

**Celebrating American Craft in the Southern Mountains
GAEA Professional Learning Conference Overview
November 12-15, 2009**

Conference Co-Chairs: Kathy Jackson and Jackie Ellett



Thursday, November 12

- 11:00–5:00** Registration at Brasstown Valley Resort Conference Center
12:00-1:00 Lunch on Your Own
12:00–4:00 **Tours of Goldhagen Glassblowing Studio**, Anagama Kiln Firing with Chris Kelly, Art Dept Chair, Piedmont College
12:00–5:30 **Workshops/classes/ presentations, Brasstown Resort Conference Center including Glass Blowing with David Goldhagen at Goldhagen Studio**
3:00-5:00 Commercial Vendors set up
5:00-6:45 **Artists Market Open**
7:00 -8:00 **Welcome** by YHC President Cathy Cox and Zell Miller
American Craft Symposium with Directors of Penland School of Crafts, Southern Highland Craft Guild, Arrowmont, American Craft Council, John C. Campbell Folk School with faculty representatives from NGCSU, RIT and UGA, **YHC Fine Arts Theatre.**
8:00-10:00 **Members' Exhibit Reception, Young Harris College Gallery**

Friday, November 13

- 7:00-8:30** Breakfast on Your Own
8:00–4:00 Registration at Brasstown Valley Resort Conference Center
9:00–5:00 Vendors and Artist's Market Open, visit artists demonstrations
9:00–11:15 Workshops and Demonstrations including Salku firing with Rick Berman
11:30-1:30 Luncheon Program *Mentoring: Terrific Tips for Teachers*
1:30-5:30 Workshops/demonstrations including an Anagama Kiln firing with Chris Kelly
2:30-5:30 Tour of the John C. Campbell Folk School
5:30-6:30 Reception
7:00–10:00 Dinner/ Georgia Performance Standards in Art Presentation with JoAnne Cox/
National Art Honor Society Auction benefiting student scholarships/
Contra Dancing with the John C. Campbell Folk School Band Director.

Saturday, November 14

- 8:00–11:00** **YAM Breakfast (*Drop in*) Youth Art Month Presentation!**
8:00-12:00 Registration
9:00–11:30 **Workshops and Demonstrations including Salku Firing Workshop with Rick Berman, Raku Kiln building Natural Dyeing and Weaving.**
9:00–3:00 Vendors and Artist Market Open
11:30–1:00 **Division Meeting Luncheon Meeting reports, updates and speakers**
1:00-5:30 **Workshops located at the Conference Center and Young Harris College.**
3:00-4:00 **Helen Fleming Stone Dessert Reception**
5:15-6:00 Executive Board Meeting
6:00-7:00 Reception
7:00-10:00 **Gala Dinner with Keynote speaker Peabody-award winning PBS documentary filmmaker and Executive Director of *Craft in America*, Carol Sauvion with renown potter Mark Hewitt; Awards Ceremony, Ballroom**

Sunday, November 15

- 8:00–12:00** Full Board Meeting Breakfast