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2009 Greetings!!

Happy New Year! I hope this finds you in good health and ready for a rewarding 2009. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Phoenix in April, but I do not want to wait that long to give you an update on a very busy 2008.

NCECA Helping Members

In 2008, NCECA set new records by providing more than \$30,000 in scholarships, fellowships, residencies and related assistance to 23 members. Some 110 members received honoraria totaling more than \$50,000 for sharing their expertise through presentations, demonstrations or technology. More than 500 members had the opportunity to show their work in NCECA juried, curated or sponsored shows. Offering these opportunities for members is central to NCECA's mission. Over the next few years, we will expand opportunities for participation through local and regional events. One of these, a juried show called Continental Divide, will be held in Arvada, Colorado in the fall of 2009.

Member Benefits

We are striving to give you good reasons to belong to NCECA all the time, not just the years you attend the annual conference. New this year are discounts from clay, equipment and shipping companies, and discounts on insurance and travel services as well. Members will also be able to post events on the NCECA Web site soon, and promote their services through an online directory.

Web Site

Many of you have now seen the new look of your NCECA Web site. Like many large projects, it has taken longer than expected, but we think the wait has been worth it. We now feature many more images of members' work, images that refresh each time you visit a page. You can also submit entries

and applications for residencies, fellowships, juried exhibitions and more, completely on line. The searchable electronic directory will go live this quarter. And look for new articles appearing daily on art, technique, criticism and more, beginning in February.

I look forward to sharing more news with you in future updates and when we get together in Phoenix. Expect information in the next few weeks about NCECA Bylaws revisions, Board of Directors elections and more. Meanwhile, please feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

Best wishes for a great 2009!
Morgan O'Brien
Executive Director

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