBER 6-8, 2015

Majolica and porcelain pottery by Lisa Salisbury, Sgraffito pottery by Elena Wendelyn on a self guided tour of 20 North Kitsap artist studios featuring 65 NW artists. map and information at [cafwnw.org](http://cafwnw.org). Call 360-343-6449 or email [rosiecreek55@gmail.com](mailto:rosiecreek55@gmail.com).

## Davis, CA, NOVEMBER 14, 2015

Amber Aguirre, Hawaii ceramic sculptor is featured in a solo show at the John Natsoulas Gallery in Davis, CA. The exhibit opens November 4th and runs until December 5th, with a reception on November 14th, from 7-9 pm. Visit [www.natsoulas.com/](http://www.natsoulas.com/) for more information.

## San Francisco, CA, DECEMBER 1-23, 2015

4th annual Holiday Art Spectacular is a broad selection of holiday gift ideas made by the artists of SMAArt Studio. Visit <http://www.smaartgallery.com/Gallery.html> for more information. Email [steve@smaartgallery.com](mailto:steve@smaartgallery.com).

## Baccarat, Lorraine, France

Creation of works of decorative arts and lithophanes. Workshop classes available. Call 33-6-67-92-91-34 or email [contact@annickthiaville.com](mailto:contact@annickthiaville.com); visit [www.annickthiaville.com](http://www.annickthiaville.com).



Ceramic Boundaries, OPENED artist displays

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE: ONLINE RESOURCES [WWW.POTTERSCOUNCIL.ORG](http://WWW.POTTERSCOUNCIL.ORG)

- Yearly calendars
- Annual juried show
- Mentoring Program
- Online Artist Portfolios
- Online Member Directory
- One free ad in *Potters' Pages* newsletter (restrictions apply)

## MEMBERSHIP SAVINGS

- Discount on all Potters Council regional workshops
- 20% discount on one-year subscription to *Ceramics Monthly*
- One free online classified advertisement per year on *Ceramics Monthly* website plus 20% off any subsequent print and online classified advertisements
- 20% discount on one-year subscription to *Pottery Making Illustrated*
- 20% discount on Ceramic Art Books and DVDs

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**MT VERNON, IL**



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# SAVE THE DATES!

 **POTTERS  
( ) COUNCIL**  
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2016 is fast approaching and Potters Council is going to have an exciting year!  
We're going to Barcelona, Spain, April 17-27; Portland, Maine, June 10-12;  
Ireland, September 14-26; and Portland, Oregon, October 21-23!



Travel from  
*portland to  
portland*  
this year with Potters Council!

Portland, Maine, June 10-12  
Portland, Oregon, October 21-23