

Clay Notes

MAY 2011



Clay Notes, the monthly *Triangle Potters Guild* newsletter, and the TPG membership form are now 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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Guild Meeting Help Request

Please email Susan Luster susisolar@aol.com ahead of the meeting time if you can help with the setup or breakdown which normally involves moving and stacking chairs.

NEXT TPG MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 3, 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.

MAY PROGRAM

Tea – Tradition & Vessels

The meeting's focus will be on Japan, traditional tea gatherings, tea ware in general (both ceramic and non-ceramic), and the tea bowl specifically, as useful object and as sculptural form.

Nancy Hamilton, who will begin the presentation, is a licensed tea practitioner of the Urasanke Tea School and leads public tea gatherings at Duke Gardens. She will take us through a typical tea gathering, explaining the selection of objects used as well as their historic and symbolic significance. Next, TPG member **Barbara McKenzie** will discuss tea bowls, illustrating both their diversity and shared features. She will conclude with a brief demonstration of altering tea bowls.

MEETING MINUTES

TPG April 2011

Business Meeting

Recorded by: Neal O'Briant

President Jo Ellen Westmoreland welcomed new members and visitors.

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

Library Report: Christina Sydor reported that Audrey's books were still at Edge's house. She will be ordering books for the library and get the list updated on the website.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Joanne Wood reported that she is working out problems with email failures.

Treasurer's Report: Lauren Brockman reported that the Ellen Shankin workshop made a profit.

The guild's balance is \$2,218. The guild now has 87 members.

Webmaster's Report: Gail Lawson announced that she has made members' changes to the website. Members can send her updated information and photos of their work. Gail has included photos from the Ellen Shankin workshop on the website.

Nominating Committee: Alice DeLisle announced that Elise Stiles agreed to be nominated to be treasurer and Jimmy Sodano agreed to be vice president. Returning officers who agreed to be nominated are Jo Ellen Westmoreland, president; Joanne Wood, corresponding secretary; Neal O'Briant, recording secretary; and Christina Sydor, librarian. Jo Ellen thanked Alice and the other members of the nominating committee, Martin Stankus and Carol Clark.

Urban Ministries and Ellen

Shankin Workshop: Donna Kanich announced that Emily Malpass, Sarah Peters, and Anne Terry had volunteered to be the committee heading up the guild's involvement in Urban Ministries' Stone Soup Supper this year. Donna reported that 35 people attended the Ellen Shankin workshop and that the guild cleared about \$300 in profit. Donna thanked Christina Sydor, Lou Raye Nichol, Edge Barnes, and Jo Ellen Westmoreland for their help with the workshop.

Artsposure and Planet Earth:

Martin Stankus announced that he needed a few members who had signed up for Artsposure to agree to share space or else we would need to hold a lottery to see who got in. People sharing a space would split the tent fee. Martin said he would send another email with details about Earth Day.

Refreshments: Jo Ellen thanked Theresa Glisson for bringing refreshments. Linda Goodwin volunteered to bring refreshments to the May meeting.

New Business: Cheryl Weisz recognized Jimmy Sodano for doing at demonstration at a garden club. She announced that she had a volunteer opportunity for 9 and 10 year-olds for about 30 minutes on April 12.

Gail Lawson announced that there are still spaces available in the sculpture workshop she is doing at Litmus Gallery on May 7. She said to see Jim Fatata for information.

Jo Ellen Westmoreland announced that there was also space available in Conrad Weiser's raku workshop coming up at the Crafts Center. Cynthia Aldrich announced an upcoming show she is participating in at Freechild Studio on April 9.

Vice President's Update: Susan Luster announced that the May meeting will feature Barbara McKenzie and Nancy Hamilton talking about and demonstrating tea bowls.

Susan introduced the April speaker, Marina Bosetti. Marina talked about her cuerda seca tile technique. She uses Standard 547 clay to make the tiles. Marina demonstrated how she draws designs on a bisqued tile with a mechanical pencil. She uses a fine paint brush to outline the design with Forbes wax. Marina uses primarily commercial glazes to decorate the tiles, including Mayco Stroke and Coat, Spectrum, and Georgies. Marina showed how she uses a fine tip slip trailer and a brush to push the glaze up to the wax line. Marina brought many of her finished pieces. She also announced that she was participating at the "(un)veiled" show at the Block Gallery that opens April 7 and runs through May 23. The meeting was adjourned.

