

Clay Tales

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NCECA 2009

April 8-11: Phoenix, AZ

This year's theme is "**Ceramic Interface: From Dawn to Digital.**" Some of the highlights from this year's program include:

- Keynote speech by Roberta Smith, art critic for the New York Times.
- K-12 National Ceramic Exhibition
- Recycled Glass as an Art Material
- Distinguished Lecture: "Story Line" by Nora Naranjo, Santa Clara Pueblo sculptor & poet
- The Glaze Doctors: Pete Pinnell, Janet DeBoos, William Carty & John Neely
- The Clay Doctors (same panel ↗)

For a full schedule of events, to learn more about NCECA or to sign up, visit:

www.nceca.net



Kristy Lombard, your instructor.

Seats in these classes are going fast! Call us to sign up before the classes are full.

The Long Goodbye

No Lead in Commercial Glazes: January 2009

As of January 2009, the manufacturers of lowfire (cone 05/06) glazes have voluntarily removed ALL lead from their formulas! Duncan has reformulated all but 8 of their glazes, and the new formulas are currently in production. We will have them next month. Duncan's new clear glaze "Pure Brilliance" has all the sparkle, shine and clarity of a fully leaded glaze without that toxic ingredient. We even tested it all the way up to cone 6 with passing results! New ways of thinking about glaze formulas plus new technologies are leading us all to safer ceramic workspaces.

Mayco is removing the lead from their glazes too, but full replacements for their lead-bearing products are not yet available. Their Art Glaze and Exotic glaze lines will be discontinued. Many of the Jungle Gem glazes will either be discontinued or reformulated with new NT (nontoxic) recipes. Because the affected glazes from Mayco are scattered through their lines, call Dick at 800.999.CLAY or 503.283.1353 for details on specific glaze availability. We should have new lists of the manufacturers' corrections and updates by our next newsletter.

Watch for these changes on our website, too!

www.georgies.com

Winter Class Session #1: January 5 - February 27

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	AM: SEL606 Intermed. Wheel Jan.6 - Feb.24 10a-Noon: \$200		AM: SEL620 Handbuilding Jan.8 - Feb.26 10a-Noon: \$200	AM: Firing Your Electric Kiln 10a-Noon: \$25 Jan.16 (SEL226) Feb.20 (SEL227)
PM: SEL179 * Tilemaking Jan.12 - Feb.23 6p - 8p: \$175	PM: SEL607 Beginning Wheel Jan.6 - Feb.24 6p - 8p: \$200	PM: SEL656 Intermed. Wheel Jan.7 - Feb.25 6p - 8p: \$200	PM: SEL608 Beginning Wheel Jan.8 - Feb.26 6p - 8p: \$200	Raku Firing Feb.13 (SEL801) 10a-Noon: \$50

Pre-registration is required for all classes.

(* = This class meets for 7 weeks.)

Store Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm Monday thru Saturday

Georgies will be open until 1:00pm on December 24th. Our stores will be closed on December 25, December 31, and January 1, 2009.

To sign up for any class, call us at 503.283.1353 or 800.999.CLAY!

The fee for Georgies' clay classes includes clay, glaze, instruction, firing, and studio time for practice when the store is open and another class is not in session.

Beginning Wheelthrowing

Beginning Wheel focuses on mugs and bowls -- of which you can never have enough! Our classes offer each student a wheel during each class, in a fun, supportive atmosphere for exploration and discovery. Class size is limited to 12, allowing for lots of personal attention. This class covers basics of centering, bringing up cylinders, and the element of form.

Beginning Tilemaking

If you are thinking of tile, this once-a-year class is for you! Explore forming and cutting tile, making and using molds for relief design, and the glazes and decorating possibilities for your work. Class works in cone 05 clay and glaze.

Intermediate Wheelthrowing

Intermediate Wheel is open to students who can comfortably center and throw a 12" cylinder, and who want to explore new forms and surface treatments. Session #1 will explore lids, covered containers and plates, and some new surface techniques. Session #2 will expand your vision by offering different clay selections. Marbling together colored clay offers clay at its playful best. Session #2 will also introduce you to a slip technique called "mocha."

Handbuilding

Handbuilding classes are open to all levels from beginners up! We explore the basics of pinch, coil and slab building as we focus on different projects in each session. **Session #2** will focus on designing handbuilt dinnerware sets with slabs and extrusions, finished with Δ6 glazes for a polished, professional look. **Session #3** will focus on creating unique planters and small garden sculpture (intended for outdoor use!) using slab, pinch and coil techniques.

Firing Your Electric Kiln

Proper firing is the key to ceramic success. In this class, learn to operate and maintain your electric kiln for optimum results. Bring your notepads and questions about firing!

Raku Firing

Where there's smoke, there's... fire! Nothing matches the drama, flair, and quick results of raku firing. Come see for yourself, and learn about the process, in this two-hour workshop.

Session #2: March 2 - April 24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	AM: SEL609 Intermed. Wheel Mar. 3 - Apr. 21 10a-Noon: \$200		AM: SEL622 Handbuilding Mar. 5 - Apr. 23 10a-Noon: \$200	AM: Firing Your Electric Kiln 10a-Noon: \$25 Mar. 27 (SEL228) Apr. 24 (SEL229)
PM: SEL621 Handbuilding Mar. 2 - Apr. 20 6p - 8p: \$200	PM: SEL610 Beginning Wheel Mar. 3 - Apr. 21 6p - 8p: \$200	PM: SEL657 Intermed. Wheel Mar. 4 - Apr. 22 6p - 8p: \$200	PM: SEL611 Beginning Wheel Mar. 5 - Apr. 23 6p - 8p: \$200	Raku Firing Apr. 10 (SEL802) 10a-Noon: \$50

Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Using Georgies Δ6 Glazes

This unique annual class returns this spring at Georgies! It is an exploration of glaze: how to apply it, how to discover the language of surface, and how to repeat it. You'll work with Georgies Δ6 glazes -- including the new ones! -- to understand oxides and raw material reactions, and play with overlaps and combinations. We work on bisque plates provided especially for this class, while you have full use of the studio to create, explore and extend your ideas and skills.



