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**February 10 – April 4, 2009**

**Receptions: Saturday February 14, 6 - 9pm**

**Saturday March 14, 6 - 9pm**

### **Patchwork**

Armstrong's announces "Patchwork," a ceramic group show featuring Bennett Bean, Thomas Hoadley, Beverly Crist, Geoffrey Swindell, Peter Kuentzel, and Nick Bernard. "Patchwork" displays works of a variety of patterns, textures and colors. Each artist brings their own unique inspiration and process of piecing together different visual elements to create striking and distinctive ceramic pieces. The exhibit will run from February 10 through April 4, 2009.

Bennett Bean is known for his fired-on glazes and added painted decoration after firing to the clay surface, creating complex and overlapping patterns. He also frequently applies his signature gold leaf inside his vessels.

Thomas Hoadley creates spectacular porcelain vessels using the ancient technique of nerikomi, creating patterns with colored clay. Natural and delicate patterns are created through his masterful, sometimes magical manipulation of the clay.

Beverly Crist creates slab constructed pieces using cut patterns like a dressmaker would make a dress. These thin, slab cut patterns are decorated with ceramic glazes and often incorporate glaze painting.

Geoffrey Swindell's small, miniature scale porcelain vessels are inspired by a wide variety of sources including aviation, aerospace, and nature.

Peter Kuntzel's raku sculpture wall pieces display his curiosity of form, texture, pattern, and color. He uses very distinctive shapes creating sharp, geometric forms and lines.

Nicholas Bernard's pieces are thrown with white earthenware clay strengthened with grog. Handles are often added and decorations to his pieces include slip or oxides. Some pieces are fired several times in order to attain the precise color and texture.

Armstrong's is located at 150 East 3rd Street Pomona, Calif., 91766. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. and every second Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Gallery reception will be held on February 14 and March 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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