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## Our First Newsletter!

Volume 1,

Welcome to the Calgary Clay Arts Association's first newsletter, and boy are we excited. Our goal is to provide our membership with a way to find out about local clay related events, news, a new way to do things, and to provide a greater sense of community for local clay artists. As the editor, I am eager to see how this will grow and evolve, and I look forward to seeing the contributions from our membership. We began this journey last year when the question of "Does Calgary need or want a clay guild, society or association, and if so, what should it's function be?"

The answer was YES, we need an organization to help the clay community grow by hosting workshops, fostering informal gatherings to get to know people in the clay community, and hopefully to help showcase the works of our members via shows and sales.

It was discovered pretty early on that it was going to be a pretty big undertaking, as we had to be "legal", and get ourselves registered. Then get a

bank account, and with this, came the need for a board of directors, and committees, etc etc...



*Our very first meeting and the genesis of the CCAA*

Well, one year later, we are registered, we have an executive body, and we are on our way towards organizing our very first inaugural show, and now we have a newsletter.

It is my hope that this publication will grow and become a source of information for all members, and a way for them to communicate their own events.

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## Don't forget your "Lunchbox": The CCAA to host it's first show

The Lunch Box Show is the first show organized by the CCAA. The show will be held at Centennial Gallery and will run from March 6, 2009 to April 2nd. March 13th will be the Artists reception and will be open from 11am to 3pm.

The concept is based on the metal

lunch boxes from the "70's".

The CCAA will be looking for "lunch box inspired" entries (ie covered vessels) that fit within the 8"x7"x4" size limit.

Stay tuned for more information regarding submissions deadlines and entry fees!



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## Tools. Tips and Tricks

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The best bat grabber ever! You will never need to throw a “cookie” or fight with bat pins again! I have been using this very simple tool for a couple of years now, and every time I show it to someone, they are amazed. You can buy it anywhere they sell automotive cleaning supplies. I picked mine up at Canadian Tire for under \$12.

You are looking for a synthetic chamois. You don’t want the cloth ones, as they will just get soggy

and not hold your bat. The brand I picked up is the Simoniz “Speed Dry”, and comes in a length long enough to cut out 2 12” circles. Wet the round you have just cut out and wring it out very well. It should almost feel dry. If you use MDF bats, wet your bat, and wipe it off so that it is only slightly moist. If you use a bat with a non porous



*Simoniz Speed Dry Cloth  
Approximately \$12*

surface like counter laminate, make sure it is dry. You can either tap the bat on centre, or gently nudge it towards centre, and then proceed to throw. The only caution is that when you are coning, be gentle, as too much upward force, can lift the bat off the wheel, but the benefit

of this is that you can just tap it back on centre, and continue on. If

## Events

### Nov 1-28 “November Tune-Up”

Centennial Gallery artists warm to winter with hot colours in paintings, pottery, tapestry and glass  
153 115 9th Avenue SE  
Calgary AB T2G 0P5  
403 266 6783

### Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – First Thursday at Art Central

### Nov 14<sup>th</sup> — The Role of the Potter in Antiquity

Speaker: John Robertson

Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: North Mount Pleasant Arts Centre

John will give an overview of Meroitic pottery and talk about

the role of the potter in this ancient civilization

### Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fairview Studios Pottery Sale

Canyon Meadows Community Centre

848 Cantabrian Dr. S.W.

9am-12noon.

Door Prizes

Refreshments

Free admission

### Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm—CCAA Board Meeting

The CCAA will be holding their board meetings on the 2nd Friday of every month. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

“A big thanks to Michael Benoit, Director of North Mount Pleasant Arts Centre for being receptive to our newly formed group. We are now able to hold our meetings, on the second Friday of the month at 6:30 PM at NMPAC. Having a neutral space, at a regular time & place is of great benefit to us. We plan to have a speaker after the meeting, at 7:30 PM. In recognising that there is a 'community of interest', between the Studio Members at Northmount, and the clay community at large, we can be of mutual benefit to each other, by fostering communication, and providing educational & other opportunities. We look forward to a long and productive relationship.”

Connie Cooper - CCAA President

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## Images of the Month

I would like to dedicate this section to pictures of new work, old work, or just something that you think is cool. Please send anything you would like others to see to me at [ashleymorrow@shaw.ca](mailto:ashleymorrow@shaw.ca). Right now, I am posting images that I have found while cruising the web.



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## Classifieds

**Electric Kiln For Sale**  
 Skutt 1027-3"  
 Zone Control  
 New Elements  
 Newer Thermocouples  
 \$1700 (incl. Vent)  
 Please Contact Diane  
 403-703-7111 OR  
[diane@dianesullivan.ca](mailto:diane@dianesullivan.ca)

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please send your articles, events, classifieds, pictures, etc to [ashleymorrow@shaw.ca](mailto:ashleymorrow@shaw.ca). The deadline for submissions is the last Friday of every month, as it goes to "print" on the first Friday of every month.

**Call To Local Calgary Artists**  
 1111 artists, 1111 pieces of work  
 @ the Art Gallery Of Calgary  
 Mixed and Multimedia Welcome

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