

# Clay Notes

APRIL 2010

Clay Notes, the monthly *Triangle Potters Guild* newsletter, and the TPG membership form are now 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 be meeting at the NCSU Craft Center, 100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh, NC.

Visitors are welcome!

## TPG BOARD

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Gary Knight

## NEXT TPG MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** NCSU Craft Center, Thompson Hall, NCSU, 100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh, at 7:30pm.

Parking is available in the parking deck directly across from The Crafts Center entrance. Do not park on the street as those spaces are for student permits only and others may be ticketed or towed.

## TPG MEETING AGENDA

**Welcome returning members, new members, and visitors.**

- A. March 2010 meeting minutes (newsletter): modifications / approval: Jayne Cluggish
- B. Library report: Nancy Schecter
- C. Treasurer's report, finance committee: Lauren Brockman
  1. Membership
- D. Workshop committee: Donna Kanich, chair
- E. Nominating committee: Charlene Poisel, chair
- F. Planet Earth Celebration Apr 17, 2010: Martin Stankus
- G. ArtSplosure: Martin Stankus
- H. May meeting refreshments
- I. Vice President's update: Jo Ellen Westmoreland

**Promptly at 8 pm: The Main Event:**

## GARY KNIGHT

Our guest presenter for the April 6 meeting will be photographer Gary Knight.

Gary Knight will be discussing and demonstrating how to photograph pottery. He has over

35 years experience in photography and teaches a class on "How to Photograph Your Artwork" at the NCSU Crafts Center. On the web: [http://www.garydknightphotography.com/Gary\\_Knights\\_website/Home.html](http://www.garydknightphotography.com/Gary_Knights_website/Home.html)

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

These members have been nominated as officers for our 2010-2011 board in our upcoming TPG election to be held in May.

**President** - JoEllen

Westmoreland

**Vice-President** - Susan Luster

**Corresponding Secretary** -

Joanne Wood

**Recording Secretary** - Neal O'Briant

**Librarian** - Christina Sydor

We are very excited to present to our Guild members such a qualified and talented group of people for their consideration as officers, and want to thank all of you for volunteering.

TPG Nominating Committee  
Charlene Poisel, Chairman

## TPG WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

The TPG Workshop Committee is requesting input from all members. We would like to know what field of interest you would prefer in a workshop (such as wheel, handbuilding, sculpture, etc) and if you have specific potter names you would be interested in. We would like to get as much information as possible from our members. Please email me your interests, comments, etc. at [dkanich@earthlink.net](mailto:dkanich@earthlink.net).

Thanks Donna Kanich, chair  
Workshop Committee.

## TPG EVENTS

**Artsplosure 2010 - May 15 & 16**

The deadline for Artsplosure registration will be the April TPG meeting. I will be at the Craft

Center by 6:30 for registration and to answer any questions. Completion of an Artsposure liability release form and a \$25 fee (checks made out to Artsposure) will be required to complete registration. As a participant you are also expected to sign up for 2 hours per day to help out at the TPG event. Help is also needed to set up and close down each day. If there are more than 23 participant registrations, a lottery will be held following the meeting. A booth space may be shared by 2 potters who may also share the rental fees. If you can not attend the meeting, send an email to [tinroofpot@bellsouth.net](mailto:tinroofpot@bellsouth.net) and I will forward the release form which you may mail back to me with a \$25 check. For more info on the event see [www.artsposure.org](http://www.artsposure.org). Thanks, Martin Stankus

#### Urban Ministries

Please don't forget to make bowls for Urban Ministries. Remember we commit to 300 bowls so we need everybody's help. Thanks, Donna Kanich

#### CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS



#### Buttered Up - How to Make a Wheel Thrown and Altered Butter Dish on the Pottery Wheel

Keith Phillips shows us how to make a thrown and altered classic American butter dish. It's a fun project involving both thrown and handbuilt components. As Keith explains, butter sizes vary depending on your location, but his idea can be adapted to whatever size you need. - Jennifer Harnetty, editor. <http://ceramicartsdaily.org/pottery-making-techniques/wheel-throwing-techniques/wheel-throwing-video-battered-up-how-to-make-a-wheel-thrown-and-altered-butter-dish-on-the-pottery-wheel/?floater=99>

- Nancy Schechter, Librarian

#### CREATING DECORATIVE ART PLATTERS

In this workshop Gail Lawson will teach the basic method for creating unique, one-of-a-kind decorative art platters from clay using hand-building techniques and a slab roller. The workshop will be **Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** and will be held at **Litmus Gallery & Studios**, 312 W. Cabarrus St. , in Downtown Raleigh. Additional information / reserve a space in the workshop:

[www.litmusgallery.com/](http://www.litmusgallery.com/)  
[artvision@bellsouth.net](mailto:artvision@bellsouth.net) / 919-571-3605.



#### Tom Turner Two Day Demo Workshop

Tom Turner is conducting a two day demonstration workshop at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Asheville on June 26 and 27, 2010.

