



The Messy Minute

What's happening at Fine Mess Pottery

Nov 2017

Upcoming Events



August 26 | 9am - 4pm
Congress Street between State and High Streets
Portland, Maine

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Portland Fine Craft Show, August 26

I'm excitedly preparing for the [Portland Fine Craft Show](#), my first time at this event. I'll be in Booth #98, near Longfellow Square. The Portland Fine Craft Show is in its third year, and boast over 100 craft artists displaying their wares on Congress Street in the West End. You can find a map of the 2017 show [at this link](#).

I'm delighted to see the poster this year features the work of my long-ago studiomate, Lacey Goodrich! You can find Lacey in Booth #37 at the show.

Pots By the Pound, October 14 Maine Craft Weekend

Maine Craft Weekend is coming up (oh yes it is!) October 14th & 15th. Fine Mess Pottery will be open Saturday the 14th from 10 -4 with a giant, studio-clearing Pots By the Pound Sale! Over the year I

have accumulated a great many demo pots (Items I made in class demonstrations), seconds (pots with minor flaws), and pots I am just tired of looking at. It's time to make room for new work! Pots with red stickers are \$1 per pound, pots with blue stickers are \$2 per pound, and so on. You'll find many truly unique items and *great* bargains in this fun (and rare!) Fine Mess Pottery clearance sale.

New Product - Initialed Mugs

A nice gift for you or someone special: a mug personalized with your initial. Each mug is a collaborative effort between me and the kiln, so each one is absolutely unique—just like you.

Your mug will hold about 12 ounces and bear a dark-blue-to-black raised initial surrounded by a border of raised dots. The liner glaze will be blue, with or without lighter blue dots on the outside. The rest is up to the kiln! The background will have some rust-orange, perhaps some silver, cream, or charcoal.

Please allow four to six weeks for completion. To order, email me at info@finemesspottery.com
\$52 each, shipping included.



New Stores!



This summer, two new locations are carrying Fine Mess Pottery.

Gallery 440 is located on Main Street in Rockland, and carries fine art, jewelry, and ceramics. This is the gallery's first season!

The Stable Gallery, located at 26 Water Street in Damariscotta, is a co-op with a long history of representing artists in Maine. You'll want to check it out for its wide selection of arts & fine crafts, and for the beautiful Victorian architecture of the former stable that houses the gallery.

You can also shop at www.finemesspottery.com! New pots & handmade soap—check it out.

Upcoming Workshops

Thrown, Altered, and Assembled at Chase's Garage
Saturday, October 28th 1—5
A new way to think of the wheel: as a handbuilding tool. I'll be demonstrating several forms that begin on the potters' wheel, and then are stretched, cut, assembled, or otherwise altered to make new shapes.

Call (207) 361-4162 to register or for more information

Raku
Saturday, September 16th from 12-4
In conjunction with [Portland Pottery](#)
Participants bring 5 -8 mid-sized bisque pieces appropriate for raku (groggy stoneware, porcelain, or raku-specific clay.) Portland Pottery will provide glazes, brushes, and wax. We'll fire up the kiln and pull the pots out while glowing hot! Please wear closed-toe shoes and all cotton clothing. Call 207-772-4334 to register!

Pottery Puzzler!

See if you can correctly answer this clay-related question. To see the answer, turn your computer upside down.

♪ Three of these things belong together
Three of these things are kind of the same
But one of these things is not like the others
Tell me which one and win the game! ♪
A. Quartz
B. Silica
C. Kaolin
D. Flint

The correct answer is (C) Kaolin. The other three are all just different words for the same material - silicon dioxide, which forms the glass in glaze.