

## NEWS RELEASE FROM NORTHERN CLAY CENTER

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*Additional Images and information about the artists are available upon request.*

*'tis a gift... 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Exhibition and Sale*

**November 18 – December 30, 2007**

**Sales Gallery & Gallery M**

**Holiday Open House: Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 4 pm**

It's time to celebrate! There is no better place to find beautiful and functional gifts this holiday season than Northern Clay Center. Once again, NCC has a spectacular selection of work from more than sixty regional and national ceramic artists. All the special people on your gift list will appreciate unique, hand-made objects created by outstanding contemporary clay artists. From figurines to soup tureens, from cups to bowls, *'tis a gift...*, our 17th annual Holiday Exhibition and Sale offers a variety of pots that will make your season bright!

Participating artists include:

Jennifer Allen, Martye Allen, Judith Altobell, Posey Bacopoulos, Chris Baskin, Megan Bergström, Margaret Bohls, Robert Bowman, William Brouillard, Kevin Caufield, Victoria Christen, Blair Clemo, Michael Connelly, A. Leila Denecke, Josh DeWeese, Marc Digeros, Paul Dresang, Sanam Emami, Gary Erickson, Jil Franke, Willem Gebben, Bill Gossman, Katharine Gotham, Ryan Greenheck, James Grittner, Richard Gruchalla and Carrin Rosetti, Ursula Hargens, Sarah Heimann, Butch Holden, Bob and Cheryl Husby, Sarah Jaeger, Eric Jensen, Shirley Johnson, Matt Kelleher, Kristen Kieffer, Maren Kloppmann, Gib Krohn, Steve Lee, Lee Love, Warren MacKenzie, Tim Marcotte, Ruth Martin, Laura McCaul, Allison McGowan, Jan McKeachie-Johnston, Ron Meyers, Jeffrey Nichols, Mike Norman, Jeffrey Noska, Susan O'Brien, Elizabeth Robinson, S. C. Rolf, Monica Rudquist, Irene Saito, Patricia Sannit, Pete Scherzer, Deb Schwartzkopf, Jo Severson, Laurie Shaman, Sandra Daulton Shaughnessy, McKenzie Smith, Will Swanson, Munemitsu Taguchi, Christy Wert, Geof Wheeler, Tara Wilson and Michael Wisner.

Please Note: The NCC galleries and front desk will be closed for installation November 15 – 17 during normal business hours.

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### Holiday Open House

As part of our long-standing tradition, NCC will celebrate the opening of *'tis a gift...* with a festive Holiday Open House. Shop our galleries for gifts or make your own in the Center's studios, where kids and adults can create and decorate colorful ornaments and candy dishes. Clay work will be fired and available for pick-up beginning November 26. There is a small fee of \$5 for hands-on activities to cover the materials and firing.

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Additionally, the day will include artists' demonstrations on the potter's wheels. NCC's knowledgeable and friendly tour guides will be on hand to walk visitors through the building. Cake and coffee will be served to further indulge your senses. Bring your friends and family!

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### **ABOUT NORTHERN CLAY CENTER**

Northern Clay Center's mission is the advancement of the ceramic arts. Ongoing programs include exhibitions of sculpture and pottery by regional, national, and international artists; classes and workshops for children and adults; studio space and grants for artists; and a sales gallery representing many top ceramic artists from the region and elsewhere. Guided tours, hands-on events and artist demos are available. The facility is handicapped-accessible.

The Center is located at 2424 Franklin Avenue East, Minneapolis, MN 55406. It is one block south of Interstate 94, between 24th and 25th Avenues, just off the Riverside/25th exit. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm; Thursday 10 am to 7pm; Sunday noon to 4 pm; closed Monday.

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