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Paul Wandless Workshop

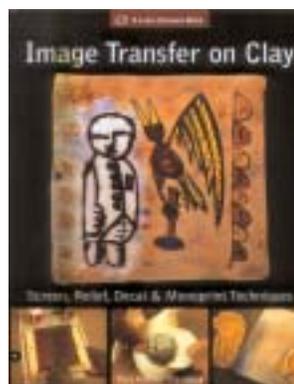
July 17-18, 2008 (Thu/Fri) • SEL500
10:00a - 4:00p • \$225

We wanted to announce this one just as soon as we firmed up the arrangements, because this is one you won't want to miss! We first met Paul at the NCECA conference this past year, and started the dialogue about holding this workshop. We have to wait until next July to welcome Paul and his plethora of exciting techniques!

This two-day workshop is

"hands-on:" you will explore monoprints, linocuts and some new techniques that Paul is working on. More details will follow! Space in this workshop is limited to 20 people, and lunch will be provided.

Along with exhibiting his works nationally in galleries, universities and museums, Paul Wandless gives lectures and workshops regarding his designs and techniques. Many of his clay works, oil paintings and prints are held in private collections. Paul



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has taught as a visiting assistant professor at various universities, and is a special appointee to NCECA.

NCECA: March 19-22, 2008

Confluence: Innovation, Community, Environment
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The three-day format of this 42nd annual conference includes LOTS of gallery shows and bus tours, lectures that take you from "The Function of Theory" to "Making a Living in Clay." Panel groups offer discussions from historical and cultural aspects of ceramics to "Teaching High School Ceramics: Challenges, Methods & Goals." For the most updated information, visit the official website.

Be sure to check the NCECA website for details, changes, and registration! www.nceca.net

Happy New Year!

REPAIRING, refiring and reglazing pieces is more

common than we want to admit. Our New Year's wish for you is to have all your pieces turn out successfully! But when they do need a bit of TLC... here are some tips that we find offer the best opportunities for success. First, you need to make your own repair paste. Pat Horsley's "Score No More" slip and repair paste is nothing short of miraculous! Here's a recipe to make your own for your clay body:

1000 grams of your clay body in dry form
20 grams Custer Feldspar
20 grams Bentonite
20 grams Gum Arabic
1 teaspoon liquid Darvan

If you don't have your clay dry, use a Sure-Form tool to create clay droplets that dry quickly. Weigh and thoroughly dry-blend all the dry ingredients. It's especially important to disperse the Gum Arabic as evenly as possible.

Add very hot to boiling water to form a slip consistency. A blender or hand blender is ideal for mixing this! Add your liquid Darvan when the slip is completely mixed.

If you're storing this over a long period of time, you may want to add a splash of bleach to act as an odor controller.

REFIRING is always nerve-racking, and the outcome uncertain. When you refire, you are firing a piece that is no longer porous because it has received 95% or more of the "heatwork" it required, even if it was underfired. To help your pieces reach their best possible outcome when refiring:

- Fire 1 cone lower than the original target temperature. (If you fired to $\Delta 6$ originally, refire to $\Delta 5$.)
- Fire at a slower rate. The piece cannot stand or accept heat at the same rate the second time around.
- Fire large pieces on a thin layer of grog to increase the heat surround and allow movement.

REGLAZING is best done with a sponge. Sponging allows the glaze to self-level. To enhance glaze acceptance, warm the piece. or use a hair spray like Aqua-Net to lend adhesion.

The Ultimate Glaze Paddle

Had it up to "here" with wooden paddles that crack, splinter, and wear out? This welded aluminum paddle may be the answer for your work-



space, studio or classroom. Thirty inches long with a comfortable grip and rigid blade for scraping corners and bottoms of buckets. Anodized aluminum prevents corrosion and cross-contamination of glaze.

GMP Ultimate Paddle \$26.95

The Bat ~~Grabber~~ is Back! [^]Gripper



With the new Bailey Bat-Gripper, you can hold down loose, worn bats and keep them from wiggling or flying off the

wheelhead. Just wet it, set it and forget it! The special durable material applies an ideal amount of gripping power, and will not crack or become brittle as it dries. Add more water and it's ready to go again.

BG12 12" Bat Gripper \$9.50
 BG14 14" Bat Gripper \$11.80

Porcelain Slip On Sale

(By Seeley's: reg \$25 - \$27.50 per gallon)

SP226 .. Mohican \$15.00
 SP224 .. California Sunrise \$15.00
 SP230 .. Golden Tan \$15.00

Georgies Annual Glaze Sale

20% Off Retail on Pints & Gallons

Δ6 Cascade Gloss (PG600s)
 Δ6 Sculptural/Textural (GLWs)
 Δ06 Raku (PG800s)

January 1 thru
 February 29



New Δ6 Sculptural Glazes (GLWs)		Pint	Gal
GLW35	..... Butternut Matte	\$7.25	..... \$34.00
GLW36	..... Northwest Woods Green Matte	\$8.50	..... \$41.00
GLW37	..... Pure White Matte	\$6.75	..... \$30.00
GLW38	..... Cocoa Matte	\$8.00	..... \$37.00
GLW39	..... Vanilla Cream Matte	\$10.00	..... \$47.00
GLW40	..... Golden Raspberry Matte	<i>(TBA in January)</i>	
GLW41	..... Cool Lime Matte	\$7.25	..... \$33.00
GLW42	..... Blueberry Matte	\$7.75	..... \$35.00
GLW43	..... Bright Blue Matte	\$8.00	..... \$38.00
GLW44	..... Black Matte	<i>(TBA in January)</i>	
GLW45	..... Plum Black	\$6.25	..... \$27.00
GLW46	..... Northern Lights	\$7.75	..... \$36.00

