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## Quick Facts

- The 27th annual Holiday Pottery Sale will be held Friday, Dec. 2, from noon-6 p.m.
- This year's sale features the works of 21 artists.
- Proceeds from the sale are reinvested back into the studio/classroom by purchasing and building pottery equipment and materials.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – The holiday season is here, and with it comes the ever-expanding annual **Holiday Pottery Sale** at Winthrop University. **Now in its 27th year**, the sale has become a tradition for the community as well as a major part of the city of Rock Hill's **ChristmasVille** extravaganza.



Over time, the sale has grown from just eight artists to **21 artists in 2016**. Pieces included in the sale are traditionally created by student artists, with four professional ceramic artists joining the ranks this year.

“Our sale provides an opportunity for the students to learn how to **market their work and prepare for their future**,” said **Jim Connell**, Winthrop professor and coordinator of the pottery sale. “The students are always excited and motivated to produce quality work.”

Not only do students benefit from the experience of selling their work, they also benefit from the money raised by the sale. Proceeds from the 2014 and 2015 sales helped the department purchase bricks and other items used to build a new salt kiln.

“Each year we are able to **reinvest our earnings back into our studio/classroom** by purchasing and building pottery equipment and materials,” said Connell. “This year the students are exceptionally driven as they are trying to **raise funds to attend our annual national ceramic conference** in Portland, Oregon.”

The **2016 Holiday Pottery Sale will be on Friday, Dec. 2, from noon-6 p.m.** in G-10 Rutledge Building.

Visitors will find many unique, hand-crafted creations from ceramics students and Winthrop faculty, including Connell. Some selections this year include beautifully glazed pitchers, coffee mugs with 3D faces peering out and an exquisite container featuring a bird perched on top. Each selection is sure to satisfy everyone on the gift list.

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