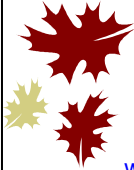


Clay Notes

NOVEMBER 2011



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

www.trianglepotters.org

To get your announcements and news in the newsletter, send to: 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 be meeting at the NCSU Craft Center, 100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh, NC.

Visitors are welcome!



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NEXT TPG MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Location: NCSU Craft Center, Thompson Hall, NCSU,

100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh

Time: 7:30 pm

Parking is available in the parking deck directly across from The Crafts Center entrance. You may be ticketed or towed if you park on the street – this is student parking only.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR FAVORITE POTS!

Submitted by Jimmy Sodano



Sadly, David Fernandez had to cancel at the last minute due to the town of Seagrove holding an emergency public hearing. David is not only a potter, but also serves on the town council. I am sorry for this inconvenience. I hope you can understand the situation and can accept David's deepest apology. This being said, I have a plan for this month's meeting. I would like for you to bring your favorite pot. This is the pot that uplifts your spirits every time you see it or touch it. The pot that you are most proud of or the one that was made by a potter you admire. If you don't have one then bring something that you feel is important to you as an artist, or potter. It could be a tool, or picture, or even an autographed book. I am bringing something from way back when... I can't wait to see all the things you feel are important to you.

MEETING MINUTES

TPG October 2011 Business Meeting

Recorded by: Neal O'Briant

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

Minutes: Recording Secretary Neal O'Briant asked if anyone had changes to the minutes from September as posted in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Library Report: Christina Sydor told new members about the library. She said she hopes to complete the project of adding the books from Audrey's library soon. She reported that Bill

Schmitz had copied new videos to be added to the library.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Joanne Wood reported that she had added two new links to the info box in the newsletter. She sent out the September newsletter with two attachments: the proposed budget and Ben Owen workshop information.

Webmaster's Report: Gail Lawson reported that she had added information about the Ben Owen workshop to the website. Gail told new members about sending her information and photos so that they could have a personal page on the guild's website.

Treasurer's Report: Elise Stiles said the proposed budget for the year was included with the newsletter. The budget was approved. Elise also encouraged members to renew their memberships by November 1 in order to continue to have a personal page on the website, to sign up for the workshop with Ben Owen, to participate in Artspllosure, and to receive the newsletter.

Urban Ministries: Emily Malpass said that the committee had been gathering bowls for the November Stone Soup Supper with drop-off locations at Pullen Arts Center and the Crafts Center. She did not have a tally of the number contributed to date but will send the number to the corresponding secretary for the newsletter and to the webmaster for the website.

Workshop Committee: Jo Ellen Westmoreland and Jimmy Sodano gave details about the Ben Owen III workshop on February 3-4. The Friday night event will be open to all members and will be lieu of the regular meeting that month. Ben will show slides and begin throwing at the Friday night event. The Saturday workshop will feature more throwing and glaze information. The cost for the workshop will be \$60 for members, \$35 for NSCU students, and \$80 for the general public. Registration will open to members and NCSU students on November 1. The public will be able to register December 1 if any spaces remain.

Refreshments: Jo Ellen thanked Charlene Poisel for bringing refreshments to the meeting. Gail Lawson volunteered to bring refreshments in November.

Announcements: Jo Ellen told members about the invitation to join Clay Works at Artspace on October 12 for its evening with Susan Parrish. She will give Joanne Wood information to send members on the spring and

Christmas Sanford Pottery Festivals. Jo Ellen said that there were several classes with space available at the Crafts Center.

Vice President's Report: Jimmy Sodano reported that David Fernandez would be the speaker in November, talking about getting pots into shows and galleries. Jimmy introduced the speaker, Travis Owens of Jugtown Pottery.

Program: Travis Owens showed slides on the history of Jugtown Pottery and how they make pots now as well of photos of recent works by him and his parents. He demonstrated throwing a pitcher, a bowl, and a jug. He brought several beautiful pots.

TPG EVENTS BOWLS NEEDED...

in otherwords, time is running out! Bring your nice bowls, plates or mugs for Stone Soup to the Craft Center **NOW** please... this is the annual fundraiser for Wake County's Urban Ministry. Pieces sell for \$20 to \$25; you will receive a donation letter. Bring items to a meeting, or place them on a specially marked shelf at the Craft Center. We need at least 300 items this year. Please contact Sarah Peters at saralec4@bellsouth.net or Anne Terry at terryanne@gmail.com or Emily Malpass emily.malpass@gmail.com.

MEMBER NEWS

from Effie Martakis-Watson...

Effie will offer her work for sale at the **2011 Fall Craft Fair November 11, 12, & 13 Friday thru Sunday 9 am to 5 pm** 1201 Agriculture Street (I-40 Exit 297 Lake Wheeler Rd.) Raleigh, NC

from Susan Luster...

You are invited to the (free) **Western Wake Artists Studio Tour November 12 & 13**. Potters **Susan Luster** and **Jeff Ross** are on the tour, along with 20 painters of all media. A preview show will be at the Cary Arts Center October 28 thru November 13 and the Halle Arts Center in Apex November 3 - 26. You can see all the artists in one place at these shows. There is an opening reception of the first day of each preview tour. We'd love to see you at our studios! For more info, go to www.wvast.org.

from Ted & Mary Kuehne...

