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## Women's Studio Workshop's

Chili Bowl Fiesta Fundraiser SUNY Ulster 491 Cottekill Rd Stone Ridge, NY 12484

Saturday, February 25, 2016 **\$5 early admission:** 2-4pm **Free admission:** 4-7pm

Featuring live music by In The Kitchen

**Rosendale, NY** — On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Women's Studio Workshop will transform the SUNY Ulster cafeteria with a vast and colorful landscape of hand-crafted pottery to celebrate two decades of ceramics and community! In 20 years, we've also outgrown a few spaces, and this year the event will be hosted in the cafeteria at SUNY Ulster – just five minutes away from the Workshop!

Each bowl purchased at the Chili Bowl Fiesta comes with a hearty helping of chili. Everyone's sure to find a bowl and a flavor to satisfy their craving! We are proud to announce our sponsorship with Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union this year.

Each year, the Chili Bowl Fiesta draws over 700 attendees and has become a staple of Rosendale's public festival schedule. To prepare for the event, WSW's ceramic studio has been abuzz with activity. Local artists and volunteers have been hand-building their unique pieces or throwing them on the potter's wheel, then glazing, decorating, and firing them in the WSW kilns.

Over 800 handmade bowls, mugs, and tumblers are created throughout the year by staff, interns, resident artists, students, and volunteers. Because so many hands contribute to this process, each vessel is one-of-a-kind, and widely varied in shape, size, color, decoration, and, of course, price-point. Guests always have a blast looking for the perfect piece.

Not only will Fiesta guests enjoy live entertainment, raffle drawings, and the satisfaction of supporting local arts, but they'll also put their new wares to use with a complementary serving of delicious, piping hot chili. More than 20 Hudson Valley restaurants and chefs donate 50+ gallons of chili, satisfying meatlovers, vegans, and vegetarians alike. Guests can also buy a paper bowl, and bottomless bellies can purchase additional servings.

All proceeds from the Chili Bowl Fiesta support artistic programming at WSW.

**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 6,500 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, and The Library of Congress, among others.

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