

# GULF COAST KILN WALK Newsletter

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Jason Stokes, left, removes ashes from the Kiln post-opening. Below, artist and visitors look forward to the excitement of removing the pottery from the Kiln and gloves are worn!



Below: Community gathers around the tables to view the pottery as it comes out of the kiln.



## Annual WoodStoke Festival Brings Together Artists, Residents & Visitors



Chris Gustin



Featured Artist Chris Gustin takes a photo of Anagama Kiln Opening. Each piece is photographed, documented and inspected before any purchases are made. Artists purchase space each year for the kiln firing. Gustin has attended the last two years and been a tremendous help with the WoodStoke Festival.

If you have attended WoodStoke, you will see many of the same faces every year too. They include dedicated artists, as well as residents from Panama City to Pensacola, who look forward to the event each year, as well as annual tourists! Many have been coming since the first WoodStoke.

“That is one of the main reasons for starting the Gulf Coast Kiln Walk,” says Brenda Stokes, Holley Hill Pottery. “We want the legacy of ceramic arts to continue into the future and for the arts community to continue to grow.”

The Center will bring education, artistic expression and art appreciation together in one location to allow residents and visitors to have a greater experience beyond those now possible. A chance to discover the challenge and joy of creating art from clay in an inspirational environment. Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Society volunteers currently working on a feasibility study, the first step in the process.

## WoodStoke 2023 Photos Continued



Picking out local pottery bowls for a delish lunch served by the Navarre Garden Club.



### Featured Artist Chris Gustin

Gustin is an explorer of forms, a painter and a master of materials. His

work ranges from functional wares to exquisite tiles to expressive works of art. Chris Gustin is world-renowned studio art ceramicist and professor emeritus at the University of Massachusetts.

## Thanks Volunteers!

Navarre Garden Club for Seafood Lunch, and  
Navarre High School ROTC students!

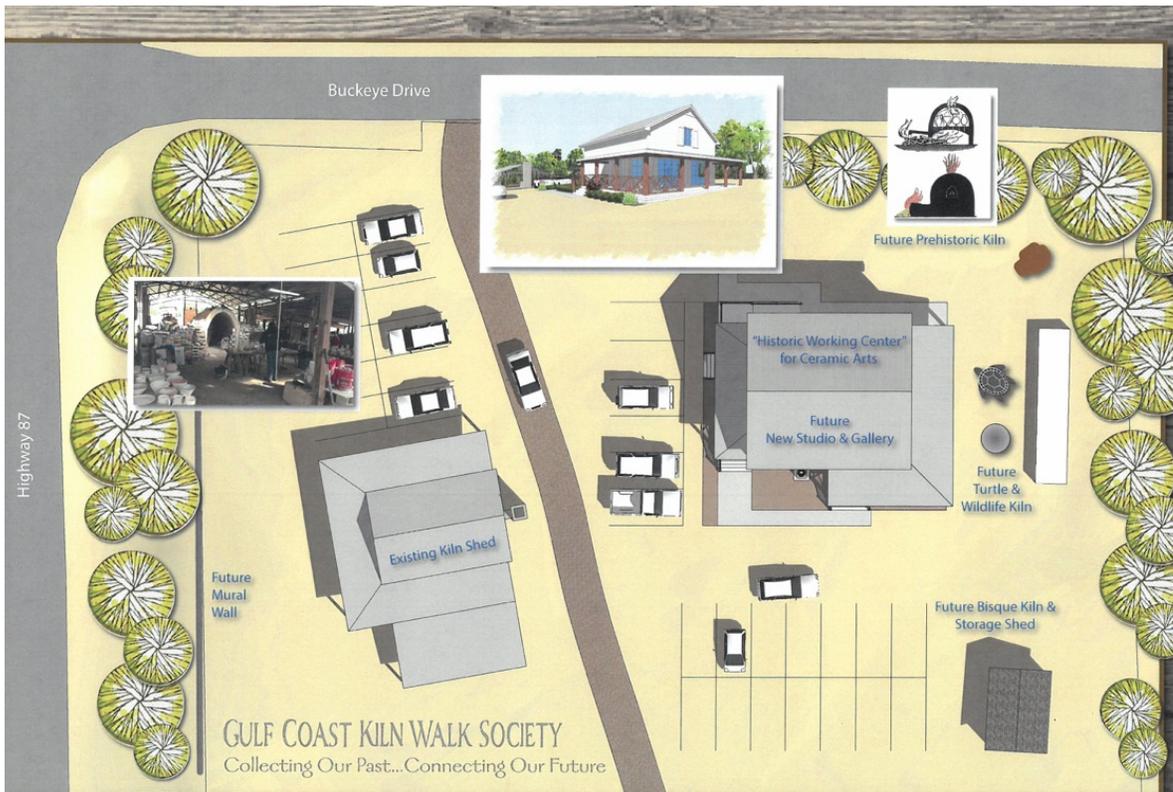




GCKW Survey Results taken from visitors at WoodStoke Festival : **Feasibility Study had 3 questions:**  
 1-Do you know anyone who could contribute to GCKW Historical Working Center? *32 said yes, out of 70 participants.*

2- How likely are you to donate to GCKW building campaign? *47 said likely. (70 participants)*

3-Would you use the facility or know someone who would? *Yes: 50*  
*In a separate 1 question survey:*  
*Would you support the Education Building: Yes: 136, Maybe: 39, No:7*



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