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Women's Studio Workshop's 16TH Annual Chili Bowl Fiesta Fundraiser

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Rosendale Recreation Center, 1055 New York 32, Rosendale, NY 12472
Saturday, February 23rd, 2013
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Free admission: 4-7pm
Featuring live music by Dog on Fleas, 4-7pm

Rosendale, NY — On the 23rd of February, the cacti will be in bloom and colorful papel picados will fly! The Women's Studio Workshop annually transforms the Rosendale Recreation Center into fiesta central and invites the community to celebrate locally crafted ceramics by browsing and buying from a vast selection of handmade bowls and tumblers. Each purchased bowl or tumbler will come with a hearty helping of chili donated by Hudson Valley restaurants and chefs. Tastebuds will delight in a range of flavors from savory and mellow zest to three-alarm zing. Over 20 local chefs and restaurants contribute more than 50 gallons of delicious beans to the fundraiser every year. Beating the winter blues never tasted so good!

The Chili Bowl Fiesta draws up to 700 attendees and has become a staple of Rosendale's public festival schedule. To prepare for the event, WSW's ceramic studio buzzes with activity, artists build bowls by hand or throw them on the potter's wheel, and glaze, decorate, and fire each unique creation. Over 800 handmade bowls, mugs, and tumblers will be created by WSW staff, interns, resident-artists, students, and volunteers leading up to the big day. Shape, size, color, patterns and decorations are widely varied (along with price-points), and past attendees of the event have lauded the fun of hunting for the perfect match between bowl and buyer.

Live entertainment, raffle drawings, and the satisfaction of supporting the arts will draw guests, but it is the instantaneous gratification that keeps shoppers returning to Chili Bowl year after year. Guests come for the shopping, but linger to savor the immediate utility of their newly acquired vessels, full of beans. Fussy shoppers can opt to buy a paper bowl, and bottom-less bellies can purchase additional scoops beyond the initial serving. Options will be available for vegetarian and meat-loving guests.

About Women's Studio Workshop

Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) is a visual arts organization in Rosendale, New York. Located just two hours north of New York City in the Hudson Valley, WSW houses specialized studios in printmaking, hand papermaking, ceramics, letterpress printing, photography, and book arts. Artists are invited through a juried process to work at WSW as a part of our artist residency & internship programs or to learn new skills in our Summer Arts Institute and community workshop series.

Since it was founded in 1979 WSW's artists' book grant program has published more than 180 artists' books, making it the largest publisher of artists' books in the United States. Special collections of major libraries and museums collect WSW's imprints, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of the Art Institute of Chicago, MOMA New York, National Museum of Women in the Arts, J. Paul Getty Museum, and The Tate Modern.

The Library of Congress, Yale University, Indiana University, Vassar College, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Delaware, University of Michigan, and Virginia Commonwealth University have standing orders to purchase all books published by WSW.

In partnership with the local Kingston School district WSW created the model Art-In-Education program "Hands-On Art" one of the few programs nationally that gives students the opportunity to work intensively with professional artists in professional artists studios. Since its inception the program has served over 4,500 students.

Women's Studio Workshop programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Additional funding comes from the National Endowment for the Arts, Milton & Sally Avery Arts Foundation, Community Foundation of Ulster County, The Cowles Charitable Trust, Edwards Foundation Arts Fund, Agnes Gund, Klock Kingston Foundation, Joan Mitchell Foundation, Stewart's, Ulster County Cultural Services & Promotion Fund and Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation.

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Bowls on Main Street

Roos Arts Gallery, 449 Main Street, Rosendale NY, 12472

Exhibition: February 22-March 3, 2013,

gallery hours: Open Thursday - Saturday, 2 - 6 pm

Reception: Friday, February 22, 2013, 6-8 pm

Over 20 bowls and platters will be on display. A reception is scheduled to fall the eve before Chili Bowl, Friday, February 22nd, and will be a celebratory prequel before the big day when hundreds will flock into Rosendale for art and noshing. Gallery space has been donated so 100% of proceeds from gallery sales (along with funds raised at Saturday's Fundraiser Fiesta) will support WSW programming. Viewers can vote for their favorite works and The People's Choice Award will entitle the recipient to time at WSW in a studio of the winner's choice.

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We invite the media to view the ceramic production process or speak with the Clay Studio Manger in depth the 16th Annual Chili Bowl Fiesta, or our related exhibition at Roos Gallery in Rosendale. Interviews with participating artists are encouraged.

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