Mission

Centered in studio practice, *Studio*Potter promotes discussion of technology, criticism, aesthetics, and history within the ceramics community.

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Dear Supporters,

2016 has been a supremely productive year for *Studio Potter* because of your loyal support, which has fueled the work of our energetic staff and dedicated board members. Your patronage emboldens us daily, and we are thrilled to report these accomplishments:

Published two beautiful journals featuring exceptional writing
Launched a brand new website, complete with all 85 back issues
Hosted two interns, both headed toward successful careers
Established a new, educational partnership with Artaxis.org
Supported artists through sponsorship of conferences and symposia
Relocated and centralized our operations in a thriving, creative community
Worked with a development consultant to plan a more secure future

We are even more excited about what we have planned for our future:

Next year:

Publish an extended issue dedicated to Women in Ceramics Host guest editor, Martina Lantin, for the Summer/Fall issue Continue to provide internships for students and early-career artists Enhance the user experience and educational potential of our website

Long term:

Fully fund and establish an executive director staff position Provide honoraria for all contributors (authors, illustrators, photographers) Offer local programming such as writing workshops and artist lectures Continue to expand readership, foster membership, and build partnerships

A gift of as little as \$50 will bolster our ability to meet these goals. As a sustaining donor, your gift of \$500 or more would ensure we can continue to lead our field in writing and publishing. Please make a tax-deductible gift by sending a check in the envelope provided, via studiopotter.org/support/donate, or by calling our office (413) 585-5998.

Thank you,

Elenor Wilson
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Dear Friends,

If I made a list of all the things that I've taken for granted in my life, it would fill up a wareboard. That's not something I'm proud of by any means. Often it has taken me years to appreciate things fully, and what I try and do now is shift this philosophical see-saw from granted to gratitude and plant myself there.

For years, I took *Studio Potter* for granted by not subscribing and assuming that there would always be a publication dedicated to the things we do and care about as studio potters. Not anymore. Not when we think about what it means to steward our field.

When we ask people to buy pots, we're asking them to support the kind of world in which it's viable to be an independent artist and entrepreneur. When I ask you to support this journal, I'm asking you to go one step further: support the journal that supports the potter that supports the kind of world in which you want to live.

Studio Potter is doing everything right. It cultivates a bright future for ceramics through strengthening our traditions and curiously investigating our changing field. It is a publication that takes pride in its material beauty; its paper and ink are rich, its design is innovative, and I love having it in my hands.

This is our craft, our community, and our journal. We hold it dear, because through it, we're shaping the world in which we want to live.

With Gratitude,

[•]Ayumi Horie

