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Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 7/01 , 2009, and ending 6/30 , 2010

B Check if applicable
- [ ] Address change
- [ ] Name change
- [ ] Initial return
- [ ] Termination
- [ ] Amended return
- [ ] Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C
VENTURA COUNTY POTTERS' GUILD
P.O. BOX 821
SOMIS, CA 93066

D Employer identification number
95-2594985

E Telephone number
805-987-6287

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 [X] Cash [ ] Accrual
Other (specify) ►

H Check ► [X] if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ► N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – [X] 501(c) (6) ◄ (insert no) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

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 ► $ 38,238.

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	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	35,343.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	2,895.
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a		
	b	Less. cost or other basis and sales expenses 5b		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract ln 5b from ln 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from **gaming**, check here ► [ ]		
	a	Gross revenue (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1) 6a		
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses 6b		
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances 7a		
	b	Less cost of goods sold 7b		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe ► _____)	8	
	9	**Total revenue** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ►	9	38,238.
EXPENSES	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) SEE STATEMENT 1	10	1,185.
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	525.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,063.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	410.
	16	Other expenses (describe ► SEE STATEMENT 2)	16	31,912.
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ►	17	35,095.
NET ASSETS	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	3,143.
	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	14,551.
	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	17,694.

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	14,068.	22	17,566.
23	Land and buildings		23	
24	Other assets (describe ► SEE STATEMENT 3)	483.	24	128.
25	**Total assets**	14,551.	25	17,694.
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ► _____)	0.	26	0.
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	14,551.	27	17,694.

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE STATEMENT 4

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 (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28 TO PRESENT A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL LECTURES BY QUALIFIED SPEAKERS ON POTTERY AND CERAMIC ARTS AT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; TO CONDUCT POTTERY WORKSHOPS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES.

(Grants $ 600.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐ 28a

29 SEE STATEMENT 5

(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐ 29a

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(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

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
RICHARD FRANKLIN 11955 SULPHUR MOUNTAIN ROAD OJAI, CA 93023	PRESIDENT 2.00	0.	0.	0.
CECILE FAULCONER 1901 LENNOX COURT OXNARD, CA 93030	VICE PRESIDENT 2.00	0.	0.	0.
DIANA FARRELL 3101 BREAKER DRIVE VENTURA, CA 93003	VP SHOWS &SALES 2.00	0.	0.	0.
YVETTE FRANKLIN 11955 SULPHUR MOUNTAIN ROAD OJAI, CA 93023	SECRETARY 3.00	0.	0.	0.
JIM LEVANDER 1021 FAIRGROVE CIR. CAMARILLO, CA 93010	TREASURER 2.00	0.	0.	0.
BRENDA BURGESS 5402 WOODBURY AVE. VENTURA, CA 93003	VICE PRESIDENT 2.00	0.	0.	0.
PATTI HALLOWES 1833 NORTH CALIFORNIA BURBANK, CA 91505	VICE PRESIDENT 0	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs for Part V.)

			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	33		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		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?	35a		X
b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b		
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	36		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► 37a 0.			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		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?	38a		X
b	If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► N/A, section 4912 ► N/A, section 4955 ► N/A			
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	40b		
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 ► 0.			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► 0.			
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	40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► NONE			

42a The organization's books are in care of ► JIM LEVANDER Telephone no ► 805-987-6287

Located at ► 1021 FAIRGROVE CIR. CAMARILLO CA ZIP + 4 ► 93010

			Yes	No
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)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ►	42b		X
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ►	42c		X

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** – Check here ► ☐ N/A and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► 43 N/A

			Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		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	45		X

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	46		
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II	47		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E	48		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b	If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

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 and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

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

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 08-05-10

► JIM LEVANDER TREASURER
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ►	MICHAEL S. OWEN CPA CPA	Date 7/27/2010	Check if self-employed ► [X]
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ►	OWEN & ASSOCIATES CPAS 3600 SOUTH HARBOR BLVD, SUITE 120 CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR, CA 93035		Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions) N/A EIN ► N/A Phone no ► (805) 382-8800

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ► [X] Yes [ ] No

STATEMENT 1
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10
GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID

DONEE'S NAME:	CRAFT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND	
DONEE'S ADDRESS:	PO BOX 838 MONTPELIER,, VT 05601	
CASH AMOUNT GIVEN:		$ 200.
DONEE'S NAME:	AMERICAN MUSEUM OF CERAMIC ARTS	
DONEE'S ADDRESS:	340 S GAREY AVENUE POMONA, CA 91766	
CASH AMOUNT GIVEN:		$ 100.
DONEE'S NAME:	RESCUE MISSION	
DONEE'S ADDRESS:	315 NORTH A STREET OXNARD, CA 93030	
CASH AMOUNT GIVEN:		$ 735.
DONEE'S NAME:	OJAI STUDIO ARTISTS	
DONEE'S ADDRESS:	113 SOUTH MONTGOMERY STREET OJAI, CA ,	
CASH AMOUNT GIVEN:		$ 150.

STATEMENT 2
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16
OTHER EXPENSES

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	$ 1,321.
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	208.
COMMISSIONS	23,807.
DEPRECIATION	355.
INSURANCE	1,050.
LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS	2,125.
NEWSLETTER	361.
OFFICE EXPENSES	855.
REFERENCE MATERIAL	380.
REFUNDS	45.
SECURITY	250.
STATE OF CALIF	20.
SUPPLIES	327.
TRAVEL	808.
TOTAL	$ 31,912.

STATEMENT 3
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24
OTHER ASSETS

	BEGINNING	ENDING
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	$ 483.	$ 128.
TOTAL	$ 483.	$ 128.

STATEMENT 4
FORM 990-EZ, PART III
ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

TO PROMOTE THE COMMON INTEREST OF CERAMIC ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN IN THE STIMULATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND APPRECIATION OF THE ARTS OF CREATIVE POTTERY AND CERAMIC SCULPTURE, THE IMPROVEMENT OF STANDARDS OF CRAFTSMANSHIP AND DESIGN, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS WITH RESPECT TO QUALITIES OF ESTHETIC DESIGN AND CRAFTSMANSHIP.

STATEMENT 5
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 29
STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TO PRESENT TWO REGULAR SHOWS EACH YEAR FOR THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SELECTED WORKS OF POTTERY AND CERAMIC ART AND TO ARRANGE EXHIBITIONS OF SELECTED WORKS UPON INVITATION OF INTERESTED PERSONS OR GROUPS.

2009 FEDERAL BOOK DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

VENTURA COUNTY POTTERS' GUILD

95-2594985

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE ACQUIRED	DATE SOLD	COST/ BASIS	BUS PCT.	CUR 179 BONUS	SPECIAL DEPR ALLOW.	PRIOR 179/ BONUS/ SP. DEPR.	PRIOR DEC BAL DEPR.	SALVAG /BASIS REDUCT	DEPR BASIS	PRIOR DEPR.	METHOD	LIFE	RATE	CURRENT DEPR.
FORM 990/990-PF																
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT																
1	COMPUTER AND PROJECTOR	2/28/05		2,694							2,694	2,425	S/L HY	5	.10000	269
2	BLICK ART PRESENT MIRROR	5/24/05		601							601	387	S/L HY	7	.14280	86
	TOTAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPME			3,295		0	0	0	0	0	3,295	2,812				355
	TOTAL DEPRECIATION			3,295		0	0	0	0	0	3,295	2,812				355
	GRAND TOTAL DEPRECIATION			3,295		0	0	0	0	0	3,295	2,812				355