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NCECA Conference March 27th -30th

by Josh Blanc

A huge month about clay in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District and around the State of Minnesota.If you have preconceived notion of ceramic being a craft and quaint pottery you will be in for a blown away by the conceptual ideas, technical abilities, and quality of work being shown at this clay conference.
It has been 20 years since this conference has been in the Twin Cities. Many events are free. The main conference takes place at the Convention center. They expect 6000- 8000 ceramic educators and artists will attend from all over the world. Don't miss your chance to see what is in your own back yard that people from all over the world are coming to see.

"Claytopia, NCECA's 53rd annual conference will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota March 27-30, 2019. Since the 1960s, the Twin Cities region has played a pivotal role in shaping a renaissance in studio pottery and craft as cultural forces. Adaptation of Mingei-inspired ideals within the American heartland drove a vision of artfulness in daily life. Claytopia will engage regional, national and international artists, thinkers, curators, educators, and students to produce an array of exhibitions and experiences that build on, respond to, celebrate, and push against ceramic art's diverse legacies. Together, we will expand critical discourse on teaching, learning, aesthetics, social impacts, design thinking, and artistic production."

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CALENDAR

Featured Events

Really cheeky view of how the rest of America sees Minnesota. NCECA 2019 Minneapolis: Claytopia!

13 Ceramic shows in the Arts District

Claytopia - NCECA's National Council On Education For The Ceramic Arts. 53rd annual conference on March 27-30, 2019 will feature 13 Ceramic exhibitions will be part of the bus tours in the NE Minneapolis Arts District. Click here to download the entire list of gallery show during

Here is Short NE Art District list of galleries/studios on tour

American Craft Council 1224 Marshall St. NE, craftcouncil.org, Hours during conference week: Mon-Thu 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-9pm. Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm.

Brian Bolden

2001 A Space 2001 5th St NE, Minneapolis, MN, 612-623 3138
2001aspace.com,
Hours during conference week: Mon-Fri 12pm-6pm (Wed -Fri until 10 am - 9pm), Sat 12-2pm. Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm.
On view Mar 11-Mar 31.
Personifications Highlights the human figure as primary subject through diverse aesthetic styles, content, and construction methods.

California Building -
2205 California St NE, californiabuilding.com,
Hours during conference week: Tue-Fri 8am-9pm, Sat 8am-6pm. Mar 26-30. Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm.

1. Exuberant Ornament - A celebration
2. on of color and pattern in clay -
3. Directly Playful Work -
4. The Rat Trap Clay Club Collaboration Event -
5. Two Friends Under the Influence

Casket Cinema

rosalux gallery

kp KOLMAN & PRYOR GALLERY

Mojo Coffee Gallery in California Building - MUGSHOT2 - 2nd International Biennial Juried Ceramic Coffee Mug Competition & Exhibition.

Small but Mighty Show - Shane Harris Coupling4

Diverse Clay at Q.arma Building
1224 Quincy St. NE, qarmabuilding.com
Q.arma Building - Diverse Clay - Heart Land Stories.
This is the work of storytellers, of artists reflecting on the human condition: what binds us together or tears us apart, what holds us safe, what exposes us to fear or failure.

Hours during conference week: Tue-Sat 10am-7pm (Fri until 9pm).
Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm. Exhibitions on view Mar 26-30.

Northrup King Building -
1. Unapologetic: Women's Ceramics in the Land of Mingei-Sota-Minnesota Women Ceramic Artists
2.Part & Parcel

Diego Valles

Minneapolis Clay Collective 1224 Quincy St. NE Suite 135, minneapolisclaycollective.com.
Hours during conference week: Mon-Sun 10am-7pm (Fri until 9pm).
Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm. On view Mar 25-Apr 22.

Minneapolis Evolves
A single artist's pottery does not live in a vacuum, but it is and will always

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be greatly affected by what has been made in the past and present. Catherine Veigel, Ruth Erickson, Melissa Favero, Zachary Wollert, Tabatha Jones, Danielle Fernández, Kori Parish, Brynne Macosko Paguyo, Linda Ge, and Joe Torke. Organized by Joe Torke.

Northrup King Building, Third Floor Gallery 1500 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis, mnwca.org,
Hours during conference week: Mon-Tue 12-5pm, Wed 10am-5pm, Thu-Fri 10am - 9pm, Sat 12-5pm.
Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm. On view Mar 7-Apr 5.
Unapologetic: Women's Ceramics in the Land of Mingei-Sota-Minnesota Women Ceramic Artists (MNWCA) Juried Exhibition
Features works by current MNWCA members along with work by current and past jurors.

Finding the Authentic Self Tile- Mural by Kimberlee Roth

Small but Mighty at the Flux Arts Building
2505 Howard St. NE. fluxartsbuilding.com
Hours during conference week: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9-5pm. Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm. On view Mar 4-30.
Highlights a conceptually diverse sampling of contemporary ceramic sculptors working in small-scale ceramics to create a big impact.

Part & Parcel at Studio 394 northrupkingbuilding.com,
facebook.com/threeninefour * Hours during conference week: Tue 12-5pm, Wed 10am-7pm, Thu-Fri 2-9pm, Sat 12-4pm.
Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm. On view Mar 26-30.

Part & Parcel Examines recurrent themes of vessel, module, figure, and fragment. Artists were selected to display work contributing to the genesis of contemporary ceramics.

Water Bar 2518 Central Ave. NE, water-bar.org,
Hours during conference week: Mon-Sun 10am-5pm (Fri until 9pm).
Reception: Fri, Mar 29, 5-9pm. On view Mar 25-31.
H2O
Artists explore the inter-relationship of water and life, drawing inspiration from drinking vessels, water habitats, diminished of clear water, and disappearing polar caps.

Vision Awards April 1st. Who would you nominate

The 3rd Biannual Vision Awards are scheduled to take place on April 1st at the Ritz. The Vision Awards are a recogintion to those who paved the path to create the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District, and those who continue working to support artists and sustain their livelihoods. It acknowledges the artists and business owners who came together, many who had been gentrified out of other Minneapolis neighborhoods, to work with politicians and city leaders, stressing the economic and philanthropic values that a thriving, creative sector provides. The Vision Awards celebrate The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District's uniqueness, its history and its future.

We are looking for volunteers to help us plan and implement the program. We need some basic event planning help; communication, signage, media relations, social media post. If you are interested please contact Josh.

Who would you nominate for a Arts District Vision Award? Click here to send us your nomination

Three Main Goals of Arts District Planning

1. Continue to discuss who we are as a community.
2. Continue to define the vision of the next 10 to 15 years, in order to drive the decision making.
3. Start a framework on how we can finance the goals of the district. This goal is only possible to discuss if the other two goals can be met.

Recent studies to consider reading:
1. The Creative Vitality Index 2018 Click to read
2. The Creative Vitality Index 2015 Update. Click to read.
3. The Creative Vitality Index 2014 Update. Click to read.
4. The Minneapolis Creative Index 2013 Report. Click to read.

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District & the Arts District Committee is an outcome of the Arts Action Plan.

"The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Committee is comprised of interested volunteer community members, and is fiscally managed by the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC). Additional support has been provided by Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), Clay Squared to Infinity, Northeaster News, California Building Co.
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