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Notable ceramic artists to host mini-week of workshops at Lighthouse ArtCenter

Tequesta, Fla. — (February 25, 2011) – A foursome of world-renowned ceramic artists will unite in Tequesta for a pre-conference event to share their secrets in atmospheric building and firing techniques. Simon Levin, Bonnie Seeman, John McCoy and Justin Lambert are the stars of “Clay by the Sea,” which takes place from March 25-28, at the Lighthouse ArtCenter Museum and School of Art. The four-day event will precede the 45th Annual NCECA Conference (National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts), which is being held from March 30 through April 2 in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area.

The pre-conference event will include workshops hosted by each artist and three nights of events, including “Atmosphere, a Ceramic Invitational” opening reception on March 25, and displays of the work by Simon Levin, Bonnie Seeman, John McCoy and Justin Lambert as well as “On Fire,” a Members Exhibition of the Ceramic League of the Palm Beaches. Atmosphere workshops will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the School of Art, located at 395 Seabrook Road in Tequesta, Fla.

The first workshop will be hosted by Simon Levin on March 25-26, focusing on wheel-thrown techniques and surface treatments, as well as wood-firing, on March 27. Bonnie Seeman will demonstrate the process of creating delicate, organic, ceramic forms for which she is internationally known. John McCoy, on March 28, will display his wheel-techniques for crafting large porcelain forms. Lighthouse ArtCenter School of Art faculty member Justin Lambert will have a soda-firing workshop on March 28, following his own five-day Anagama workshop at Live Oak Pottery in Jupiter Farms, Fla.

The ArtCenter will celebrate the pre-conference event with the first annual Ceramic Chatter over Platters, a pot-luck dinner and platter exhibition on March 26. The following evening a gallery exhibit and party will be hosted by Betty Wilson at The Craft Gallery in West Palm Beach.

Lighthouse ArtCenter Executive Director Katie Deits says she hopes that people throughout the area will take advantage of witnessing an interesting sector of the ceramic art form. “These immensely talented and collectable artists will demonstrate some very unique ways of creating ceramic forms,” Deits said. Deits

will be presenting an hour-long “Take AIM— Artist-Inspired Marketing” lecture at the NCECA Conference in Tampa, Fla.

The cost to attend a workshop is \$75 per day or \$250 for all four days. For more information on the 2011 NCECA Pre-Conference, call the Lighthouse ArtCenter at (561)746-3101 or 748-8737!!!

For more information on the Lighthouse ArtCenter Museum, School of Art, exhibitions, programs and events, visit LighthouseArts.org or call (561) 746-3101. The Lighthouse ArtCenter is located in Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, Fla., one-half mile west of US Hwy 1. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with admission free for members and \$5 for non-members ages 12 and up. Saturday and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free admission on Saturday, with the exception of the golf exhibitions.

ABOUT THE LIGHTHOUSE ARTCENTER

The Lighthouse ArtCenter is a member-supported not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community arts organization, providing excellence in art exhibitions, instruction, education and outreach for all ages. Programs are funded in part by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

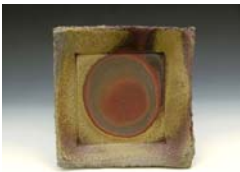
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SimonLevin.jpg- Ceramic artist Simon Levin will host two days of workshops on the topics of wheel-thrown techniques, surface firing and wood-firing during the Lighthouse ArtCenter’s NCECA Pre-Conference March 25-28 at the School of Art.



Levin-Simon1.jpg- Ceramic sculpture created by renowned ceramic artist Simon Levin, who will host two days of workshops during the Lighthouse ArtCenter’s NCECA pre-conference March 25-28 at the School of Art.



JustinLambert.jpg- Ceramic artist Justin Lambert will host a soda-firing workshop on March 28, during the Lighthouse ArtCenter's NCECA pre-conference March 25-28 at the School of Art.



2011-lambert.jpg- Soda-fired ceramic sculpture created by Justin Lambert, who will be hosting a soda-firing workshop on March 28, during the Lighthouse ArtCenter's NCECA pre-conference that will take place March 25-28 at the School of Art.



JohnMcCoy.jpg- Ceramic artist John McCoy will host a workshop on creating large porcelain forms on March 28, during the Lighthouse ArtCenter's NCECA pre-conference March 25-28 at the School of Art.



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2011-seeman2.jpg- Ceramic tea-pot created by internationally-renowned ceramic artist Bonnie Seeman, who will host a workshop during the

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CaraMcKinley.jpg- Ceramic artist and Lighthouse ArtCenter School of Art Faculty member Cara McKinley will host a workshop during the NCECA pre-conference that will take place March 25-28 at the School of Art.



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