



## In The Grove

by Rhonda McCanless

In conjunction with Randolph Arts Guild's 27th Annual North Carolina Potters Conference held Mar. 7-9, 2014, in Asheboro, NC, the North Carolina Pottery Center (NCPCC) will hold a special presentation by East Tennessee State University student Becca Irvin. The presentation will be about a vortex soda kiln students from the university constructed with the help of their professor and graduate students.



Becca Irvin working with the Vortex soda kiln

The kiln has a unique burner port layout that directs flame into a spiral motion down to a small flue in the center floor that exits out to the chimney. Irvin documented the entire process and will talk about firing results, burner and soda port configuration, refractory materials and provide photos of the pottery fired in the kiln.

The presentation is Mar. 9, from 1 to 4pm. It is free and open to the public. The NCPCC is located at 233 East Avenue in Seagrove. For more information, visit ([www.NCPotteryCenter.org](http://www.NCPotteryCenter.org)) or call 336/873-8430.



Works to be featured at NC Glassfest

STARworks will hold the first ever NC Glassfest on Mar. 15, from 10am to 2pm. Glassfest is a sale of functional and culinary

# North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, Features Works by NC Folk Heritage Award-Winning Potters

The North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, will present *Teachers of Tradition: NC's Folk Heritage Award-Winning Potters*, a temporary exhibition highlighting and honoring the exemplary work of thirteen of the state's outstanding traditional potters, on view from Mar. 22 through Apr. 26, 2014. A reception will be held on Mar. 22, from noon-2pm.

First presented in 1989 by the North Carolina Arts Council, the Folk Heritage Award recognizes the state's outstanding traditional artists for their lifetime achievements and their dedication to the preservation of those crafts not only through their own work, but also through passing those traditions along.

Past Folk Heritage Award potter recipient - Page 12 - Carolina Arts, March 2014

glass created by North Carolina artists. STARworks Glass artists will give hot glass demonstrations during the event. There is no cover charge to attend. It is recommended that guests arrive as close to 10am as possible to ensure the best selection.

STARworks is located seven miles south of Seagrove at 100 Russell Drive in Star, NC. For more information, visit ([www.STARworksNC.org](http://www.STARworksNC.org)) or call 910/428-9001.

Bulldog Pottery will hold "Daffie Days" Apr. 4 and 5, from 10am to 5pm. The event welcomes the beginning of spring and celebrates the flowers that come with the season. Artists Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke invite visitors to join in lively conversation about their recent work and enjoy refreshments. A variety of elegant vases and an array of studio art pottery created by Gholson and Henneke will be featured.



Works from Bulldog Pottery

Bulldog Pottery is located five miles south of the Seagrove stoplight at 3306 US Highway 220 Alternate. For more information, visit the shop's blog at ([www.BulldogPottery.blogspot.com](http://www.BulldogPottery.blogspot.com)) or call 336/302-3469.

Pottery Road Studio and Gallery will hold a Birds and Blooms event Apr. 5, from 10am to 5pm. The violas and muscari surrounding the shop will be in full bloom for the event. Artists Don and Susan Walton will have new work available, including birdhouses, vases, flower arranging pieces and other springtime pots.

Pottery Road Studio and Gallery is located at 1387 N.C. Highway 705 South. For more information, visit ([www.PotteryRoad.com](http://www.PotteryRoad.com)) or call 336/707-9124.

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ents include Dorothy and Walter Auman, Burlon Craig, Vernon Owens, Amanda Swimmer, Nell Cole Graves, Louise Bigmeat Maney, Melvin Lee Owens, Celia Cole Perkinson, Neolia Cole Womack, and Senora Lynch. Arnold Richardson and Sid Luck are receiving the award this year, on May 20, 2014, at the A.J. Fletcher Opera House in the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in Raleigh, NC. Examples of all of these potters' work will be on display at the center as part of the exhibition.

Because the exhibition will only be up for a limited time, we strongly encourage visitors to go ahead and make plans to visit the center as this exhibition is a special one.

The North Carolina Pottery Center wishes

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SEAGROVE, NC

**Museum Hours:**  
Tues-Sat 10am-4pm  
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Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

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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.

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

# STARworks in Star, NC, Offers First Glassfest - March 15, 2014

STARworks in Star, NC, will present the first NC Glassfest, on Mar. 15, from 10am-2pm. The event features functional and culinary glass created by North Carolina artists.

Visitors can expect glasses, cups, bowls, pitchers, sweet tea sets, vases and more in many colors, shapes and sizes to be available. Items will be priced between \$20 and \$200.



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STARworks glass artists will perform hot glass demonstrations that will show visitors how the sale items were made. There is no admission charge to attend the event or the



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demonstration.

"Our glass artists have created beautiful functional and culinary glass items for NC Glassfest," said Nancy Gottovi, Central Park NC executive director. "As with all of our fundraisers, we recommend people arrive early to ensure the best selection."

Entrance will be through the front lobby. Doors open at 9:30am. Items will not be available for purchase before 10am on event day. If there are glass items left by the end of the sale, they will be available in STARworks lobby, Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm until supplies run out.

Proceeds from NC Glassfest will help fund STARworks glass programs, including the high school glassblowing program.

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