

# Clay Notes

MAY 2012

Clay Notes, the monthly *Triangle Potters Guild* newsletter, and the TPG membership form are available at

[www.trianglepotters.org](http://www.trianglepotters.org)

To get your announcements and news in the newsletter, send to:

[trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com](mailto:trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com)

by the 15th of each month.

## Our monthly meetings

are held on the first Tuesday of each month (no meetings June, July and August) at 7:30 pm. We will meet at the NCSU Craft Center, 100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh, NC.

**Visitors are Welcome!**

## TPG BOARD

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## NEXT TPG MEETING/ MAY PROGRAM

Submitted by Jimmy Sodano

**Date:** Tuesday, May 1, 2012

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Place:** Pullen Park, Shelter 6

**Rain date:** Tuesday May 1 at the NCSU Craft Center, Thompson Hall, 100 Jensen Drive, Raleigh

### Details:

- Please bring a **covered dish** ... enough for you and a few friends plus a serving utensil. The more food the merrier!
- TPG is supplying plates, napkins, tea, and eating utensils
- **Pottery Exchange:** Bring a pot valued at approximately \$15 so you will be eligible for the exchange
- There will be a short **business meeting** with the guild to vote for new board members.

## MEETING MINUTES

### TPG April 2012 Business Meeting

Recorded by: Neal O'Briant

President Jo Ellen Westmoreland welcomed returning members, new members, and guests.

**Minutes:** Recording Secretary Neal O'Briant thanked Joanne Wood for taking minutes at the March meeting. He announced one correction in the spelling of Maureen McGregor's name. He asked for any other corrections. Minutes were approved with the one correction.

**President's Report:** Jo Ellen Westmoreland said that members would receive a copy of the proposed amended bylaws and constitution the following week in order to have a vote at the May meeting. The guild will also be electing new officers at the May meeting. Jo Ellen said a Mayco representative would be in the area in May and there might be an opportunity to host a free workshop on underglazes. Details will be announced later. She also said there were T-shirts available for sale.

**Librarian's Report:** Jo Ellen reported for librarian Christina Sydor that purchases were made based on suggestions from guild members. Jo

Ellen also encouraged members to return book and videos.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Joanne Wood reported that she had been sending out notices and that she would send the bylaws and constitution. She is investigating a change of email address for the guild from the Yahoo account.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elise Stiles reported that there are 99 members. She reported that the Ben Owen workshop took in more than we spent.

**Webmaster's Report:** Gail Lawson was absent.

**Refreshments:** Jo Ellen thanked Kathy Rogers for bringing refreshments to the meeting.

**Planet Earth:** Coordinator Effie Watson reported that she had submitted everything for the guild members participating in the Planet Earth event on April 21. She will be sending out information about the day to the participants. She thinks setup may begin as early as 6:30 a.m. in order to start at 8 a.m.

**Artspllosure:** Coordinator Jimmy Sodano reported that the dates for Artspllosure are May 19-20. The guild will have a 30x40 tent again. He passed around signup sheets for work assignments. He asked for two volunteers to share a space so that everyone who signed up could participate.

**Announcements:** Jo Ellen thanked Effie and Jimmy for coordinating these events.

Kathy Rogers said she had cards available with info for an upcoming show.

Conrad Weiser brought a laptop with a slideshow of photos from the recent NCECA in Seattle.

Jo Ellen announced that there was still space in Conrad's raku workshop at the Crafts Center.

Angie Williams announced an Artists for Animals Faire taking place April 21 at Cloer Family Vineyards in Apex.

**Vice President's Report and Speaker:** Jimmy Sodano announced the May meeting is planned to be held at Pullen Park. TPG members are invited to bring a covered dish and a pot valued at about \$15 for a pottery exchange. In case of rain, this meeting will be moved to the Craft Center. Details will be sent prior to the meeting.

Jimmy introduced Frank Neef, who talked about his history as a potter. Frank brought maps of Seagrove

pottery and his own cards to pass out. He also passed out a handout on crystalline glazes. He demonstrated by throwing a large platter/bowl and two large vases. He brought several leather hard vases to demonstrate his carving techniques. He sketches the design in pencil before carving with an X-acto knife. Frank also demonstrated how he makes a melon vase using the straight edge of a piece of wood and then the edge of a pony roller. He brought many of his beautiful pieces with various crystalline glazes.

## TPG EVENTS

### Planet Earth Day

Earth Day coordinator **Effie Watson** reports that the event was successful. Attendance increased over past years and everyone seemed to enjoy the day--even with a little rain.

At this time Effie does not know the sales figures but she believes they are better than in the past.

