



## Newsletter

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Chris Gustin Returns!

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Exhibit Coming in 2025.



### **Annual WoodStoke Festival Held Feb. 10 Another Great Success**

Chris Gustin returned as featured artist for the WoodStoke Festival again this year, as well as Don Ridley and Jim Lawton, and about 30 other artists. Jim Lawton and Chris Gustin taught at the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth. Don Ridley is department head of the Ceramic Arts Program at Phoenix Center for the Arts in Phoenix, Arizona. All three of these artists have work in major museums. They held workshops leading up to WoodStoke this year. Other artists attending were from along the Gulf Coast from Mississippi to Panama City and North Carolina.

Workshops were held in conjunction with Pensacola State College and Chris Gustin's art was featured in the Anna Lamar Switzer Gallery leading up to WoodStoke. WoodStoke visitors braved the rain to help unload the kilns and preview pottery. Proceeds from WoodStoke fund the Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Society, and specifically raise funds for a building on site for workshops and a gallery to preserve and enhance the future of ceramic arts.

Navarre Garden Club prepared seafood and many delectable dishes. Old Time Brewery donated pizza. Proceeds from the food provide local scholarships. Navarre ROTC students provide community service hours, as well to prepare for WoodStoke Festival each year. Many thanks to all our volunteers who make this event a success.

Each year the WoodStoke Festival provides a quality event and is raising awareness of ceramic arts throughout the nationally and internationally. The Gulf Coast Kiln Walk and WoodStoke are a remarkable asset for our county, our area, our state and beyond!

# Woodstoke Festival February 10, 2024



Pottery and tee shirts are sold at WoodStoke above..



Above l-r : Carla Encarnacion with her mermaid., Frances Grow with her piece, and NHS Art Teacher Lindsay Pharo is pictured with students. Left, Navarre High School ROTC students serve food at WoodStoke

Navarre Garden Club serves up food at WoodStoke, above. Right, John and Rae Marie Crisel enjoying Woodstoke.



# Woodstoke Festival February 10, 2024

## Thanks Volunteers!



One of the Artist gave Brenda Stokes this bear at WoodStoke. Below: NHS ROTC Students help prepare, clean up, park cars and volunteer many community hours to WoodStoke each year.



GCKW Board Members and Potters Tom and Frances Grow prep for WoodStoke



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**KILN WALK**

Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Exhibit  
 Jan. – March  
 Anna Lamar Switzer Center  
 For the Visual Arts



Left, Pensacola State College Arts Department Director Brian Weaver, pictured with wife and Gallery Director Chelsea Weaver. They are pictured among Chris Gustin's art exhibit in the Anna Lamar Switzer for the Visual Arts Center. Above, Judith Betts admires Nancy Train Smith's artwork on exhibit. Artists Chris Gustin and his wife Nancy Train Smith displayed their art at the Center in Pensacola State College during WoodStoke..



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