

North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, Offers New Exhibition

The NC Pottery Center in Seagrove, NC, is presenting *Humble Components* exhibition, on view through Dec. 15, 2024

When you break it down (not literally!), pottery, the product of a craft that likely originated independently in multiple regions around the world thousands of years ago and continues to be practiced in North Carolina today, is really just composed of humble components - clay and various minerals and elements.

In our *Humble Components* show, you'll see old and contemporary pieces representing various North Carolina traditions and techniques: Native American pit-fired, slip-decorated redware, salt-glazed, alkaline-glazed, wood ash-glazed, Chinese blue, crystalline, and chrome red, next to samples of the humble components from which some of those pieces were made.

Now, while pottery may be composed of humble components, the process by which each piece becomes a remarkable piece of pottery is through the work of potters - those artists and alchemists, if you will - who combine those humble components in various ways and forge them in fire (or heat as the case may be) to create something magical - something that can be used or admired for generations, something that can potentially endure and be found in an archaeological site thousands of years from



Works by Hal and Eleanor Pugh

now.

Contemporary examples in our *Humble Components* show include work by: Chad Brown (Seagrove), Mary Farrell (Seagrove), Matt Hallyburton (Connelly Springs), Fred Johnston (Seagrove), William & Pam Kennedy (Seagrove), Ben Owen III (Seagrove), Travis Owens (Seagrove), Hal & Eleanor Pugh (New Salem), and David Stuempfle (Seagrove).

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

Celebration of Seagrove Potters Show and Studio Tour in NC, Takes Place Nov. 22-24, 2024

The Celebration of Seagrove Potters Show and Studio Tour, takes place Nov. 23, from 9am-5pm and Nov. 24, from 10am-4pm. A Friday night Gala, will be held on Nov. 22, from 2-8pm. Gala tickets include entrance to preview the show, catered reception and opportunity to bid on special collaboration pieces in live auction. Gala tickets are \$65 and include Saturday and Sunday admission. Tickets must be purchased in advance at (www.discoverseagrove.com) prior to the event. Regular admission to the show is \$8. Studio tour is free.

Seagrove, NC is abuzz with activity as potters get ready for the 17th Annual Celebration of Seagrove Potters Show and Studio Tour. Twenty-eight Seagrove pottery shops will set up booths in a newly renovated event space at the Luck Comer Lail Center (Historic Luck's Cannery) at 798 NC Hwy. 705 in Seagrove. A ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the new event space will be held Nov. 22, at 2pm. In addition to the pottery show, 29 pottery shops are participating in a self-guided driving studio tour.



View of the Triple C booth from a previous show, photo by Crystal King.

General admission tickets for the indoor market are \$8 and can be purchased at the door. The studio tour is free. Visitors can pick up a program at the Historic Luck's Cannery that will include a layout of market participants and a studio tour map. Admission is not required to pick up a map for the studio tour.

The Celebration of Seagrove Potters also features a silent auction of special pieces created by the area potters to raise money to



Works by Dan Triece of DirtWorks Pottery, photo by Ben Own III

help promote Seagrove potters throughout the year.

This year, the Seagrove Area Potters Association is donating 25% of the live and silent auctions proceeds to CERF+ (Craft Emergency Relief Fund). Proceeds will be designated to go directly to provide emergency relief for craft artists in Western North Carolina.

In addition to potters' booths, visitors can enjoy wheel throwing demonstrations, food trucks and a festive atmosphere. Demonstrations are scheduled throughout the event. The Smokehouse Bistro and Simply Coffee food trucks will be at the cannery.

The Celebration of Seagrove Potters is one of the biggest events of the year, and is the only time that pottery enthusiasts can visit several Seagrove potters in the same location.

The pottery tradition in Seagrove spans more than 200 years. Today there are more than 50 pottery shops keeping that tradition alive. Forty-six of those shops are participating in the Celebration of Seagrove Potters.

