

## Press Release

### Prairie Arts Center and Colony Pottery

Bishop Hill, IL. 309-927-3008

Bishop Hill Colony Potter, Jeff Goard and Cyndi Merrill of Mapleton build a cobb oven in preparation for Clay and Fiber Festival 2010 in Bishop Hill. The August 14 and 15 event is the fourth annual.



In addition to pottery, see a wide variety of fiber artists demonstrate in the Bishop Hill Park. There will also be make and take weaving and felting projects.

Also while in the park be sure to enjoy pie and ice cream sponsored by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association.

One of the highlights of the event is the annual soup supper. Purchase a bowl of homemade soup and keep the original handmade bowl. Tickets are just \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Prairie Arts Center in the Historic Blacksmith Shop. The sell out dinner benefits the Bishop Hill Arts Council and The Bishop Hill Heritage Association. Money will go toward education in the arts in Bishop Hill.

In addition to many area business sponsorships, Shimpo Ceramics and Great Lakes Clay will be on hand this year offering corporate sponsorship.

# Clay and Fiber Festival 2010

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**August 14 and 15**

*Mark your calendars.*

- Make and take fiber projects.
- Watch potters work at their art of throwing and firing.
- Enjoy the soup supper and get a handmade ceramic bowl.
- Pie and ice cream in the Park, contest and sale.
- Art exhibit and contest/cash prizes.
- Buy wares from ceramic and fiber artists.
- Bandstand on Saturday evening featuring Curtis Hawkins.
- Email Jeff at [potter4now@yahoo.com](mailto:potter4now@yahoo.com) for updates and forms/applications.
- Shimpo Industries representative here this year with demos.
- Great Lakes Clay sponsorship.

## Clay and Fiber Potter's List

- Demonstrations:** Take your turn at the wheel and share your technique. Watch other potters and learn new techniques.
- Firings:** Please bring a variety of bisque ware suitable for different firings, (raku, can and pit). Raku glazes are provided. Come early and glaze early to prevent breakage.
- Selling:** You are invited to sell wares in the yard, but reservations are required as space is limited. Spaces are \$25 for a 10x10.
- Accommodations:** Primitive camping will be available very near the studio. Bring food, gear and beverages. Be respectful of our neighbors. Camping may begin Friday afternoon. There is a hotel in Galva and rentals in Bishop Hill.
- Alcohol:** Absolutely no alcohol on Heritage or State property.
- Soup Dinner:** Please bring a finished glazed/food safe bowl to contribute to the cause. The bowl and homemade soup is sold as a fundraiser. Extra bowl donations are very welcome. Tickets are sold day of event.
- Cost:** There is no cost for the workshop except for bowl donations, vendor's fees and contest entry fees.
- More Info:** Call the Prairie Arts Center at 309-927-3008 or 309-229-6150. If at all possible, let me know if you plan to attend or if you are able to volunteer. I can be reached online at [potter4now@yahoo.com](mailto:potter4now@yahoo.com)
- Bishop Hill:** Bishop Hill is a town for everyone. Please take time to visit our museums, park and historical sites. There is a bakery and several great restaurants for dining. Also, visit the many shopping opportunities