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## *Free Shipping-Happy Holidays*

### **Letter from Guangzhen Zhou, the Chinese Clay Art director**

It is the holiday season again and the year of 2007 has almost ended. We would like offer free shipping (until Dec. 31, 2007) to our valued clients and say "Happy Holidays" to everyone!

During the past year, we have faced the problems of inflations for most raw materials and gasoline, the labors' price rose in China. The US currency exchange rate dropped. But we have to keep our low prices and high quality products to keep our customers satisfied. We have been focused on the quality improvement. One of the problems was the **CLAY GUN**-it was difficulty to press the clay out from the tube. I had the factory add one more lock piece on the bar which made it work easier.

Guangzhen Zhou, Chief Editor

## *New Arrival*

We have been shipping our products from China every three to four months. This time we have received: **Six new Wooden Molds**; Round Fish *MD 63*, Crane *MD 64*, Lobster *MD 65*, Lotus Flower *MD 66*, Dragon and Phoenix *MD 67*, and Double Happiness *MD 68* (with Dragon and Phoenix for marriage).

**Teakwood Round Carved Stands *AV 00***, ten sizes from diameters 1.5" to 6", which can be used underneath your valued artworks.

**Mini-Rubber Pen, *DS 05***, the miniature pen with a tip that can be used for smoothing out the details of your sculptures.

## ***American Ceramic Art Works in the Exhibition at Jingdezhen***

As one of the sponsors, we have shipped 12 pieces from 10 American artists. It is expensive to get all of these pieces shipped from California to Jingdezhen, China. The exhibition was wonderful.

Here is a list of the artists' names: Barbara Brown, Sandy Simon, Marta Matray, Robert Lawarre, Tom Decker, Barbara F. VanSickle, Lee Middleman, Bill Geisinger, Ali and Howard Shapiro. Every participant will receive a free copy of the catalog and pay \$20 (plus shipping) for each additional copy. Please contact us at [ChineseClayArt@hotmail.com](mailto:ChineseClayArt@hotmail.com).

## ***Guangzhen Zhou received the Appreciation Certificate***

The American delegation spent three nights in Yixing. They had Mr. Ding, who was a photographer from Yixing Daily Newspaper, following for one and half days, and he took many photos for us. The next day, there was a picture on the local newspaper-Ali and Howard Shapiro with the director of Yixing Ceramic Museum, handling the pieces for donation. Next day, a newspaper called "New China Daily" (the Jiangsu Provincial News) published pictures of the group of Americans purchasing clay tools at a local store. On October 27, right after sending the American delegation home, Guangzhen Zhou went back to Yixing for the grand opening of a local ceramic exhibition and received the Appreciation Certificate from the Jiangsu Provincial Ceramic Association and the Yixing Ceramic Association. It said: Mr. Guangzhen Zhou, Thank you for your contribution to the ceramic cultural exchanges between China and the western countries.

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