Sculpture by Robyn McKean, created in last year's class.

Session #3: April 27 - June 26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	AM: SEL612 Beginning Wheel Apr.28 - June 16 10a-Noon: \$200	AM: SEL700 Using Δ6 Glazes Apr.29 - June 17 10a-Noon: \$200	AM: SEL624 Handbuilding Apr.30 - June 18 10a-Noon: \$200	AM: Firing Your Electric Kiln 10a-Noon: \$25 May 29 (SEL230) June 26 (SEL231)
PM: SEL623 * Handbuilding Apr.27 - June 15 6p - 8p: \$175	PM: SEL613 Beginning Wheel Apr.28 - June 16 6p - 8p: \$200	PM: SEL658 Intermed. Wheel Apr.29 - June 17 6p - 8p: \$200	PM: SEL614 Beginning Wheel Apr.30 - June 18 6p - 8p: \$200	Raku Firing May 15 (SEL803) 10a-Noon: \$50

Pre-registration is required for all classes.

(* = 7 weeks. No class on Memorial Day, May 25.)

January

Annual Georgies' Glaze Sale

20% Off

Stock up on your favorites and save!
Sale discount based on our current low prices. Sale includes all unit sizes (4oz, pint, gallon & 3½-gal pails) of all glazes in Georgies' GLW, PG600 and PG800 series glazes PLUS the GLW99, PG699 and PG899 sample sets.

Display piece by Karen Cogburn in Georgies "Using Cone 6 Glazes" class. NFS.

Valid on any in-store, phone or website order placed with Georgies from January 1 - 31, 2009.



February

Annual Georgies' Glaze Sale

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Valid on any in-store, phone or website order placed with Georgies from February 1 - 28, 2009.

Karen Cogburn used PG602 Incredible Black under GLW03 Avocado Ice for this piece.



March

MADNESS!



10% Off

Any Order Over \$500

Discount will be applied to orders with a net total of \$500 or more, after all applicable regular discounts off retail prices.

Valid on any in-store, phone or website order placed with Georgies from March 1 - 31, 2009.

April

IRS SPECIAL

20% Off Skutt Kilns

10% Off Skutt Wheels



Valid on any in-store, phone or website order placed with Georgies from April 1 - 30, 2009.

Discount calculated from regular catalog retail prices, and cannot be used in combination with special quotes or other pricing. Does not apply to used kilns or wheels.

Introducing...

CC551: Pendleton Red

Pendleton Red gets its warm color from iron-rich fireclays mined in California. These blended clays offer a different tooth than in Georgies' other "red" clays. Pendleton Red uses 35-mesh grog instead of sand, too. This clay can work small or large, and it's a champ for wheelthrowing or handbuilding. It's also a good choice if you use shino glazes because its high expansion will accommodate the glaze.

CC550: Timberline Δ6

Timberline Clay came from our discovery of a new raw material that we had to share. It's wonderfully plastic, wheel-friendly, successful with add-ons or attachments, formable for handbuilding, AND vitreous with a warm stone grey color at Δ6! We simply run out of superlatives for this clay. We also make a sculptural version with an increased blend of fine and medium grog for great toothiness.

	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Sale</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Sale</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Sale</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Sale</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Sale</u>
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CC550SC\$22.00\$13.50\$40.00\$27.00\$185.00\$135.00\$330\$270\$600\$540
CC551\$21.00\$13.05\$38.00\$26.10\$175.00\$130.50\$320\$261\$580\$522

(Sale prices good from January 1 to February 28 at both Georgies stores.)

How Much Is Shipping to... ?

Our friends in southern Oregon are feeling the loss of S.O.P., a reliable and convenient source of clay and raw materials. Although Georgies isn't exactly your corner store, we have considerable inventory in both our Portland and Eugene locations. When you can't come to us, we take great pride in shipping your orders as quickly and economically as possible. For smaller orders (under 200 pounds), we ship by UPS. Estimated UPS charges (as of December 18th) range from \$17.72 for 50 pounds up to \$70.88 for 200 pounds.

When your order weighs more than 200 pounds, it's best to use Federal Express Freight. We can ship 500 to 2000 pounds anywhere in Oregon, Washington or Idaho for a flat fee of \$90.00 if you have a forklift to unload, or \$120 if you require liftgate service. (These price estimates, like all fuel-related costs, are subject to change.) Think about organizing with friends for "group" shipments to get the best freight rates. We'll be glad to organize a pallet with your individual orders packed and identified separately for convenience.



Our Warmest Sympathies...



....go out to Bonnie Morgan and all our friends in southern Oregon. After closing Southern Oregon Pottery (located for many years in Talent, OR) and looking

forward to life's new adventures, Bill Morgan suddenly passed away. We will all miss the warmth in his welcome and his care and concern for all his friends and acquaintances.

Yes, We Stock Laguna Clays

Laguna makes dozens of different clay blends to meet many different needs. **We are stocking more clays in both our Portland and Eugene stores!** For larger quantities or clays not in stock, please call or email us. We'd be happy to order them for you.

We order from Laguna on the 10th of each month. Our orders usually arrive 5-7 days after we place them with Laguna. Processing and shipping individual orders may take up to 7 days after our shipment arrives (which means your orders will generally be shipped by UPS or freight around the 24th of the month). Our prices reflect freight from L.A. to Portland, but may not include freight to your door.

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