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## **Women's Studio Workshop's 17<sup>TH</sup> Annual Chili Bowl Fiesta Fundraiser**

### ***Chili Bowl Fiesta Fundraiser***

Rosendale Recreation Center, 1055 New York Rte 32, Rosendale, NY 12472  
Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014  
**\$5 Early admission:** 2-4pm  
**Free admission:** 4-7pm  
Featuring live music by Dog on Fleas, 4-7pm

**Rosendale, NY** — On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Women's Studio Workshop will once again transform the Rosendale Recreation Center into a colorful, cactus filled celebration with its annual Chili Bowl Fiesta Fundraiser. Stop by to browse a fantastic selection of locally crafted ceramic bowls and tumblers. Each purchased item will come with a hearty helping of chili, donated by over twenty Hudson Valley restaurants and chefs! From savory to spicy, there is sure to be a flavor fit for everyone's tastes.

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; local artists and volunteers create unique pieces by hand, or by throwing on the potter's wheel, which are then glazed, decorated, and fired in the WSW kilns.

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. Guests can also opt to buy a paper bowl, and bottom-less bellies can purchase additional scoops beyond the initial serving. Options will be available for both vegetarian and meat-lovers.

Prior to Chili Bowl, a special selection of ceramic vessels will be on display for the exhibition "Potluck" at the Roos Arts in Rosendale, from February 1st to February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Women's Studio Workshop** (WSW) is a visual arts organization in Rosendale, New York. Since 1974, WSW has brought over 5,000 artists from across the globe to work in the printmaking, hand papermaking, letterpress printing, photography, book arts and ceramics studios. Over 6,000 Ulster County youth have participated in WSW's art-in-education program. WSW's artists' book grant program has published more than 200 artists' books, collected by special collections of major libraries and museums including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Tate Modern, The Library of Congress, among others.

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***"Potluck" Exhibition***

Roos Arts, 449 Main Street, Rosendale NY, 12472

**Exhibition:** February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Gallery hours:** Open Thursday - Saturday, 1:30-5:30 pm

**Reception:** Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-8pm

We invite the media to view the ceramic production process or speak with the Clay Studio Manager in depth the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Bowl Fiesta, or our related exhibition at Roos Arts in Rosendale. Interviews with participating artists are encouraged.

Find this press release & related image files at <http://www.wsworkshop.org/about/press/>

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