

Clay Chatter

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Spring Fair to show the better side of mud slinging

The whirl of wheels, never-ending dry skin and fulfilling exclamations of “yes!” as kilns are opened during high production means it’s time again for the Spring Pottery Fair. We’re excited about the upcoming 19th edition of the fair, to be held during the new times of **10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at 1523 Madison Road in East Walnut Hills.**

We’re building on last year’s successful show, which moved to the parking lot one block west of the intersection of Woodburn Avenue and Madison Road. This location allowed for a more communal feel among the artists, better traffic flow for patrons and the added convenience of free parking right next to the venue.

Participation has increased to 65 artists from 58 last year, with many in the show for the first time! Yet again, the talent of this year’s artists is very impressive and we look forward to showcasing their variety of styles.

We are in the process of finalizing the layout, booking music and food options



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and posting participating artist’s work on Facebook and Instagram. Please visit, post, like, love, share ... and repeat. Information is also on our website, www.clayalliance.org. We count on the support of our Clay Alliance members to help

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New this year: 100 reusable shopping bags will be given to early morning and late afternoon attendees.



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Cheerful Surfaces Workshop set for June

Clay Alliance will welcome Jason Bige Burnett for a reception and workshop June 21-23.

Jason will present his vibrant illustrative surface techniques, focusing on image and stencil development through doodling, drawing and screen printing processes. Attendees will learn how to add color images to their clay surfaces by using newspaper and slip transfers. Demonstrations will cover traditional and nontraditional techniques that embellish ceramic surfaces. This hands-on activity will cover image development, surface embellishment and decal manipulation.

“Cheerful surfaces and simple forms are an intentional invitation to engage my pottery,” Jason says.

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The next Clay Chatter deadline is Friday, June 7.

Please make a note of it. Thanks!

WHAT'S GOING ON

Spring Fair, continued

get the word out to everyone they know.

With the increased participation, we're able to bump up our advertising on six billboards, mailings, radio ads on WXXU and WGUC, digital ads in Movers & Makers, City Beat and Facebook, and a print ad in Hyde Park Living; create a giveaway incentive; and look to book morning news shows.

The day's tidbits (to date):

- 65 artists
- Free parking for patrons in large parking lot right next to show
- 100 bright orange reusable shopping bags with Clay Alliance logo will be given to the first 50 people in line at the Clay Alliance booth at 10 a.m., with the other 50 bags given at 3 p.m. to encourage people to stay through the later hours. We're working to include coupons or swag from East Walnut Hills businesses and artists if they choose to.
- Every half hour lucky patrons will have a chance to win pieces created by participating artists in trade for their contact info at the Clay Alliance booth.
- Queen City Clay will be providing a tent and supplies for throwing and hand-building demonstrations throughout the day
- Wild Carrot is booked for music so far and we're in discussion with other musicians.
- Street Pops will be selling its gourmet popsicles. We're working on having a food truck within a seating area with tables and chairs.

I encourage everyone to come to the show and spread the word. It's a phenomenal event and we'd love to have you participate next year, either as a vendor or helping to coordinate the event.

Big thank yous to:

- The East Walnut Hills Business



Association for its support and appreciation for holding our fair in the neighborhood.

- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services for use of its parking lots for patrons and artist parking
- Spring Fair Committee: Ryan Durbin, David Mill, Trish McLennan, Bonnie Mitchell, Drake Ash, Lori Martin, Dianne Marcus, Terri Kern, Linda LeGendre, Laura Davis, John Mason, Jeannine Kenyon and Brenda Tarbell
- Participants and volunteers
- Core Clay for allowing us to crash there for committee and artist meetings
- Queen City Clay for managing and providing wheels and supplies for demonstrations



David Mill

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Essex Studio Artwalk April 5 and 6; join the gallery

The next Essex Studios Artwalk is this Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6. The remaining dates for this year are Oct. 4-5 and Dec. 6-7. Joining the Clay Alliance Gallery at the Essex is easy! Membership costs \$40 per year for Clay Alliance members and \$25 for students. Visit <https://squareup.com/store/clay-alliance-gallery> to join. Contact gallery manager John Mason with questions, john.mason.thepotter@gmail.com.

MEET THE MEMBERS



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Jill Jenkins Kohrs

Jill is married to Greyson Kohrs and has two daughters, Natalie, 19, and Audrey, 15. She also has four fur babies: Lucy, Vedder, Joplin and Denali.

Jill is originally from the Marietta, Ohio, area. She took her first pottery class as part of a work event hosted by her company, Prolocity. The owner is a long-time pottery enthusiast and member of Queen City Clay.

Jill joined Queen City Clay in January 2018 and tells us that is still learning the basics of throwing.

She still works out of Queen City Clay, but is hoping to set up a home studio later this year.

“I am currently taking a cone 6 glazing class which I am very excited about,” Jill says. “I struggle with glazing so my goal this year is to take that head-on and get better at it. I am secretly a science nerd so I’m super excited to learn about the chemistry behind glazing.”

Jill’s hobbies are backpacking, cooking and travel.

MEET THE MEMBERS QUESTIONNAIRE

Want to be featured in “Meet the Members”? Just answer these questions in an email and send them to Jane Lester at janelester@me.com.

- **Name**
- **Residence**
- **Family**
- **Where you’re from (Cincinnati or elsewhere)**
- **Where you work in clay**
- **How long you’ve been doing clay**
- **What kind of pieces you make**
- **Where you work (day job)**
- **Any other hobbies you enjoy**
- **Anything else of interest you wish to share**

Workshop, continued

“I compose layers of color and pattern, bringing together stained and burnished surfaces to suggest an emotional duality between happiness and despair.”

Jason earned degrees from Western Kentucky University and his work has been featured in Pottery Making Illustrated, Ceramics Monthly and American Craft Magazine, to name a few. To see samples of Jason’s work, visit artaxis.org/Jason-bige-burnett.

The workshop will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, and Sunday, June 23, at Northern Kentucky University Ceramics and Sculpture Studio, 50 Campbell Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41076. Cost: \$100 for Clay Alliance members and students, \$150 for nonmembers through May 1; \$125 for members and students and \$175 for nonmembers after May 1. The free reception and lecture will be held at the studio 7 p.m. Friday, June 21, and is open to everyone.

Visit <https://squareup.com/store/clay-alliance-workshops> to register.



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**The next general meeting will be
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at**

**Northern Kentucky University's
Ceramics and Sculpture Studio,
50 Campbell Drive,
Highland Heights, KY 41076.**

Arrive on time as we will be making our own wood-fired pizzas! You must RSVP for pizza dough, and please sign up to bring an ingredient on the list: <https://m.signup-genius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/60boe44a5a62aa2fe3-general>. Bottled water and paper products will be available, but bring your own beverage of choice.

Nick Bonner and JeeEun Lee of NKU will be doing a couple short demos. Nick will share his red clay and slip and press mold and slip techniques. JeeEun will show a surface leaf resist technique with underglaze slips and build some very simple forms.

We'll also talk about Spring Fair, with poster and postcard pickup,
Holiday Fair and Empty Bowls.

See you April 10!

**Next Clay Chatter deadline:
Friday, June 7**

E-mail submissions to
[**jeffersonation@gmail.com**](mailto:jeffersonation@gmail.com)