Pottery shops participating in the indoor market at the Historic Luck's Cannery include: Ben Owen Pottery, Blue Hen Pottery, Cat Vera Pottery, Chad Brown Pottery, Crystal King Pottery, David Stuempfle Pottery, Dirtworks Pottery, Eck McCanless Pottery, Fiva McCanless Pottery, From the Ground Up, Hatfield Pottery, Hickory Hill Pottery, Jared Zehmer Pottery, JLK Jewelry, Keith Martindale Pottery, Kluba Ceramics, Kovack Pottery, Luck's Ware, Matthew Kelly Pottery, Nicholas Havner Pottery, Pottery by Frank Neef, Pottery Road Studio, Ray Pottery, Red Hare Pottery, Seagrove

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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)

www.discoverseagrove.com

Stoneware, The Triangle Studio, Triple C Pottery and Windsong Pottery.

Pottery shops participating in the studio tour include: Ben Owen Pottery, BlueStone Pottery, Bulldog Pottery, Chris Luther Pottery, Dean and Martin Pottery, Dirtworks Pottery, Donna Craven Pottery, Donna's Pottery Haven, From the Ground Up, Hickory Hill Pottery, Johnston and Gentithes Art Pottery, Jugtown Pottery, Keith Martindale Pottery, Matthew Kelly Pottery, McNeill's Pottery, Old Gap Pottery, O'Quinn Pottery, Pottery Road Studio, Potts Pottery, Ray Pottery, Seagrove Art Pottery, Seagrove Stoneware Pottery, Studio Touya, Teague's Frogtown Pottery, The Triangle Studio, Thomas Pottery, Triple C Pottery, Turn and Burn Pottery and Wyndham and Brooke Haven Pottery.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings or visit (www.discoverseagrove.com).



Someone making a hard decision at the JLK Jewelry booth at a previous show, photo by Crystal King.

Oxide Gallery of Fine Art in Sanford, NC, Offers *Holiday Treasures* Exhibit

Oxide Gallery of Fine Art in Sanford, NC, is presenting *Holiday Treasures*, on view through Dec. 28, 2024. The Gallery will be open for a First Saturday Public Reception on Nov. 2, from 4-7pm, to kick off the holiday shopping and gift giving season. A portion of proceeds from the sale of all artwork benefits Lee County Fine Arts.

"*Holiday Treasures* is a two month event celebrating the spirit of the season in small works. We've curated a collection of beautiful artwork that will make a great gift for yourself or a loved one. Over seventy 8x8 paintings will be displayed in a grid along with a seasonal-themed collection of pottery, glass, and decorative ornaments. Gallery visitors can also participate in a holiday raffle to win a piece of original artwork."

In addition to the *Holiday Treasures* collection, the Gallery will include a front window display themed on Historic Downtown Sanford's Land of Sweets. Guests will enjoy seeing the transition of our front window from Halloween to Autumn and Thanksgiving, and into a Winter Wonderland to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

Visit the Gallery every week to explore



Work by Jessica Sloan

regular exhibitions, the NC Art Gift Shop, and Lee County's only Art-o-mat where you can get a piece of artwork for only \$5.

The Oxide Gallery of Fine Art presents contemporary North Carolina fine artwork and gifts. The Gallery is located on South Moore Street in Historic Downtown Sanford.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings or visit (oxideart.com).

Alamance Arts in Graham, NC, Offers Works by Charles M. Schulz

Alamance Arts in Graham, NC, will present *The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz*, on view from Nov. 2 through Jan. 17, 2025. A preview opening event will be held on Nov. 1.

Charles Monroe Schulz brightened the world for 50 years with his *Peanuts* comic strip, which debuted Oct. 2, 1950. With Snoopy, Charlie Brown, and the rest of the lovable *Peanuts* gang, Schulz explored the emotional territory of friendship, disappointment, faith, and tolerance. He was an artist and a storyteller who transformed images of everyday life into art that captured the humor, vulnerability, and dignity of the human spirit.

Through *Peanuts*, Schulz connected the world with his drawings and stories. *The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz* explores Schulz's personal history and his role as the sole inspiration and artistic talent behind *Peanuts* and its unique cast of characters. Schulz once proclaimed, "It seems beyond the comprehension of people that someone can be born to draw comic strips, but I think I was."

The exhibition follows Schulz from his Minnesota roots to his life in California and tracks the development of the characters that make up the unique world of *Peanuts*. Thirty *Peanuts* comic strips, Schulz quotes,

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