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The 3rd Annual Spruce Pine Potters Market

Saturday & Sunday, October 11 & 12, 2008

10:00am to 5:00pm

Cross Street Building

31 Cross Street

Spruce Pine, NC

www.sprucepinepottersmarket.com

A collection of 30 of Mitchell & Yancey County's favorite clay artists, including esteemed notables Norman Schulman, Cynthia Bringle, and Jane Peiser will be showing and selling their work at the 3rd Annual Spruce Pine Potters Market show and sale on October 11 and 12th at Cross Street Building in Spruce Pine, NC. This unique gathering will bring together many of the best of our region's greatest potters in a beautiful show on a colorful autumn weekend.

This event represents an outstanding opportunity to meet, engage, and enjoy the creativity of the wide variety of fine clay artists that live and create in our area. Exhibitors will include such renowned artists as Norman Schulman of Penland - currently being featured in a nationally touring museum retrospective of his career, "*Norm Schulman: A Life in Clay*". New to this year's event will be a spotlight on the talent of emerging artist, Lindsay Rogers. Lindsay is currently a resident potter in the Craft Incubator Program at the Energy Xchange in Yancey County, where The clay kiln is fired with landfill derived methane gas.

Cross Street Building in Spruce Pine, located just off Summit Street, across the street from Pinebridge Center, is a vintage textile mill recently converted into a spacious multi-use facility. Food and refreshments, artist demonstrations, as well as the assembled potters and their beautiful wares will provide a distinctive venue for pottery collectors. The downtown Spruce Pine Heritage Festival on

Saturday, as well as peak leaf color make October 11th and 12th the weekend to be in the mountains!

A spectacular range of pottery, sculpture and architectural ceramics will be displayed by artists Michael Rutkowsky, Jane Peiser, Claudia Dunaway, Mark Peters, Will Baker, Peter Rose, Shane Mickey, Becky Gray, Tzadi Turrou, Ron Slagle, Courtney Martin, Lindsay Rogers, Jenny Sherburne, Liz Summerfield, Michael Kline, David Ross, Lisa Bruns, Becky Plummer & Jon Ellenbogen, Mark Tomczak, Stan Andersen, Gay Smith, Melisa Cadell, Joy Tanner, Norm Schulman, Pam Brewer, Linda McFarling, Terry Gess, Nick Joerling, Jim & Shirl Parmentier, Cynthia Bringle, Ken Sedberry, Michael Hunt, and Naomi Dalglish.

Travel directions can be found at www.sprucepinepottersmarket.com. For more information, call Terry Gess at 828-688-3863.