### Artspllosure

Artspllosure is May 19-20, Saturday and Sunday in Market Square, Raleigh NC. Come and check out the great displays and support your local potters.

## MEMBER NEWS

### from Jim Fatata ...

#### "HERE AND THERE"

Art exhibition featuring visual artist Marwen El Hicheri.

Opening reception First Friday, May 4, 2012 from 6 pm to 9 pm.

The exhibit will also be open 3-7 pm each Wednesday and by appointment through May 30.

#### Litmus Gallery & Studios

312 W Cabarrus St, Raleigh NC

[www.litmusgallery.com](http://www.litmusgallery.com)

### from Jan Harris ...

*(Jan is passing this info to the guild for a friend who is selling his studio and home)*

#### Ceramics Studio

430+ sq ft, Skutt Production Kiln 1227PK, Environment 2, Brent Wheel, other studio equipment and supplies, and home, 2 bedroom, 2 bath 1500 sq ft contemporary ranch on 1.84 acres in hardwood forest, wood floors, and lucid lighting fixtures throughout. Located in Chapel Hill NC

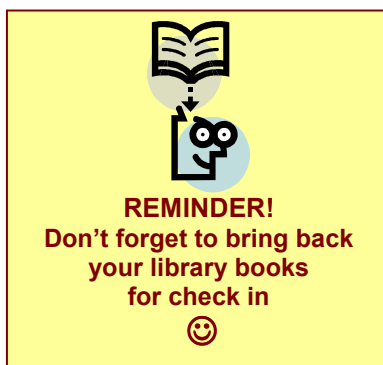
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## Lou Ray Nichol teaches Shino Workshop



Bailey is proud to announce its second workshop. Last year's workshop was such a success, this year is sure to be as well! Hosted in the Bailey Pottery Equipment Workshop in Kingston NY, join Shino Carbon Trap potter **Lou Raye Nichol**, kiln designer Jim Bailey of Bailey Pottery Equipment and other special guests. There will be presentations by Japanese trained wood potter Jeff Shapiro, author of *American Shino* Les Richter, and Regis Brodie Emeritis Professor of Art at Skidmore College. Join us as we conduct a Shino Carbon Trap firing during this workshop. We will cover special Shino Carbon Trap glazing techniques, carbon trap and reduction firing techniques (with oxygen probes & data loggers), slide presentations, demonstrations, and more. Participants will bring bisque to be glazed on Friday night and fired Saturday. The kiln opens Sunday! For more information go to our website [www.baileypottery.com](http://www.baileypottery.com) Or call and reserve your space now 1-800-431-6067. Cost: \$175 includes snacks, a gourmet lunch on Saturday, and a bagel brunch on Sunday. **FYI...** There are only a few spaces left in the **Bailey Shino Carbon Trap Workshop**.



## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST...

The Mahler Fine Art Gallery presents **Large Pots by Daniel Johnston**.

Daniel Johnston is trained in the Leach, Cardew, and Hewitt school of making pots.

Daniel shared his talents at the September 2012 TPG meeting. Now we have an opportunity to see his large pots up close at this exhibition.

#### Friday, May 4:

Artist Talk at 5:30 pm

Opening Reception 6:00 – 9:00 pm

#### Exhibition Dates:

May 4 – 26, 2012

#### Gallery Hours:

Tuesday: Friday 11 – 5

Saturday: 12 – 4

#### Location:

228 Fayetteville St, Raleigh NC

919-896-7503

[www.themahlerfineart.com](http://www.themahlerfineart.com)



## LINKS

#### The Crafts Center

[www.ncsu.edu/crafts](http://www.ncsu.edu/crafts)

(919) 515-2457

#### Sertoma Arts Center

[www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov)

(919) 420-2329

#### Pullen Arts Center

[www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov)

(919) 831-6126

#### Claymakers

[www.claymakers.com](http://www.claymakers.com)

(919) 530-8355

#### Durham Arts Council

[www.durhamarts.org](http://www.durhamarts.org)

(919) 560-2726

#### Jordan Hall Arts Center

[www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)

(919) 469-4069

#### Central Carolina Community College (CCCC)

[www.cccc.edu](http://www.cccc.edu)

#### Finch Pottery

[www.danfinch.com](http://www.danfinch.com)

(252) 235-4664

#### Litmus Gallery

[www.litmusgallery.com](http://www.litmusgallery.com)

(919) 571-3605

#### North Carolina Arts Council

[www.ncarts.org/events](http://www.ncarts.org/events)

#### City of Raleigh Arts Commission

[www.arts.commission@raleigh.gov](mailto:www.arts.commission@raleigh.gov)