



## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Clayfolk Show & Sale Press Kit

**Thank you for partnering with Clayfolk to spread the word of this unique community event.**

This year we are celebrating our 40th Clayfolk Show. There will be displays celebrating our history as well as a gallery of black and white photos, with a Favorite Booth and Favorite Potter contest and cake on Friday night.

The 40th annual Clayfolk Show offers an incredible range of hand crafted pottery in a festive environment featuring live entertainment, ceramic demonstrations and a chance for adults and children to get into the mud.

Founded in 1976, to promote the work of local and regional potters and to make the art of clay accessible to our community, Clayfolk awards annual ceramic scholarships, maintains a resource library available to the public, and provides clay demonstrations at our show and throughout the year at other events.

The show, managed and run by the potters themselves, presents a unique opportunity for the public to see a wide range of pottery styles as well as to interact with the artists. It has become one of the most successful shows in the region, drawing potters and patrons from over the Pacific Northwest, adding to the reputation of the Rogue Valley as a regional cultural center.

Please help us promote this grand event! Following is a promotional packet prepared for your convenience. Please note contact information for any questions or for additional information.

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- **Online Press Kit:** [www.clayfolk.org/press-kit/](http://www.clayfolk.org/press-kit/)
- **Promo photos** (print and online versions): [www.clayfolk.org/press-kit/](http://www.clayfolk.org/press-kit/)
- **Social media links:**
  - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ClayArtists](http://www.facebook.com/ClayArtists)
  - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/clayfolk>
  - Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/clayfolk/>
- **Social Media graphics:** [www.clayfolk.org/press-kit/](http://www.clayfolk.org/press-kit/)

## SHORT PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### For Immediate Release

Length: 20-30 seconds

PLEASE READ:

Kill Date: noon, November 22, 2015

Contact: [showchair@clayfolk.org](mailto:showchair@clayfolk.org) or [promotions@clayfolk.org](mailto:promotions@clayfolk.org)

### Event overview:

**Who:** Clayfolk

**What:** 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Clayfolk Pottery Show & Sale

**Where:** Medford Armory, 1701 South Pacific Hwy, Medford, OR

**When:** November 20th through 22nd

- Friday : 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Sunday : 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Admission: Free**

**Featured:** Decorative and functional pottery, ceramic jewelry, sculpture, tile work, garden art and more. For more information, visit [www.clayfolk.org](http://www.clayfolk.org)

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## LONG PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Live entertainment kicks off the show Friday night. Pottery-making demonstrations by participating clay artists and hands-on experiences for children are scheduled on Saturday from 10:00-5:00 and on Sunday between 11:00 and 3:00 PM. Guided tours are scheduled on Sunday (1:00 and 2:00).

Again, Friday hours: 4-9 pm. Saturday: 10 am to 7 p.m. Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm. The Medford Armory is located at 1701 South Pacific Hwy. For more information, visit us on the web at [clayfolk.org](http://clayfolk.org).

## BRIEF HISTORY

Clayfolk began in 1976 when a small group of potters started meeting to share ideas, experiences, and potluck dinners. Today the membership represents a cross section of ceramicists in Oregon and northern California, ranging from well-known studio potters and sculptors to students new to the media. Members share a fascination for, and love of working with clay.

A non-profit educational organization made up of volunteers, Clayfolk sponsors the popular the Ellice T. Johnston Scholarship for the Ceramic Arts. This award, created in 1985 to honor one of Clayfolk's founding members, is designed to help a student enrolled in college or art school continue his/her studies. Clayfolk currently dedicates \$2000 a year to this notable scholarship.

In furthering its educational mission, Clayfolk has donated many ceramic books, magazines and videos to the two country libraries. Additional gifts are made annually.

The group sponsors workshops each year. Recent ones featured Lana Wilson's hand-building techniques and Terry Inokuma's altered wheel forms and brushwork. Most workshops meet at local schools or private studios. Previous workshops have offered sessions with Australian artist Ian Currie, Adrian Arleo, Hank Murrow, Maria Simon, Ellen Currans, Wesley Anderegg, Craig Martell and Linda Owen, Terry Inokuma, Inayoshi Osama, Steven Hill and Terry Nelson.

The annual Clayfolk Pottery Show & Sale, now in the 40th year, is a unique event in the Rogue Valley. It features an impressive variety of work in clay, providing educational opportunities both clay artists and for admirers alike.

Membership in Clayfolk is open to anyone interested in the ceramic arts. Proceeds from the annual Pottery Show and Sale and membership dues fund the organization's educational efforts.

## Mission Statement

Clayfolk is registered with the state of Oregon as a nonprofit corporation (not a 501c) Registration number: 130554-13

Clayfolk is an all-volunteer organization whose main purpose is education, scholarships, workshops, demonstrations, donations to the library and Children's Festival.

The Ellice T. Johnston Scholarship for the Ceramics Arts is one of Clayfolk's is one of the most notable functions. This award is given annually to a ceramic student at a collage or art school to further their studies. The scholarship is currently \$2000 annually.

The group also sponsors several workshops each year with internationally known clay artists.

Furthering its educational mission Clayfolk donates ceramic books and videos to both the Jackson and Josephine County library systems.

Clayfolk's primary fundraiser is a yearly show and sale of members work.

More at [www.clayfolk.org/about](http://www.clayfolk.org/about)

## Radio or TV spots

### SPOT 1:

**PLEASE READ:** 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Attention art lovers! Here is an event to put on your calendar. The Clayfolk 40th annual pottery show and sale will open Friday, November 20 at 4 PM and continues thru the weekend at the Medford Armory. This is Southern Oregon's largest display of handmade pottery. It features the work of over 60 clay artists. Activities include the children's "Hands on experience in clay" and pottery-making demonstrations. Again, the show is NOVEMBER 20th through 22nd. Friday the show opens at 4 PM and continues until 9PM, Saturday the show opens at 10AM and goes until 7PM. Then on Sunday it opens at 10 AM and closes at 4 PM. Admission is FREE  
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### SPOT 2:

**PLEASE READ:** November 20, 2015

All pottery lovers! The 40th Annual Clayfolk pottery show and sale opens TODAY at 4 PM at the Medford Armory. Grab a friend and plan to have a good time at the region's largest display of handmade pottery and sculpture, featuring over 60 Oregon artists. Activities include the children's "Hands on experience in clay" and pottery-making demonstrations. The show runs NOVEMBER 20th through 22nd. Friday the show opens at 4PM and continues until 9PM, Saturday the show opens at 10AM and goes until 7PM. Then on Sunday it opens at 10 AM and closes at 4 PM. Admission is FREE  
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### SPOT 3:

**PLEASE READ:** November 21-22, 2015

All pottery lovers! The 40th Annual Clayfolk pottery show is happening this weekend at the Medford Armory! The sale opened Friday at 4pm, and continues Saturday and Sunday beginning at 10AM at the Medford Armory. Grab a friend and plan to have a good time at the region's largest display of handmade pottery and sculpture, featuring over 60 Oregon clay artists. Activities include the children's "Hands on experience in clay" and pottery-making demonstrations. Admission is free! NOVEMBER 20th through 22nd. That is this weekend, folks, and the show is going on right now! Hours Friday 4PM - 9PM, Saturday 10AM - 7PM and Sunday 10AM - 4PM. Admission is FREE. For more information, visit [clayfolk.org](http://clayfolk.org)