The New York Ceramics Fair

From January 15 through the 20th, The National Academy Museum on Fifth Avenue hosted the 9th annual New York Ceramics Fair. Caskey Lees from Topanga California hosts this top notch show and sale of ceramics, glass and enamels featuring 35 prominent English, European and American galleries/dealers of museum quality antique and contemporary ceramics.

A real treat for us on this side of the pond to enjoy a visit with old friends and meet some new ones along the way. The fair is vetted by a jury of professionals and hosts a grand pre-show preview reception, a full-color illustrated 96 page catalog and a four-day ceramics lecture series, sponsored by the Chipstone Foundation.

Some lovely transfer printed creamware and basalt tea wares were on hand at the booth of Maria and Peter Warren of Wilton CT.

Of special interest to Transferware Collectors Club members was the booth hosted by TCC members William and Teresa Kurau of Lampeter PA. The Kurau’s were in good spirits, and enjoyed no small measure of success with their beautifully appointed and well stocked booth.
The Kurau’s have specialized in "Historical Staffordshire" since 1975. Their booth contained some fantastic examples including an “Eagle on Urn” tea set, a view of “Governor’s Island-New York Bay” platter, lots of “General Lafayette” wares. New to the market this year, the Kurau’s featured a fantastic collection of canary yellow glazed and silver luster child’s mugs; my favorite bearing the title: “A Trifle for George”.

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