

Fusing Red Earth:

Moundville Pottery Gathering and Expo

March 28 – 31, 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION



MOUNDVILLE
ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

WHAT: *Fusing Red Earth* is a gathering and expo of people interested in Southeastern Indian pottery, past and present. The program features open discussions on tribal revitalization and design symbolism, presentations on prehistoric and contemporary ceramics, tours involving institutional collections of indigenous ceramics and workshops and demonstrations focused on Southeastern Indian pottery making. Two exhibits and a Saturday exposition day are other integral parts of the gathering.

WHO: Potters, both native and non-native, doing traditional, contemporary or replication work, join scholars, museum professionals, students and others to share their knowledge of the art, technology and evolution of ceramic production in the Southeast.

WHY: Much of the pottery and other art works produced by the people originally inhabiting the North American Southeast was and/or is every bit as spectacular as that created by the southwestern tribes. Unfortunately, the cultural art world's primary focus is still on southwestern native art.

A major step in making others aware of the excellence of these ceramics is to bring together potters whose work is influenced by Southeastern Indians. Additionally, scholars, students and others interested in the art have much to contribute to everyone's overall knowledge of the art. Ultimately, this and possible future gatherings will result in positive communication between artists, scholars, art collectors, students and museum professionals. Additionally, Moundville Archaeological Park would like to develop a website for its gift shop that features the best modern Southeastern Native American pottery available for purchase.

HOW: Fill out the enclosed registration form. Then gather up your clay, pots, sculpture, books and/or knowledge and meet us at Moundville!

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Host Hotel: Jameson Inn – Tuscaloosa (\$65.99/night plus tax)
Alabama Highway 69S at Exit 71A off of I-20/59
Call Brenda at 205-345-5018 and mention
The Moundville Pottery Gathering to receive this rate.

–OR–

Camping: Stay at Moundville and get a reduced camping rate of \$5.00 per night per campsite.

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