INFORMATION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE

38th Annual Potters Market

Please read through this information carefully.

Quality Control

It has come to the Managements attention that there is some pottery that is questionable as to if it is suitable to be sold in the Annual Potters Market.

The Potters Market has a reputation for exhibiting only first quality work. To maintain this reputation, absolutely no seconds are to be displayed or sold. Any item considered below standard will be removed from the display area. Defects which result in an item being considered a second are:

- **Rough bottom surfaces**: all bottoms should be smoothed of any burrs or rough spots that would cause scratching a tabletop or hurting someone.
- Bottom cracks
- Chips
- Glaze crawling and excessive pin-holing
- Warped lids: All lids should be properly fitting to the base piece.
- Inferior workmanship: All pottery should have no cracking or separation where clay pieces are joined together in construction. All thrown pottery should be centered. There should not be any sharp or rough spots. Items should have glazed/fired surfaces – no decoupage allowed.

Sculpture pieces are allowed to have alternative surface finishes*

Ornaments and Jewelry

All ornaments and jewelry must have a fired surface. Paint and glitter and like items can be used to embellish the decoration on these pieces but not replace a fired surface. Items just sprayed with paint rather than glazed will not be allowed. All jewelry should be made of 50% clay.

Before including items for sale, the potter should consider "could it be graded if it were made in a pottery class?"

It is best to ask if you are not sure if your pieces meet these criteria before bringing them to the market.

We have put together a group of potters who will be checking over all pieces of pottery on the main floor area and in the storage areas before and during the market's hours. You will be notified during the show if any of your pottery is pulled from the selling area for any of the above reasons.

If you have any questions regarding the above information please email <u>annualpottersmarket@gmail.com</u>. We will get back to you as soon as possible.