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# Pullen Pottery News

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## A NOTE FROM...

The happiest of holidays to you all! I hope your December is filled with joy, happiness, family and fun. This time of year I am especially grateful for the wonderful people and friendships we have here at Pullen. When things get crazy or hectic, there is always a smiling face and a sympathetic ear to be found. We are lucky to have this wonderful studio and each other. For that, and so much more, I am truly thankful.

*-Lauren*

## GUESS WHO'S POTS?



Scroll down to see the answer!

## \*\*\* BOND PROJECT UPDATE \*\*\*

Keep an eye out for our next Public Meeting which will likely be in January with the date TBD.

We are planning for business as usual for at least the next 12 months but, as always, the most up-to-date information can be found at:

<https://www.raleighnc.gov/projects/content/ParksRec/Articles/Projects/PullenNorth.html>

## UPCOMING CLASSES

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SPRING!!!

**Register NOW online at ReLink or in person for spring classes! Don't wait as classes fill quickly. We have an exciting line up for Spring with something for everyone. Sign up and bring a friend!**

**NOTE: Some classes are listed without a location – those classes are at Sertoma! If you have any questions, just ask the front desk. They have the full list at their fingertips and can make sure you are registering correctly.**





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## \*\*\* HOLIDAY SOCIAL \*\*\*

**Join your Pullen Friends and Staff for a Handmade Holiday Ornament Exchange on Friday, December 11 at 11:00am. You don't need to bring an ornament to attend the Annual Holiday Potluck that follows at noon...Bring a dish to share and your holiday cheer!**



### HAVE YOU SEEN ME?



**A couple of friends and I have gotten lost! If you find us can you put us by the sink in the Handbuilding Studio. Thank you thank you!**

### - Glaze Update -

We are always striving to keep our glaze room stocked with a beautiful and ever evolving array of glazes! As most of you know by now, Custer Feldspar, a primary ingredient in many of our glazes wasn't being produced for several months and now it is back, but in a different particle size. Testing has begun but while we were waiting, we were also testing out other glazes - some of which are ready for prime time! Here's what's new:

**Just Green:** This is a lovely translucent deep green but his has a tendency to craze. Trish has found an alternative that appears to have a better fit with our clay! So proceed with caution and do some tests if you like to layer this glaze but it looks like it will be great!

**White:** A new white is also on its way! It has better coverage than our current white and a lovely satiny texture.

\*\*\*Remember to test your glaze combinations carefully! Your pots and the kiln shelves will thank you ☺\*\*\*





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## UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES!

**Pullen Arts Center will be closed:**

**Christmas: December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**New Year's: 4:00pm December 31 and  
Closed January 1st**

## GUESS WHOSE POT?

**Donna Hall!**



Make sure to say, "Hello!" to Donna when you see her!

## GOOD QUESTION!

*Welcome to our newest Newsletter Column. We often get questions about why things work the way they do in our studio, so if you have a question, just ask! As always, we love to hear your suggestions so if you have an idea, let me know! - Lauren*

### Where do we get our clay?

Good Question. Here at Pullen, we purchase clay from two manufacturers, Highwater Clay and Standard Clay. Highwater clays have the names (Phoenix, Little Loafers, Loafers Glory etc.) and Standard clays use numbers (112, 104, 266 etc.) Clay shipments can be unpredictable as the manufacturers run clay production in huge batches which are often determined by demand from customers much larger than us. In fact, we often have an easier time getting clay through a third party distributor; believe me, we leave no stone unturned when it comes to stocking clay. Anticipating the inevitable delays, we order months in advance of when we expect to actually need a clay body, yet even then, we sometimes find ourselves running low or out before a shipment comes in. Complicating things further, clay cannot be shipped in freezing temperatures so we stock up even more for the winter season. Clay is heavy and enormously expensive to ship, limiting us to regional suppliers. With all things clay related, we plan as much as we can to drive around the bumps in the road!

For up to date information, please see the calendar in the studio or visit the Pullen Arts Center Calendar on the City of Raleigh website found at the bottom of this page:

[Pullen Pottery Calendar](#)

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**Registration for  
Winter/Spring 2016 Classes  
is OPEN.**

**Leisure Ledgers are here!  
Stop by or go on ReLink to  
register!**