MEMBER NEWS

Chris Campbell's work is currently on display at the **Arts Center** in downtown Rocky Mount, NC in an exhibit titled "20 Potters, 20 Teachers". This exhibit is open and runs through May 15, 2011.

Chris also is conducting workshops... check her website for more information.
<http://www.ccpottery.com/>

TPG EVENTS

ARTSPLOSURE

May 21 & 22

By Martin Stankus

Participation in Artsplosure has been finalized and everyone is under one tent thanks to those who agreed to share a space. **We will meet briefly at 7:00 prior to the May TPG meeting to discuss logistics and answer questions.** Remember to sign up for your 2 hours of volunteer time each day. Takes all of us to pull off a good show. Thanks, Martin

'BOWL'ing for Dollars....

It's not too early to make and bring your nice bowls, plates or mugs for Stone Soup, 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.

For more information, contact Sarah Peters, saralec4@bellsouth.net Anne Terry at terryanne@gmail.com or Emily Malpass emily.malpass@gmail.com. Thanks! Sarah Peters

OTHER EVENTS

TWO DAY DEMO WORKSHOP WITH TOM TURNER

Dates: **June 25-26, 2011**

Place: **Turner Studio
Burnsville NC**

Fee: **\$200**

Master potter Tom Turner will conduct a two day demo workshop at his studio, school, museum, and home near Asheville NC.

Tom has spent over 50 years of research and development in the Ceramic Arts, working primarily with porcelain, and he has an encyclopedic knowledge about glazes and firing.

Turner is a pottery collector as well as a pottery maker. His collection is historical and extensive, ranging from 10th Century Chinese pottery to modern day master potters.

Details at Tom Turner's website
www.tomturnerporcelain.com

CALL TO ARTISTS 47th FESTIVAL IN THE PARK Charlotte NC

Dates: **Sept 23 - 25, 2011**

Place: **Freedom Park**

Fee: **\$385 10x10 space**

This is a juried event with two possibilities ... the Artist's Walk or the Festival Lake Walk.

Details and applications are now available online at
www.FESTIVALinthePARK.org

POTTERS OF THE ROAN AT THE MAHLER

May 6 – June 4, 2011

From Megg Rader

We have an upcoming exhibition at The Mahler that I'd love to share with TPG members.

Potters of the Roan is a collective group of NC potters near Bakersville with their studios scattered around Roan Mountain. The unique part about this exhibition is that it is the first time that the collective group has shown in this area. They have a regular studio tour and frequently have shown at Crimson Laurel Gallery in Bakersville and individually all around, but never together in our area.

Megg Rader

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(editor's note: I will bring copies of a PDF invitation to the TPG meeting describing this event.)

AID for Potters in Japan

TPG member **Emily Lees** sent this information regarding another trusted source to help the potters of Japan.

Pucker Gallery in Boston has partnered with Mudflat Studio in Sumerville (Boston) to establish a fund for the Mashiko potters. More information and a link for contributing funds is available on their website:

<http://www.puckergallery.com/MPF.html>

Slippery Trails

"Give Your Hands A Break"

(editor's note: here are some potter recommended remedies with website addresses to help locate skin care products. These are just a few suggested and are from the article in Pottery Making Illustrated May/June 2011)

Badger Balm

www.badgerbalm.com

Cetaphil Therapeutic Hand Cream

www.cetaphil.com/Products/TherapeuticHandCream.aspx

Corn Huskers (no website given)

Cottonwood Balm

www.alpenglowskincare.com/html/balsam_poplar_balm.html

MEMORIES OF THE ELLEN SHANKIN WORKSHOP

March 26 – 27, 2011

Jo Ellen Westmoreland and Alice DeLisle sent these Happy photos... Thanks!



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

(919) 742-4156

Litmus Gallery

www.litmusgallery.com

(919) 571-3605