



# Ceramic League of the Palm Beaches

## February 2024 Newsletter & Meeting Notice

### Happy Art Season in Palm Beach!

We are getting into the full monthly swing of activities for the Ceramic League of the Palm Beaches members for 2024!

On January 21st members of the Ceramic League and numerous students of Cynthia Zmetronak's (former President and Vice-President of the league) visited her home and studio in Parkland, FL. We toured her ceramics collection featuring wonderful functional stoneware pieces and creative sculptural work. We then gathered in her outside studio/lanai area to introduce ourselves and discuss what type of clay work we do and what inspires our work, which was very interesting as so many of Cynthia's students from FAU, the Boca Museum School, the Boca JCC and her own personal students attended. Various glaze chemical issues and firing temperature problems were talked about.

This was a very rewarding gathering, thank you Cynthia!



As a benefit to the membership, all our paid members will be able to load their brief bios and a selection of their pictures of your artwork. So, if you haven't seen our redesigned webpage please check it out:

[NEW Web site](#)

[Ceramic League of the Palm Beaches](#)

# February Meeting

The Ceramics League of the Palm Beaches has kindly been invited by Dr. Robert and Debbie Burger to tour their amazing international collection of ceramic art. We are honored to be invited!

Their collection includes work by such well-known ceramic artists as Peter Voukos, Robert Arneson, Bennett Bean, Peter Callas, Beth Cavener, Mark Chatterly, Ruth Duckworth, Viola Frey, John Gill, Jun Kaneko, Adrian Saxe, Michael Sherrill, Paul Soldner, Toshiko Takaezu, and Patti Warashina to name a few.

More detailed information and directions to their home will be sent to those who have **RSVP'd to Lynn Berman 856-904-4798. SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

## CERAMICS FROM DR. ROBERT AND DEANNA HARRIS BURGER COLLECTION

The following quotations are from the book *FUNCTION, FORM & FANTASY; CERAMICS from the Dr. Robert and Deanna Harris Burger Collection*, published for this exhibition at the Flint Institute of Art, in Flint, Michigan in 2016.

"Today, the Burger's reside in Florida and together have built an impressive art collection using the knowledge they have gained through studying and visiting exhibitions, galleries, studios, private collections and taking studio classes."

"Dr. Robert and Deanna Harris Burger have been collecting contemporary ceramic works of art since the 1970's. They were inspired by the beautiful forms, colors and innovative techniques used to create the works."

"For the Burgers, understanding technique is important but so is learning the latest trends and news about ceramics. To keep current, they attend the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) every year to "see what is coming up and what's happening." At NCECA, the Burgers often buy directly from the artist, rounding out their collection of established works with pieces by young and up-and-coming artists."

"After getting to know the Burgers, you quickly understand that what they collect is also a reflection of who they are: creative, imaginative, and most of all, unique. As caretakers, Bob and Debbie have provided an excellent model for us all, for they not only care for the art, seeing to its safety and display, but they also care enough to share their passion with us."

Bob and Debbie are both dedicated, long-time members of our Ceramics League. **We THANK THEM for sharing their extraordinary and diverse collection of ceramic art!**

## Animal Sculpture Workshop with Sharon Bastin

Check out Sharon's work on: [www.artofthewoodsandwater.com](http://www.artofthewoodsandwater.com)

**Date: March 7th and March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**Location: Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach, FL 33401**

Attendance will be **limited to 10 members** so **sign-up early** by sending an email to [Ceramicleaguepalmbeaches@gmail.com](mailto:Ceramicleaguepalmbeaches@gmail.com) and sending a check to our Treasurer, **Judith Koppel, 9124 Bay Harbour Cir. West Palm Beach, FL 33411**

Cost will be \$ 296. For further questions about the workshop, please don't hesitate to contact Claudia Stucki-Kunz, 954-695-5306 or Barbara Powell 561 685-7325.

## Happenings !!

We have gathered a few tidbits of information that you may find useful. This is not intended to detail everything out there so if you happen to know of any other items, please send an email to Barbara Powell, [Powellceramicart@gmail.com](mailto:Powellceramicart@gmail.com)

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The 2024 South Florida Fair Arts is now open until Jan. 28, 2024. And we have two (2) of our own League members exhibiting their ceramic art. Judith Koppel (Treasurer) and Barbara Powell (President) have work in the Creation Station in Building 2. And if you are into Fabric Art, there are some AMAZING quilts and crochet pieces in the same building.

And three of our members, Nancy Bernardeau, Xabier Frank and Barbara Powell have submitted to the [Indian River Clay - Form and Fire](#) Show which will run from March 1 to March 22, 2024 at the Vero Beach's Raw Space Gallery, 1795 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach, FL

The [Palm Beach Fine Craft Show](#) 2024 is running from Feb. 16 - 18 at the Convention Center in West Palm Beach, FL. And make sure to look at the other Fine Art shows coming up when you go to the Events Calendar.

The Norton Museum of Art is featuring [Rose B. Simpson: JOURNEYS of CLAY](#) from March 23 - Sept. 1, 2024.

Rose B. Simpson is a ceramic sculpture artist from Santa Clara Pueblo just North of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

*"Simpson combines her ancestral and contemporary knowledge to create mixed media sculptures using clay, organic found items, and mechanical hardware."*

**Reminder that your 2023 membership dues** are now being collected. With our new website, you can either pay by Zelle, directly to our Paypal account (please include your name and that it is for 2024 dues) using this link: PayPal/CLOPB , or If you prefer not to use Paypal, please mail your check to:  
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**YOU CAN REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!**

Please consider volunteering for one of these committees and lending your creativity to further our collective success. Some of those Standing Committees include: **Website Design/Membership/Newsletter/Programming**

**Thank you,**

**Marcia DiSylvester, Asst. Vice-President**