Ted and Mary Kuehne (MudCrafts Pottery) have just opened their new gallery on NC Hwy 705 just south of Seagrove NC. We are located in Teagues Pottery Village in Westmoore, across from the elementary school and beside the Westmoore restaurant. Our pottery ranges from decorative functional to nonfunctional raku. **Come and see us...**

from Edge Barnes...

FREE!
Large cones – 02; 019; 021, 022
Small cones – 4
I will bring them to the meeting for anyone interested.
Not Free... I also have a Randall Kickwheel for sale \$300.
Email potsedge@att.net

OTHER EVENTS

You Are Invited...

Dan Finch and the Studio Potters' Open House – Master Potter, Dan Finch and around 70 talented studio potters will hold their annual show and sale on **Sunday, November 13, 10 am – 5 pm**, rain or shine!
Shop for functional, sculptural, hand-built and wheel thrown pottery from the largest gathering of eastern NC and VA studio members.
If you LOVE Pottery, you will love this show located on the Finch Nursery in Bailey, NC. For more information, go to www.danfinch.com

Workshop Notices...

Editor's note: I recently got this message from Sara of Sweet Fern Pottery in VT. I thought it could be of interest to you or anyone you know in Vermont...
“... I was wondering if I could submit a workshop announcement in your newsletter. My organization is North Country Studio Workshops. Our event happens every other year in Bennington VT at Bennington College. This next year we have James Watkins, a potter from Texas.”
NORTH COUNTRY STUDIO WORKSHOPS presents **JAMES WATKINS Clay Workshop: Alternative Firing Techniques** focusing on raku and saggar firing along with throwing large-scale forms. **January 24 - 29, 2012**, BENNINGTON COLLEGE, VT. For more info, contact northcountrystudioworkshop.org; NCSW2012@gmail.com; or Sarah at (603) 380-4520.

Jenny Lou Sherburne Demonstration Workshop



**December 10-11, 2011
Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-4
Rockingham Community College in
Wentworth, NC
\$60 members, \$70 non-members**
Workshop checks should be made payable to **Carolina Clay Guild** and mailed to: Carolina Clay Guild
PO Box 5656 Greensboro, NC 27435
www.carolinaclayguild.com

**Surry Community College in
Dobson, NC** is offering a pottery workshop with resident Penland ceramic artist,
**Gwendolyn Yoppolo
Saturday and Sunday
November 12 & 13
Cost is \$125**
For more information, please contact Terri Cockerham,
Director of Occupational Programs
Corporate & Continuing Education
Surry Community College
at cockerhamt@surry.edu
or (336) 386-3244.

Ellen Shankin Workshop in Tuscany September 16-29, 2012

Two (2) weeks in Tuscany at La Meridiana making pots! Sounds like a dream.
If you already know that you would like to come, a \$400 non-refundable deposit, made out to Thunderstruck Studios LLC will secure your place in the workshop. When we receive 12 deposits the class will be full. If for any reason the class does not fill all deposits will be refunded. Spouses, not taking the workshop, can come for a reduced rate.
For more information, please call (540)745-3595
or write: **Ellen Shankin**
297 Sumner Lane
Floyd, Va. 24091
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Pottery Poem for your enjoyment
Poem by Rosemary Benson
Fireflower Pottery, Canton OH
Dated January 12, 2011
(Thank you to Elise Stiles for
sharing this poem with Clay News)

I was born of a muddy mass.
Shovels and picks dug me from the
river bottom.
Running for my life, I was paddled and
swaddled,
Til my form took some shape.

Twirling and swirling now on a flat
surface plate,
I was pushed and I was pulled.
I was raised up and I was punched
down,
The RPMS searching for my center,
like the eye of a storm.

Finally, I let them find my center.
They opened me up without a can
opener.
They pulled me up and pushed me out.
They gave me a lip, a neck, a shoulder,
a belly and a foot.

I have been scraffitooed, torpedoed,
and needled.
I have been squeezed, expressed,
plunged,
Distressed and divided.
I've been torn apart, thrown together,
and beaten.

I've been stirred, flattened, pumped up,
baked and frosted.
But I am not a cake, crepe or
condiment.
Then I was dried out, heated up and
fired.
When I cooled, some looked upon me
lovingly.

The kiln gods whispered my name.
And now I'm in a glowing flow
Of glimmering glassy glaze.
I AM A POT.

LINKS

The Crafts Center

www.ncsu.edu/crafts

(919) 515-2457

Sertoma Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

(919) 420-2329

Pullen Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

(919) 831-6126

Claymakers

www.claymakers.com

(919) 530-8355

Durham Arts Council

www.durhamarts.org

(919) 560-2726

Jordan Hall Arts Center

www.townofcary.org

(919) 469-4069

Central Carolina Community College (CCCC)

www.cccc.edu

Finch Pottery

www.danfinch.com

(252) 235-4664

Litmus Gallery

www.litmusgallery.com

(919) 571-3605

North Carolina Arts Council

www.ncarts.org/events

City of Raleigh Arts Commission

www.arts.commission@raleigh.gov