

In The Grove by Rhonda McCanless

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is \$5, with children 12 and younger admitted free. Admission includes slide shows, demonstrations, finale events, live music, a sculpture workshop led by Gentithes and more. Open studios and workshops require additional fees. Locally-brewed beer and food available for purchase.



From Hot Glass Cold Beer

The next STARworks Hot Glass Cold Beer evening is Mar. 12. HGCB is on the second Thursday of each month, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The public is invited to

come watch a free hot glass demonstration. Visitors who are 21 and older can purchase a hand-blown STARworks glass and receive complimentary beer throughout the evening. Beer on tap will be from North Carolina breweries.

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

Rhonda McCanless is editor and publisher of *In the Grove*, a periodic 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 U.S. Highway 220 in Seagrove, NC. She can be reached by calling 336/879-6950 or e-mail to (professional_page@rtmc.net).

STARworks in Star, NC, Offers Lineup for Firefest 2015

FireFest, a two-day festival celebrating the role of fire in the creation of art, will be held at STARworks in Star, NC, Apr. 3 and 4, 2015. Guest artists will create art, hold slide shows and participate in finale events involving fire.



Work by Carol Gentithes 2015 FireFest guest artist

Ceramic artist Carol Gentithes will create a large ceramic sculpture that will be fired during the festival and revealed when it has reached peak firing temperature and is still aflame during the Saturday night finale. Gentithes is a Seagrove, NC, artist who is best known for her quixotic sculptures that are hand built with coils. The sculptures are often satirical and narrative.



Glasswork by Einar and Jamex de la Torre

Glass artists Einar and Jamex de la Torre will perform demonstrations and create art at Firefest. The brothers were born in Guadalajara, Mexico and grew up in Southern California. Their glass sculptures incorporate themes about Mexican and American culture. Though their work is very playful, it also addresses serious cultural and historical topics.



Artists from Liberty Arts of Durham will lead the iron pour at Firefest

Liberty Arts Sculpture Studio and Foundry, based out of Durham, NC, will lead the iron pour during the Saturday evening finale events. Artists will create molds that will be filled with molten iron. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase scratch molds to create their own designs and have them filled during this time. A workshop is available for those who would like point-

ers. Liberty Arts serves as an incubator in which artists work together to teach, learn and inspire.

Attendees can try working with hot glass, metal or clay at STARworks Open Studios, Friday evening. More in-depth workshops in each medium will be offered Saturday, including group metal sculpture workshops led by Mac Metz to create a large phoenix.

Other activities include an art sale, fire tornado, live music, locally-brewed beer and food vendors. Finale events, slide shows, demonstrations, live music, a sculpture workshop by Carol Gentithes and observing artists at work is included in the price of admission.

Daily admission is \$5. Children 12 and younger are admitted free. Open Studios and workshops will be an additional cost. More information and a complete schedule of events can be found at (www.STARworksNC.org).

STARworks is seeking volunteers for FireFest. Volunteers are needed to help with check-in, gallery sales, answering questions, monitoring the entrance and directing attendees.

Volunteers who work three hours will receive free admission for the day and a coupon that can be used at Hot Glass, Cold Beer.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Mary Holmes by e-mailing to (mary@centralparknc.org) or calling 910/428-9001.

STARworks is a project of Central Park NC, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the economy of the region by focusing on the sustainable use of our natural and cultural resources. STARworks is located at 100 Russell Drive in Star, just off I-73/74 in northern Montgomery County.

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Eck McCanless Pottery

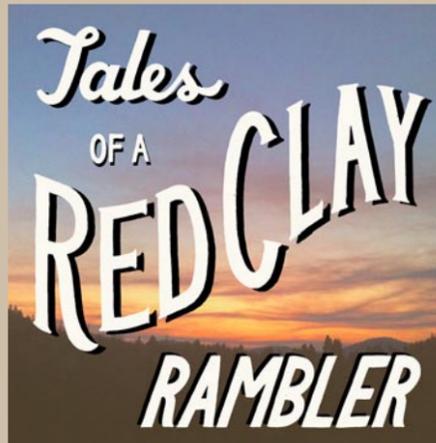


Demonstrations available anytime!

Eck is a second-generation Seagrove potter who has spent nearly 20 years perfecting his craft. He specializes in **Agataware, Crystalline and Stoneware.**

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The Tales of a Red Clay Rambler Podcast features interviews with artists and culture makers from around the world. Hosted by ceramic artist Ben Carter, the show explores how the ideas and aesthetics of the interviewed artists reflect the greater cultures that surround them.

Carter was the educational director of the Pottery Workshop Shanghai from 2010 - 2012 and has been an artist-in-residence at Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass, CO, The Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, MT, and the Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center in Skaelskor, Denmark. He has exhibited internationally and taught workshops at art institutions in the United States, China, Australia, and New Zealand. He was also a resident at the Odyssey Center in Asheville, NC, for a few years - which brings him back the NC from time to time. For a complete biography and resume please visit the about page at www.carterpottery.com.

For Podcast on NC Potters, select episodes 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 and 68 at this link (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/tales-red-clay-rambler-podcast/id523651655>).

If you like what you hear you might want to sign up for the newsletter. To join the list click the following link and sign up in the box below the streaming player: (<http://www.carterpottery.blogspot.com/2009/05/welcome-to-tales-of-red-clay-rambler.html>).



Work by Ben Carter

Discover the Seagrove Potteries

Seagrove is a Community of Working Potters & home to the North Carolina Pottery Center

You're invited....

to visit the Seagrove potters at their workshops & studios nestled in the countryside.

Experience a diversity of pottery from contemporary, one-of-a-kind art pottery, to traditional utilitarian forms, & folk art

It's an Adventure....

Pick up a free colored map at any of the pottery shops

Seagrove is located in the Center of North Carolina 40 miles south of Greensboro on Hwy. 220 (future I-73, I-74)

www.discoverseagrove.com