New Δ6 Glazes (PG600s)		Pint	Gal
PG629	..... Super Clear (contains zinc)	\$6.50	..... \$29.00
PG630	..... Zinc-Free Clear	\$6.25	..... \$28.00
PG631	..... Gold Dust	\$8.50	..... \$40.00
PG632	..... Blue Ink (watercolor)	\$6.75	..... \$31.00
PG633	..... Pacific Blue (watercolor)	\$6.50	..... \$30.00
PG634	..... Scotch Pine	\$7.00	..... \$32.00
PG635	..... Black Patent	\$8.75	..... \$42.00
PG636	..... Aegean Green (watercolor)	\$6.75	..... \$31.00
PG637	..... Tutu Pink	\$8.75	..... \$42.00
PG638	..... Blue Violet	\$8.50	..... \$42.00
PG639	..... Hot Orchid	\$9.50	..... \$46.00
PG640	..... Lavender Lupin	\$8.50	..... \$41.00
PG641	..... White Cloud	\$6.50	..... \$30.00
PG642	..... Blizzard Blue	\$6.75	..... \$31.00
PG643	..... Gold Satin	<i>(TBA in January)</i>	
PG644	..... Red Satin	<i>(TBA in January)</i>	
PG645	..... Avocado Satin	<i>(TBA in January)</i>	
PG646	..... Semi-Transparent Satin	<i>(TBA in January)</i>	

Yes, we said pints! You may have noticed that our new glazes have all been introduced in pints and gallons. We are converting all our glazes over to this easy, friendly packaging. The pints are wide-mouthed, making brushing and stirring easier. Our gallons are now come in convenient pails with easy-carry handles. **ALL THE NEW GLAZES ARE FOOD-SAFE AND NONTOXIC.**

Visit our website for color samples of all the new glazes!



Sale prices apply from first to last day of each month listed. Sale discounts apply to backorders and special orders during these dates. School and agency purchase orders are always welcome, too!

Specials ...of the Month

Books



25%
off

- January** PB1648 Thrown Pottery Techniques Revealed \$29.95
- February** .. PB1957 Ceramics \$29.99
- March** PB1878 Making & Installing Handmade Tile \$24.95
- April** The "500" Books: Bowls, Mugs, Etc. \$24.95 ea
- May** PB1959 Handbuilt Pottery Techniques \$24.99
- June** PB1993 Raku (Tim Andrews, 2nd edition) \$34.99

Tools

20%
off

January

Echo Clayprons
Heavy-duty split-leg in red, denim, orange
reg \$24.95



Clay 20%

off regular quantity break prices.

Ever wanted to "break out" of your mold and try something new? Changing your clay body often changes your work in subtle ways as texture and working characteristics change, and glazes react differently. Give yourself permission to try something new in the New Year!

- January** CC520 G Mix Δ6
Versatile & reliable for hand or wheel work!
(try CC518 G Mix Δ10 on special too!)
- February** CC525 Dundee Red Δ6
See what happens with this rich red clay.
- March** CC547 Wonder White Δ05
Our friendliest lowfire white clay.
- April** CC512 Three Finger Jack
Think garden art... outdoors... and large!
(Architectural & red formulas also on special)
- May** CC524 Black Butte Δ10
Warm, toasty and reliable for functional or handbuilt pieces.

February

The Steve Tool
reg \$18.70
only **\$14.49**
(during Feb.)



March

Slab Rollers by NorthStar

15%
off

April

Georgies' Tile Cutters

20%
off
(Retail prices)

May

Skutt Kilns

20%
off
(Retail prices)

Glaze 20%

off catalog prices.

- March** All Coyote Glazes
- April** Spectrum Glazes
- May** Laguna Moroccan Sand Glazes

News from Eugene

Teacher Classes Come to Eugene Store

Starting in January with the next "Teachers 101" class, our popular series of clay instruction classes for teachers will be available in the Eugene store too! The format and instruction projects will be the same as the classes offered in Portland -- and they'll be offered on the same days, too! Take a look at the new Class Calendar page inside this newsletter and choose which location works best for you. We do ask that you call Molly or Bob at the Eugene store at **541.338.7654** or **866.234.CLAY** to sign up for classes in Eugene. See you there!

New Year = New Prices



Wow! It's hard to believe we are beginning a brand new year! New years are full of hope and promise, both of which your friends at Georgies wish you in abundance!

Even with all the focus on the future, however, the present creeps back in with news of price increases. There are many reasons for the increases, starting with the cost of transportation which has risen 40%. Besides oil and transportation costs, mine safety requirements and workers benefits are driving costs higher. We're seeing many mines closing or being bought out by larger companies better able to handle the increased costs -- or more willing to pass them along to their customers.

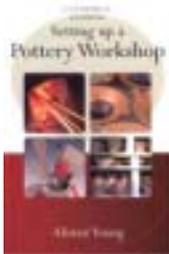
The price changes are many and varied. A phone call to check prices will always be the most current, although we do work diligently on keeping our website up to date. Here at Georgies, we will always do our best to bring you the products you want and need, and supply you with the service to keep clay in your hands!

Best wishes for a bright New Year!

"Classics" Back in Print for New Year

We'd like to welcome back some old friends that have been missing from our shelves for far too long.... and they brought friends!

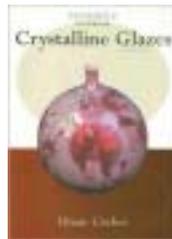
- PB657** Crystalline Glazes \$26.50
- PB1350** Setting Up a Pottery
Workshop \$24.95
- PB2007** The Sculptor's Way \$24.95
- PB2018** Making Concrete
Sculpture \$29.95
- PB2039** Alternative Kilns \$26.50



PB1350



PB2039



PB657



PB2018



PB2007



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