Friends of Terra Cotta
The Friends of Terra Cotta, Inc., a national, non-profit organization, was founded to promote education and research in the preservation of architectural terra cotta and related ceramic materials. The organization seeks to educate the general public and construction industry professionals about architectural terra cotta’s value and history as a building material. Recognizing the complexities of preserving architectural terra cotta, The Friends of Terra Cotta, Inc. provides information and expert resources to assist the process. Members receive quarterly mailings of pertinent, topical information, and access to additional, in-depth publications.

Friends of Terra Cotta Publications

Terra-Cotta Skyline
By Susan Tunick
Photographs by Peter Mauss
Presents the history, manufacture, and art of architectural terra cotta through documents, drawings, archival photographs, and brilliant new color images commissioned for this book. Lively accompanying text based on extensive research provides anecdotes and insights into the working methods of the architects, sculptors, and artisans who designed with terra cotta—and the entrepreneurs and laborers involved in its production.

Terra-Cotta Skyline also tells of the efforts of determined current-day preservationists to protect this threatened part of our architectural heritage. Also includes a concise guide to two hundred existing terra-cotta buildings in New York City, and a listing of terra-cotta manufacturers and preservation organizations.

Published by Princeton Architectural Press, 9 x 12 inches, 176 pages, 77 color photos and 96 black and white, $35.00 (plus $3.50 postage).

Terra Cotta—Don’t Take It For Granite, 3 Walks in New York City Neighborhoods
By Susan Tunick
Learn to identify terra cotta, one of the best kept secrets in New York, while discovering the architectural treasures of Greenwich Village, Times Square, and Murray Hill/Gramercy Park through guided walks.

Published by the Friends of Terra Cotta Press, 4 1/4 x 6 3/4 inches, 64 pages, color cover, 33 black and white photographs and illustrations, 2 maps, $10.00 (plus $2.50 postage).

Architectural Ceramics: PARIS and the Legacy of French Architectural Ceramics

Highlights the many under-appreciated Parisian buildings which use richly colored and textured ceramic ornament.

Introduction by the editor, Susan Tunick, President, Friends of Terra Cotta.

Susan Montgomery’s “Our Talented Neighbors: The French Influence on American Pottery and Architectural Ceramics” explores the relationship between French ceramists and important turn-of-the-century American companies such as Grueby Faience and Rookwood Pottery.

Bernard Marrey’s “The Golden Age of Ceramics” (printed in French, English and Japanese) examines the history and development of French architectural ceramics from 1820 to 1930.

Patrice and Anne-Laure Goulet’s “Paris-Céramique,” a list including the dates, architects and manufacturers of 130 existing Parisian buildings.

Back cover folds out to a map of Paris, keyed with 130 building locations.

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By Susan Tunick
An essay providing information about handcrafted American tiles and their varied uses. Includes 22 illustrations of work by companies such as Batchelder, Pewabic, Rookwood, Grueby, and Moravian Pottery and Tile Works. Published by Assopiastrelle, 8-1/4 x 11-3/4 inches, 10 pages, $5.00 (plus $2.00 postage).

George & Edward Blum: Texture and Design in New York Apartment House Architecture
By Andrew S. Dolkart and Susan Tunick
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Highest of the Hand-Made Buildings: The Woolworth Building and Architectural Terra Cotta
Celebrating the 100th birthday of the 1913 Woolworth Building, also an easy-to-understand guide to architectural terra cotta, increasing appreciation of both the material and the much-revered skyscraper. Susan Tunick writes on the manufacture of terra cotta, its varied use in architecture and current preservation practices. Gail Fenske discusses architect Cass Gilbert’s design concepts, which led to his brilliant use of polychrome terra cotta on the building. Published by the Friends of Terra Cotta Press, 3-1/2 x 17-1/4 inches, 18 pages, 16 drawings and photographs, historic and contemporary, in black and white, cover and 4 vintage postcards in color, including three-panel, c. 1917 card shown left.