The two day workshop will start with visual images that cover 45 years of his pottery, glazes, and kilns; then a discussion of "what is porcelain"; and then he will demonstrate wedging, kneading, throwing, designing, trimming, decoration, simple glaze testing, with discussions about firing. The first day will be making pots and the second day will be trimming, decorating, and finishing.

Early registration is encouraged and payment can be made by check, paypal, or credit card. Mail checks to Tom Turner, PO Box 717, Mars Hill, NC 28754; call with a credit card; or use paypal at [tt@tomturnerporcelain.com](mailto:tt@tomturnerporcelain.com).

Please include your mailing address, phone number, and email address. The \$200.

registration fee includes the two day workshop and a BBQ dinner at Turner Lane, "Home of The Giant Jars" on Saturday evening, along with tours of his Ceramic Art Museum, studio, and school. Your registration also puts your name in the hat for a brand new Shimpo Whisper Potter's Wheel to be given away at the end of Sunday's session. More information is at his website [www.tomturnerporcelain.com](http://www.tomturnerporcelain.com).

#### Clayton Community Center

The Clayton Community Center will begin its pottery programs April 12th. There will be classes for kids, teens, adults and seniors in hand building and wheel.

For more information on the pottery programs at CCC contact Julie Rowe at [jrowe44@gmail.com](mailto:jrowe44@gmail.com) or call (919) 553-1550

#### GALLERIES

##### The Collectors Gallery

We have a fine craft gallery on Raleigh 's new downtown city plaza, The Collectors Gallery. **We would be interested in having a potter do a live demonstration and sales during the Wednesday Farmer's Market** which operates from 10am -2 pm, April 28th - Oct 27th. The Market is located on the city plaza in front of our gallery. The gallery would provide a small tent and advertising via our websites, facebook and twitter account.

Please contact us if you have a potter that would be interested in this opportunity.

Thank You, Shawn Brewster



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## Frank

Frank is the newest gallery for the visual arts in the Triangle. Featuring work from over 70 artists, Frank offers more than you'd expect from an art gallery. Frank is a collective, founded by the area's finest artists working together to open the door for creative innovation in the arts. The GALLERY offers paintings, ceramics and sculpture as well as a wide selection of fine art, craft, wearables, and gifts. We will have changing EXHIBITIONS and be a site for community networking. And we just happen to be perfectly located at 109 E. Franklin Street, in the heart of downtown Chapel Hill. Gallery opens April 10. Drop by. See what's happening. [www.frankisart.com](http://www.frankisart.com) or become a fan of FRANK on facebook

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

### ARTIST CALL: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR BUFFALO ROAD AQUATIC CENTER

The City of Raleigh invites artists who are United States citizens to submit qualifications to provide site-specific public art for Raleigh's new Buffalo Road Aquatic Center. The project budget is \$70,000 inclusive of all expenses including design, fabrication, installation, travel, taxes and fees. Qualifications must be submitted via CaFÉ™ (<http://www.callforentry.org/>) by 5 p.m. E.D.T. on Friday, April 9, 2010. There is no fee to submit qualifications.

To view the complete RFQ, go to <http://www.callforentry.org/>, register a username and password, navigate to Apply to Calls, and search the list for City of Raleigh – Buffalo Road Aquatic Center. For assistance with the CaFÉ™ online application process, contact CaFÉ™ tech support at (888) 562-7232 or [cafe@westaf.org](mailto:cafe@westaf.org), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Standard/Daylight Time).

To review relevant plans and elevations, please visit the Raleigh Arts Commission website at [www.raleighnc.gov/arts](http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts); under PICTURE select Public Art.

Additional questions? Contact Jerry Bolas, public art coordinator for the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, at 919.831.2414 or email at [gerald.bolas@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:gerald.bolas@ci.raleigh.nc.us)

### DIRECTIONS native clay juried/invitational exhibition

I wanted to share the attached flyer/prospectus about the DIRECTIONS native clay juried/invitational exhibition at Meredith College this Fall. I certainly hope folks will submit work, and also come see the show in Sept. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!! See attached flyer.

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## OTHER EVENTS

### POTTERS COUNCIL CONFERENCE - HANDBUILDING

May 28-30, 2010 Atlanta, Georgia  
Hosted by Spruill Center for the Arts

Take Your Work to the Next Level!  
The HANDBUILDING conference will bring together a diverse group of ceramic artists to demonstrate, share and answer any questions you have. Each presentation will involve all steps of the process, from the type of clay, to forming, finishing and firing. This conference will help you build upon your existing skills and learn new techniques.

PRESENTERS : Chris Campbell, Marko Fields, Patz Fowle, Mitch Lyons, Sandi Pierantozzi and Kathy Triplett.  
<http://ceramicartsdaily.org/education/handbuilding/>

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### Clayton Community Center

The new Clayton Community Center will have its grand opening celebration April 11th from 2-4pm. The Center is located at 715 Amelia-Church Rd in Clayton. The Pottery studio will be open for tours along with the rest of the new 32,000 sq.ft. facility. There will be demonstrations, refreshments and raffles. For more info on the CCC and its programs contact Matt Lorion at [mattlorion@townofclaytonnc.org](mailto:mattlorion@townofclaytonnc.org) or call (919) 553-1555

### Orange County Schools

This year the Orange County Schools have been working with Habitat for Humanity to build a habitat house, raise funds for the home, and educate Orange County students about the need for affordable housing.

