

FACT SHEET

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT TO BENEFIT HOUSTON REFORESTATION PROJECT
AS PART OF NCECA 2013 CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON**

WHAT	As part of 2013 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Conference in Houston, local conference organizers have partnered with several local organizations on the Houston Reforestation Project, a permanent installation in which over 100 native trees will be planted. The project involves local sculptor Jeff Forster, Clay Houston, Respect Houston and Trees for Houston. The site incorporates the location of one of the region's earliest-established African American Churches. The specific spot where the church once stood will be left free of planting to accommodate a ceramic structure that will be mounted on the concrete element of the original church structure, all of which will pay homage to the site's cultural and historical significance. Select planted areas will be further embellished with common brick decorated by children and fired in a kiln. The project stemmed from Forster's desire to raise awareness of ceramics education and the NCECA conference in Houston as well as a response to the recent drought in Houston. Collaborators will involve students from several of Houston's YES Prep Public Schools.
WHEN	Planting and Installation will take place January 31 - February 2, 2013 10 am - 3 pm
WHERE	Historic Harrisburg-Jackson Cemetery 7800 Dahlia, Houston, TX 77012
ABOUT NCECA	NCECA, the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, is a dynamic membership organization that fosters global education and appreciation for the ceramic arts. NCECA's programs, exhibitions and public events promote and improve the ceramic arts through education, community-building, research and creative inspiration. NCECA offers programs, events and publications to support its membership of artists, educators, students, individual and corporate art patrons, gallery owners, museum curators and providers of ceramic arts- related products and services. For more information, visit www.nceca.net .
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