



Friday Night Potluck Dinner

The traditional Potter's Gathering
Potluck dinner will be Friday
Night!!

Bring your favorite dish in your
pottery along with your choice of
beverage!!

Dinner begins at 6 pm

Cedar Lakes Crafts Center
82 FFA Dr.
Ripley, WV 25271

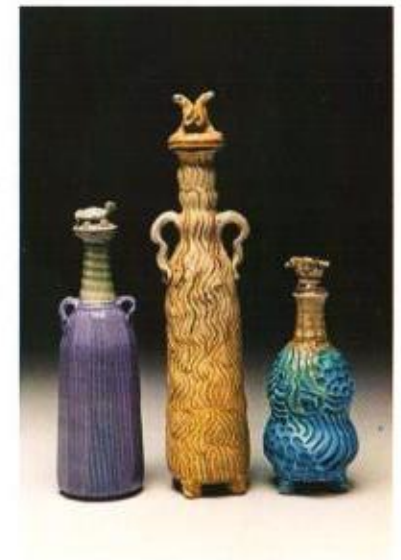
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Welcomes

Cynthia Bringle

To the 37th Annual
Potter's Gathering

March 10-12, 2017



Renew old friendships,
make new ones and meet
one of
today's acknowledged
Master Potters.

Cynthia Bringle

Cynthia started out as a painting major at the Memphis Academy of Art. A required pottery class soon led her to discover her real passion was making pots. She changed her major to ceramics and never looked back. She earned a BFA at the Memphis Academy of Art and an MFA from the NY State College of Ceramics at Alfred. After graduation, and a couple of summers working and teaching workshops at Haystack and Arrowmont, she set up a pottery studio in Eads, Tennessee in 1965. "I decided to do it and never thought about all the things it would take to make it work."

It was the 1960's and the pottery profession was dominated by macho males with big egos. Women were supposed to be wives and mothers. Cynthia faced many challenges and naysayers but she steadfastly refused to be intimidated by the preconceived notions of others. As one of the first females to set up shop in the Memphis area, Cynthia invited the curious into her studio to watch her while she worked. She found this to be the best way to gain acceptance and customers.

During what Cynthia referred to as "her vacations" she began teaching workshops at the Penland School in the summers. In 1970 she decided to move her home and studio to Penland, North Carolina to join the talented community of craftspeople in that area. She built an amazing studio, gallery, and living space from the ground up. She lives there with her twin sister who is also an artist.

Extremely generous with her skills and knowledge, Cynthia never hesitates to share them with aspiring potters. Through sessions at Penland and workshops around the country, she has inspired and encouraged countless students . . . some of whom have gone on to become noted potters themselves. Her guidance, encouragement and insightful critiques have led many students on the road to defining their own paths and accomplishing their goals. "I like to teach the way I wish someone had taught me" she says.

Today, Cynthia Bringle, is one of America's pre-eminent studio production potters. Unassuming, but dynamic and influential, Bringle's work at the wheel has been described as "making the clay sing in a rhythm that is a dance between her hands and the clay." She is an amazing thrower. The way she moves the clay is truly magical. Her ease and confidence is mesmerizing and her pots are full of life and spirit.

Cynthia continues to make time to be a student herself. Learning new things gets her out of her own space to experiment and grow.

In the future, Bringle wants "to keep making work that excites me". "Being a full time artist is my passion and pleasure". "This is what I like doing".



HONORS & AWARDS

Life Membership – *Southern Highland Craft Guild*

Fellow of the American Craft Council

North Carolina Award for Fine Art

Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts – *Memphis College of Art*

North Carolina Living Treasure – *University of North Carolina, Wilmington*

Cynthia's work is included in numerous private collections and museums, but is mostly found in kitchen cabinets around the world.

Registration form for 37th Annual Potters Gathering at Cedar Lakes March 10-12, 2017

Please complete and return to:
Cedar Lakes Crafts Center
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Website: www.cedarlakes.com
Phone: 304-372-7860 FAX: 304-372-7881

Please indicate your package preference.

Commuter tuition only \$159.00 _____
Student Commuter \$79.50 _____
Saturday Only Commuter \$95.40 _____

Lodging Packages include tuition,
accommodations and five meals.

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