

# ***Fired Up Studios***<sup>TM</sup> ***Member Newsletter***

Fall 2010

## **Cha-cha-cha Changes**

As everyone should know, we are moving the office and gallery into the main studio. We are planning the "Big Move" for the first week of August (starting Monday, August 2). We are hoping that the move will not disrupt our members' ability to work in the studio, but during this time there will be more noise and the location of things will change.

Our new electric kiln has been installed, and we hope to have our new cone 10 electric test tiles (including combinations of glazes) done by the time you get this newsletter. We have highlighted the cone 10 glazes that we will be keeping on our current glaze list. Please feel free to start experimenting with glazes for the cone 10 electric firings. We will post test tiles of the glaze combinations as soon as possible.

Because we know that this change is difficult on everyone, we are reducing our glaze firing charges for the electric kilns to \$10 per square foot. Charges for the reduction firing will remain the same through our last firing on August 17, 2010.

We have also decided on the first round of cone 6 glazes that we will be offering. We will have these glazes available and test tiles posted as soon as possible. The cone 6 glazes will be in grey buckets, while the cone 10 glazes will remain in the current white buckets.

To begin with, we are planning to load and fire to cone 10 each Monday and load and fire to cone 6 each Thursday. We will add more firings at either temperature as we need them. We will continue to use Twitter to let you know when we are loading and unloading the kilns.

The racks for cone 6 and cone 10 glazed work are located by the electric kilns. Each rack will be labeled for cone 6, cone 10 or greenware. The racks for glazed work will also have each square labeled with cone 6 or cone 10 to help identify which firing to put the work into.

## **Studio Meeting**

We are going to have a Studio Meeting on Thursday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m. Please try to attend this meeting if at all possible, as we will be discussing how things will be changed, where things will be located, and what you need to do to get your work through the kilns. Feel free to bring a dish to pass if you would like.

## **Spirit Dancing with Fire**

A message from Diana Meier:

Hi all,

I've purchased the gas kiln from Fire Up, effective September 1, and will be taking over the lease of the former office/gallery/kiln room. My studio will move to the kiln room, and the new studio area will be called Spirit Dancing With Fire.

I will be offering firing memberships for \$10 per month. Firing charges in the gas kiln will be \$10 per square (with current Fired Up oversize charges). If you wish to use any of the glazes I have in stock (I'll have about 12 of the current Fired Up glazes available) there is an additional \$10 fee per glazing session. I'll be ready to sign people up as firing members by mid-August.

I also plan to offer studio space for rent. Current plans are for 3 studios at \$220 each, with rack rental available for less. Studio members will have free access to glazes, and pay \$8 per square for firing (plus oversize charges). I hope to have studio memberships available by mid-October. I've already received a request for one of the studios, so let me know if you're interested.

I'm creating a website [www.spiritdancingwithfire.com](http://www.spiritdancingwithfire.com) that will contain updated information as it's available. You can also sign up on Twitter to receive status updates @sdwfire. Email any questions/ requests/ comments to me at [info@spiritdancingwithfire.com](mailto:info@spiritdancingwithfire.com).

And one last thing, I want to give a tremendous thank you to Beth, who has made my pottery life possible, and continues to be a great support to me. Beth, you truly are an inspirational friend, and I wish you continued success in your new changes/ventures!!

## **Glaze Input Wanted**

We have chosen a selection of cone 10 and cone 6 glazes for the studio to use, but we anticipate that there will be requests for specific colors and effects as our members get used to the new firing options. Starting in January 2011, after the Holidays are over, we will be scheduling a quarterly studio meeting to discuss our glazes with our members. Please use the next few months to experiment with what we currently offer, and keep notes about what you like, dislike, or wish we would add. We will have information about the first glaze meeting in our next newsletter.

## Last Chance Rack

In order to use our studio space more efficiently, we can no longer hold unclaimed pots for 60 days. Please remember that you are responsible for picking up your work on a timely basis and our Finished Bisque and Last Chance Racks are not meant to be used as extra storage space. At the end of each month, any unclaimed bisque and finished work will be set on a rack for 30 days. At the end of 30 days, it will be tossed or moved to the Snag It rack as appropriate.

## Follow us on Twitter

We have been using Twitter to keep our members up-to-date with our firing schedule. With the changes we are making to our firing services, we will be using it more extensively to keep you informed about what's happening. You can follow us at [twitter.com](http://twitter.com) or just check out website. We have moved our twitter feed to the front page of our website to make it easier for you to find and keep up-to-date.

## Website Calendar of Events

We would like to remind our members about the event calendar on our website. Our web statistics show that this is one of our most frequently visited pages, but we don't have many events listed. You can submit your upcoming events for inclusion on the calendar at: [http://www.firedupstudios.com/add\\_event.htm](http://www.firedupstudios.com/add_event.htm)

But don't forget that  $4+2=6$  or your entries may get caught in our spam filter.

## Holiday Sale

We have already started planning this year's holiday sale. We will be sending out a supplemental newsletter toward the end of August with all the details that you need to participate.

## Private Studio Cleaning

For our members who enjoy a semi-private studio space, please remember that it is your responsibility to keep your space clean. Airborne clay dust from a dirty studio space affects all our members, but it is especially important for those of you who are sharing a space to be considerate of your studio mate. Please help us keep a clean and healthy studio by doing your part.

## Clean Out Your Mail Folder

Please go through your mail folder before August 31, 2010 and remove of any paperwork that has accumulated. We will be going through the mail folders and throwing out anything older than September 1, 2009.

## Blue Index Cards

When you are cleaning out your mail folder, keep an eye out for Blue index cards. If you have been a member in good standing for 12 consecutive months, we put 2 blue index cards in your mail folder. Each card gives you 1 free square of firing as our way of saying thank you for your continued membership. Just use them like you do the normal white cards, and we won't charge you for that square. But make sure you use it for a full square, because you won't get the card back until your anniversary comes around again.

## Our Condolences

We are saddened to inform our members of the passing of Luke Belcourt, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

## Bye Dyann!

Dyann Myers will be leaving us and moving to Asheville, NC this fall. She has been a great help to Fired Up Studios over the year, both as a member and providing her expertise to firing our gas kiln and teaching our Monday night beginning pottery classes. We will miss you Dyann, but we wish you the best of luck in North Carolina.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the newest Fired Up parents!

Joanne Richardson and her husband Roman are proud to announce the birth of their son John on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Joanne states that the baby is "healthy and beautiful."

Brynne Macosko Paguyo and her growing family welcomed their newest addition on July 3, 2010. Visaya Glenn Paguyo weighed in at 7lbs. 4oz. She and Brynne are doing great.

We would also like to congratulate Judy Anderson on her marriage to Rob Stealcheat. We don't know if Judy is changing her name or not, but we wish them both a happy future together.