



MEDIA ALERT

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The 18th Annual
PALO ALTO CLAY & GLASS FESTIVAL
180 JURIED CLAY & GLASS ARTISTS
Fine Glass and Ceramic Art Created by Hand with Care and Flair
July 10-11, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
At the Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, California
www.acga.net

WHAT:

The prestigious and popular **Palo Alto Clay & Glass Festival** will once again welcome thousands of festival-goers to a fabulous, fun-filled 2-day celebration of Clay and Glass Art on July 10-11, 2010. Featuring both fine and functional art, the Palo Alto Clay & Glass Festival is the largest show of its kind, with 180 artists displaying their work.

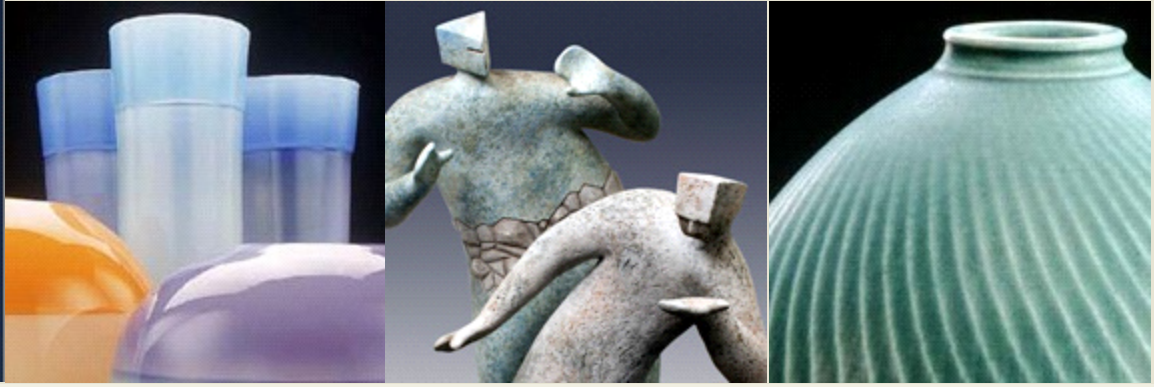
Whether hand-blown or hand-built, thrown or slumped, stoneware or porcelain, glazed or decorated, this is the finest contemporary and traditional clay and glass art to be found anywhere. The Palo Alto Art Center provides the perfect lawn setting for an open-air weekend of browsing, shopping, or collecting.

Select from a wide array of original art pieces for the artful table, garden, and home. Discover quality, handmade clay and glass designed to last for generations. Choose from extraordinary hand-blown glassware, wheel-thrown stoneware, porcelain vessels, whimsical teapots, ceramic tiles, large-scale garden ornaments, functional desktop accessories, sconces, sculpture, jewelry, and more.

This FREE event offers visitors a chance to meet the artists and learn about their art, as well as a variety of engaging activities, including hands-on pottery-making and wheel-throwing demonstrations.

The Festival is presented by the **Association of Clay and Glass Artists (ACGA) of California**. Marking its 65th Anniversary in 2010, the ACGA is the nation's largest non-profit membership organization dedicated to the advancement of clay and glass arts. Co-sponsored by the Palo Alto Art Center, the Palo Clay & Glass Festival will also feature non-profit community art groups, Clay and Glass Arts Foundations (CGAF) and Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF).

A rigorous artist selection process assures The Palo Alto Clay & Glass Festival's longstanding success and high quality. Juried by their ACGA peers, the festival's artists are widely acclaimed, and many are internationally recognized, with pieces on display as far and wide as the Grassi Museum of Applied Art in Leipzig Germany, the World Ceramic Biennial in Icheon, Korea, and the Ceramics Museum in Athens, Greece.



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- **180 Juried Artists.** Meet award-winning Clay and Glass artists, and get an inside glimpse to their Art.
- **The Latest Eco-Friendly Techniques.** Learn about sustainable practices and popular trends in materials, from reclaimed clay to organic crystalline glazes.
- **Indoor Gallery Show.** Over 50 unique works of art are selected for a special indoor gallery exhibit.
- **Live Pottery Wheel Demonstrations.** Watch and learn as various artists create wheel-thrown ceramics before your eyes.
- **Hands-on Experiences.** **Clay for All** workshops invite all ages to try their hand making their very own ceramic pieces.
- **Live Ikebana Presentations.** Vases selected from throughout the show give life to the art of Japanese floral arrangement.

WHEN: Saturday, July 10, 2010 (10am-5pm) and Sunday, July 11, 2010 (10am-5pm)

WHERE: **The Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303**

Take Caltrain to the Palo Alto station, then catch Valley Transit Authority (VTA) buses 35 or 86. Buses stop within one to two blocks of the Center. Valet parking available at the Palo Alto Art Center and free car parking on the street. Wheelchair accessible.

ADMISSION: FREE

INFO LINE: (650) 329-2366

WEBSITE: www.acga.net

ABOUT ACGA: Founded in 1945, the Association of Clay and Glass Artists (ACGA) is one of the country's oldest and largest ceramics and glass non-profit membership organizations, with over 500 members.

The ACGA continues to make its lasting contribution to the artistic field by upholding high standards in clay and glass, and by encouraging research, innovation, and artist idea exchange. Committed to promoting public appreciation, the ACGA provides opportunities for its members to exhibit and sell their work. To benefit the community, the ACGA offers workshops, educational programs, and public exhibitions in galleries, colleges, and universities

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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