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"CHINESE CLAY ART" is a newsletter emailed to professional artists, curators, collectors, writers, experts, educators and students in the ceramic field, who want to know about ceramic art in China and things related. This newsletter will be a bridge between China and Western countries for the ceramic arts. Comments and suggestions are very welcome.

An earlier newsletter is on the Web at: http://www.chineseclayart.com

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10th Anniversary of Chinese Clay Art USA

In September 1999, the ceramic art studio called ClayGround (the Chinese Clay Art, USA, for clay tools and supply business) was opened in San Jose, California as a small studio. It was mainly for teaching clay to children and adults, hosting birthday parties, and for YMCA summer camps. During the first year teaching in our studio, I have invented plastic texture mats and have had the patent granted in China. Later on, I have gone back and forth between China and the US for clay tools of Chinese tradition as well as new and innovative tools. New products are released every few months.

Gradually, the ceramic art tools and supplies became our main business. Our business has been growing and we have established national-wide distributing networks, such as: Sheffield Pottery in Massachusetts, BigCeramic Store in Nevada, Davens Ceramic Center in Georgia, Continental Clay in Minnesota, Georgie's Ceramic and Clay in Oregon, Seattle Pottery Supply in Washington, Clay Planet and Aardvark Clay & Supplies, in California, Polymer Clay Express At The Artway Studio in Maryland, Carolina Clay Connection in North Carolina, New Mexico Clay in New Mexico, Armadillo Clay & Supplies in Texas, Ceramic Supply in New Jersey, Flat Rock Studio Clay Supplies in Arizona, Runyan Pottery Supply in Michigan, and the Ceramic Shop in Pennsylvania. This is about 50 companies in total, plus a few international retail customers. In the last quarter of 2008, we received many orders for texture mats to be used for cookie and chocolate making through Martha Stewart Magazine and TV programs. So it became another opportunity for us to develop new products - this time for kitchen supplies.

During the past 10 years, we have received many suggestions, support and encouragement from our valued customers and friends. On the behalf of all here at the Chinese Clay Art Corporation, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you. We hope we may grow
Thank you to all of you who has supported our business!

Sincerely,

Guangzhen Po Zhou

Beyond the Function---International Contemporary Teapot Exhibition, NCECA 2009

Gallery: French Designer Jeweler
Address: 7148 East Main Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251
Phone and Email: 480-994-4717
Exhibition: Beyond the Function--International Contemporary Teapot Exhibition
Description: An exhibition interested in the exploration of new developments in teapots worldwide during the birth of the 21st century.

Curator: Guangzhen Po Zhou
Exhibition Dates: Apr 6-12, 2009
Hours open during NCECA: Mon-Sat 10:00a.m.- 5:00p.m., Thu 10:00a.m.-9:00p.m.
Reception: April 9, 7:00-9:00p.m.
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The pictures of the teapots will be online and the links will be sent out in our February newsletter. Also, you may check online for the show information at NCECA website at: www.NCECA.net. For those of you may participate in the conference, we may be able to meet in the opening reception. See you there in April 2009! Thanks and Happy New Year!

New Product

New idea of decoration: to use decal sheet cuts on your ceramic pieces.
You may design your own pattern from your computer and use a paper cut machine (search online for Cricut Paper Cut machine) to make some decal sheet cuts to
decorate your ceramic artwork, or just use a scissor to cut out the decal sheets.
Decal: Letters and Numbers, 13" x 20" (33cm x 50cm), 620 Letters (Low case and up case) and numbers in 4 sizes from ? to ? inch in height; choices of Red DC 080R and Black colors DC 080B
Decal: Sheets of 5 Colors, 13" x 20" (33cm x 50cm), Choices of red, yellow, blue, green and black.
The new decals (DC 060B, DC 060G, DC 060R, DC 060U, DC 060Y) are $8.00 each, Sale $6.00 each by the end of January 2009.
Customer Design Decal printing is available by request.

Monthly Special

All decals are on sale for up to 25% off. Please visit www.Chinese ClayArt.com and type "decal" in "Store Search" in the top left corner.
Assorted Tile Cutters CT 01, original $6.00, sale $5.00
Wood Throwing Kit WS 12C, original $18.00, sale $15.00
Stainless Mixer MX 15, original $7.00, sale $5.50
Book "A Dictionary of Chinese Ceramics" BK 007, original $180.00, sale $160.00

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