We are near our district-wide goal of \$13,000 to match a grant given by Sports Endeavors. You can help push us over the top at **Hillsborough's Last Friday's** which will be held on **Friday, April 30, 2010**. Our Cedar Ridge High students will be sponsoring a silent auction on this night and would like for you to consider helping with our efforts. Hillsborough is a unique art community and we would like to specifically sell art work at the auction. If we have thirty artists to donate two pieces, then we could raise the last thousand dollars! Please **e-mail Roger Orstad or Patricia Harris** if you could donate a few pieces of your artwork for our silent auction. I would be happy to pick up your work during the

week of **April 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Thanks for considering this worthy cause.

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## MEMBER NEWS

### Sharon Schaffer

Litmus Gallery: Sharon Schaffer will be having a show of her pottery at Litmus Gallery, 312 West Cabarrus Street, Raleigh. The show will run through April 27th by appointment. More information is available [www.shadyoakpottery.com](http://www.shadyoakpottery.com) or [sharonpots@aol.com](mailto:sharonpots@aol.com) or 508-221-6943.

### Emily Lees

I have 2 Raku pieces in a show at the Visual Art Exchange in Raleigh. One won an honorable mention, and the other won a special VAE award that carries a year's membership. The show runs through March 25 and is located at 325 Blake St. Beginning in April, I will have work displayed for 2 months in a showcase at the United Arts Council on Blount St.

### Bill Newton

My totem titled "Say Cheese" was selected for an exhibit at Associated Artists in Winston Salem. The exhibit Dimensions 2010 runs from April 8th through May 21. Opening reception is April 8th 5 to 7PM. Associated Artists gallery is located at 301 West Fourth Street in Winston Salem.

### Lisa Chmielewski

It is with great sadness that we advise you of news of the untimely death of Lisa Chmielewski. Lisa is has been a member of our Guild. It's our understanding that Lisa recently became sick, went to the hospital and passed away as a result of contracting the H1N1 virus.

## WANTED

Looking for some used shelves and posts in fair condition and a pyrometer.

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## MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2010 TPG  
BUSINESS MEETING

Jo Ellen Westmoreland opened the meeting and welcomed returning members, new members, and visitors. Alice DeLisle was unable to attend.

A. Feb. 2010 minutes were amended as requested by Neal O'Briant. Charlene Poisel had won the Urban Ministries participation lottery, and gave up the prize because she had won it in 2009. Neal O'Briant won the second pick.. The minutes were voted on and approved.

B. Library report: Nancy Schecter had not purchased any books in the previous month. She has \$220 left in the library budget, and is open to suggestions for books or CD's to purchase

C. Treasurer's report: Lauren Brockman reported we have 81 members and about \$2,800 in our bank account. The budget is right on target.

D. Workshop committee: Edge Barnes spoke for Donna Kanich. He passed around a suggestion sheet, seeking suggested names of presenters for a workshop next year.

E. Nominating Committee: Al Headen spoke for Charlene Poisel. The 2010-11 possible slate of officers is as follows: Jo Ellen Westmoreland, President; Susan Luster, Vice-President; Joanne Wood, Corresponding Secretary; Neal O'Briant, Recording Secretary; Christine Sydor, Librarian. Anyone wishing to volunteer may still do so. The final slate will be announced in April, and voted on at the May meeting.

F. Planet Earth Celebrations, April 17. Martin Stankus reported that 5 people were interested in participating and selling. He will help them coordinate shelving and other details, but will be personally unable to attend the event.

G. ArtSplosure, May 15 & 16. Martin Stankus had a sign-up sheet for people to register and pay their \$25 fee. There will be sales and demos, and he also had sheets to sign up for volunteer jobs. All sales participants must also volunteer. In the case of more participant sign-ups than there are spaces available, a lottery will be held.

H. April meeting refreshments will be supplied by Neal O'Briant.

I. Vice President's Update: Jo Ellen Westmoreland reminded the guild of the upcoming TPG show in the windows of the Crafts Center, beginning on April 14. Members may enter 1-3 pieces, and bring them to the April meeting, or drop them off at the Crafts Center before that time. Window dimensions are 15" high, 10" deep, and 20" wide. Those needing stands should bring their own. The April and May meetings are not yet scheduled. April may possibly be a photographer to discuss photographing art work and upgrading our website photos.

J. New business: The new artist co-op on Franklin St. in Chapel Hill will be opening on April 14. Meeting was adjourned. The night's presenter, Blain Avery, was introduced. He showed slides and demonstrated some of his decorating techniques.

## 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

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**Litmus Gallery**

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

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