



In The Grove

by Rhonda McCanless

The Seagrove Potters Celebration of Spring is upon us. The studio tour and kiln opening will feature 38 Seagrove area pottery shops, Apr. 20 & 21. Each shop will do something special to celebrate spring. Visitors can expect extended hours, special treats, door prizes, demonstrations, hands-on activities, studio tours and kiln openings.



Works from Kings Pottery - Seagrove Potters Celebration of Spring

Brochures with a complete listing of shops and activities, photos and a map will be available in participating shops and can be downloaded at (www.DiscoverSeagrove.com).

The NC Pottery Festival is Apr. 13 & 14, from 10am to 4pm at Seagrove Elementary School. Potters and craftspeople from across North Carolina will participate in the event by selling their wares and performing demonstrations. Admission is \$5. For more information, contact Martha Graves at 336/873-7887.



Work by Thomas Pottery - Kiln Opening

Thomas Pottery will hold a spring kiln opening Apr. 20, from 10am to 5pm, and

The Artist League of the Sandhills n Aberdeen, NC, Offers Works by Kathleen Leuck

Pinehurst, NC, is now home to Colorado artist, Kathleen Leuck. Her award winning work can be viewed at The Artist League of the Sandhills in Aberdeen, NC, from Apr. 1 - 30, 2013, in the exhibit *The Energy of Color*. A reception will be held on Apr. 7, from 2-5pm. In addition to viewing her work at the gallery, visitors will enjoy seeing some of the artist's favorite quotations about art.

Recently retired from a long career as a nurse, Leuck is spending hours in her home studio just having fun, being a midwife to art instead of babies. Her husband now refers to that studio space as "The Magic Kingdom". Although the move from Colorado was prompted by the desire to be closer to grandchildren, the move has the added bonus of offering an area rich in the arts, both performing and visual.

The Art League of the Sandhills offers Page 40 - Carolina Arts, April 2013

Apr. 21, from 1 to 4pm. The kiln will be unloaded Saturday at 11am and Sunday at 2pm. A large selection of trays, platters, bakeware and more will be available. Studio tours and refreshments will be offered. For more information, visit (www.ThomasPottery.com).



Work by glass artist, Hank Adams - FireFest

FireFest is May 3-5 at STARworks in Star, NC. The festival will celebrate the role of fire in the creation of art. Internationally known guests artists, Hank Adams (glass), Ben Galata (metal) and Hyang Jong Oh (ceramics) have been invited to participate, demonstrate and lecture. Workshops, demonstrations, live performances, hands-on activities, and locally made food and drinks will be offered throughout the event.

Central Park NC is undertaking the transformation of a 187,000 square foot former textile mill to create STARworks Center for Creative Enterprises and new home to Central Park NC. For more information, visit (www.STARworksNC.org).

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classes with instruction from national as well as local masters. The "Joy of Art" studio in Southern Pines offers a monthly artist's meeting to spur artists to more creative endeavors. North Carolina also offers beautiful scenery and much inspiration. In addition, there are many wonderful galleries to peruse in the area and

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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)

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talented potters close by who create from mother earth herself.

Leuck's work can be described as energetic and filled with color and texture. She refuses to be pinned down to one particular style of painting and enjoys working in watercolor, oil and acrylic. Many of her works consist of the use of multiple mediums. She enjoys dyeing silk, quilting contemporary designs and fusing dichroic glass into jewelry. Over the course of the last 40 years she has considered it her therapy to attend workshops and art class with many nationally known teachers.

Leuck's work has been most influenced by Sarasota, FL, artist, Maxine Masterfield who incorporates images of nature into her pieces in an abstract and innovative style. Her goal is to offer to the viewing public work that will lift their spirit and offer a respite from the cares of this world.



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Leuck is a member of the Artist Association of Northern Colorado, The Art League of the Sandhills and the International Society of Experimental Artists.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the League at 910/944-3979 or visit (www.artistleague.org).

Celebration of Spring Kiln Openings & Studio Tours Takes Place in Seagrove, NC - Apr. 20-21

Working together for the good of the community.... Seagrove, NC, potters are again coming together to create an eventful weekend with something for everyone. Over 65 clay artists will be offering special events and kiln openings throughout Seagrove the weekend of Apr. 20-21, 2013. Spring has always been a time for renewal and awakening in Seagrove and this year an unprecedented number of shops are opening their doors at the same time to Celebrate spring with special events. It's a great weekend to come out and leisurely browse, shop and experience a 200-year-old tradition, see the process, develop and renew relationships with the potters of Seagrove.



Works from Lantern Hill Pottery

details of events. You can download a pdf of participating shops and hours and a map from Discover Seagrove at (<http://www.discoverseagrove.com/>) or Celebration of Seagrove Potters at (<http://www.celebrationofseagrovepotters.com/>) and be sure to like us and follow us on Facebook for updates on the event details Celebration of Seagrove Potters.

Participating pottery shops include: A. Teague Village (Southern Spirits), Avery Pottery & Tileworks, Ben Owen, Blue Hen, BlueStone, Bulldog, Caldwell-Hohl Artworks, Chris Luther, Chrisco, Crystal King, Daniel Johnston, Dean and Martin, Dirt Works, Donna Craven, Eck McCanless, Fireshadow, From the Ground Up, Great White Oak Gallery, Hickory Hill, JLK Jewelry, Jugtown, Keith Martindale, Kings, Lantern Hill, Lathams, Luck's Ware, McNeill's, Michele Hastings & Jeff Brown, Old Gap, O'Quinn, Frank Neef, Ray, Seagrove Stoneware, Smith, Snowhill Pottery & Tileworks, Studio Touya, Tom Gray, Whynot Pottery & Acacia Art Tile.

The Seagrove Area Potters Association (SAPA) is a group of remarkable clay artists united to showcase the traditional and contemporary pottery of the historic Seagrove community. The goal is to maintain the authenticity of Seagrove pottery by working together in community efforts to promote the historical, educational and

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Works from Old Gap Pottery

A large variety of events are scheduled throughout the weekend including, but not limited to - loads of beautiful new pots fresh from the kilns, door prizes, refreshments, turning demonstrations, raku firings and special guests. Stop at any participating shop as you come into Seagrove to pick up a map of the tour and