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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**A** For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning **06/01/09**, and ending **05/31/10****B** Check if applicable:☒ Address change☐ Name change☐ Initial return☐ Termination☐ Amended return☐ Application pendingPlease
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tions.**C** Name of organization**American Ceramic Circle, Inc.**

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

224 West Queens Drive

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Williamsburg**VA 23185****D** Employer identification number**23-7154620****E** Telephone number**757-870-5903****F** Group Exemption

Number ►

- **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).**

G Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual

Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► **N/A****J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (**3**) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. **\$ 115,979****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	22,389
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	42,524
	4	Investment income	4	2,630
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c		5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐	6	
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	43,139
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	40,380
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	2,759	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	5,297	
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	1,767	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	3,530	
8	Other revenue (describe) ►	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	73,832	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	17,680
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	12,185
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	5,150
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	22,162
	16	Other expenses (describe) ► See Statement 3	16	9,223
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	66,400
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	7,432
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	124,945
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	132,377

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	113,043	133,088
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe) ► See Statement 4	12,637	
25 Total assets	125,680	133,088
26 Total liabilities (describe) ► See Statement 5	735	711
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	124,945	132,377

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

Ceramic history, education and research.

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section
501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)
organizations and section
4947(a)(1) trusts, optional
for others) _____

28 Promote scholarship, education and research on ceramic history and other aid to qualified scholars.

(Grants \$ 17,680) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a	17,680
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29 Publish journals and papers on ceramic history and related subjects.

(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a	48,720
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30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31 Other program services (attach schedule)

(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

66,400

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

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		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attached a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instr 37a		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 40a , section 4912 40a , section 4955 40a		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 41		
42a	The organization's books are in care of 42a Bruce McRitchie Telephone no 42a 757-870-5903 224 West Queens Drive Located at 42a Williamsburg, VA ZIP + 4 42a 23185		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 42b		
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 42c		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		☒
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		☒
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		☒
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		☒
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

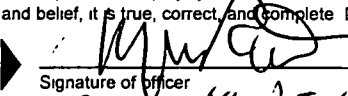
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	 Signature of officer		Date <u>10/12/2010</u>	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature <u>Donald V. Steger Jr.</u>		Date <u>10/05/10</u>	Check if self-employed ☐
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), <u>Donald V. Steger, Jr., CPA, PC</u>		Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr) <u>P00235253</u>	
	address, and ZIP + 4 <u>PO Box 2006 Staunton, VA 24402-2006</u>		EIN <u>54-1877324</u>	
			Phone no <u>540-886-6231</u>	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No				

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐		
b 33 1/3 % support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	48,765	55,516	60,725	69,610	22,389	257,005
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	50,746	29,050	32,550	38,775	90,960	242,081
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	99,511	84,566	93,275	108,385	113,349	499,086
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						499,086

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	99,511	84,566	93,275	108,385	113,349	499,086
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	4,060	6,353	2,936	4,384	2,630	20,363
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	4,060	6,353	2,936	4,384	2,630	20,363
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	103,571	90,919	96,211	112,769	115,979	519,449
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	96.08 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	96.12 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	4 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	4 %

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒

b 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

2150 American Ceramic Circle, Inc.
23-7154620
FYE: 5/31/2010

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Federal Statements

Statement 1 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 3 - Membership Dues and Assessments

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Membership Dues	\$ 42,524
Total	\$ 42,524

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Statement 2 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - Grants and Similar Amounts Paid to
Individuals

Relationship to Organization	Date of Gift	Class of Activity	Description of Property	Cash Contribution	Noncash Contribution	Book Value	Book Value Explanation	FMV Explanation
None	8/14/09			17,680				
Total				17,680				

Federal Statements

Statement 3 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

Description	Amount
Expenses	\$
Website Costs	1,426
Office Supplies and Expense	1,944
Employee Travel Reimb.	1,175
Board Meeting Expense	1,507
Insurance	303
Bank Charges	35
Credit Card Fees/Discount	1,715
Taxes, Other	35
Telephone and Communicati	1,083
Total	\$ 9,223

Statement 4 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Inventories for Sale or Use	\$ 12,637	\$
	12,637	

Statement 5 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Total Liabilities

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 735	\$ 711
	735	711