

Clay Notes

November 2012

Clay Notes, the monthly *Triangle Potters Guild* newsletter, and the TPG membership forms are available on our website at www.trianglepotters.org.

Submissions to Clay Notes: 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 Crafts Center, 100 Jensen Dr., Raleigh.

Visitors are Welcome! TPG Board

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Next TPG Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Location: NCSU Craft Center, 100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh

Time: 7:30 pm

November Program Presenter: Jennifer Siegel

Submitted by Eoline Killough, Vice President

The new clay studio manager at the NCSU Craft Center is Jennifer Siegel, whose substantial breadth of experience in ceramics has been acquired over 10 years and a number of locations, beginning with undergraduate work at Anderson College in South Carolina. As an undergraduate, Jennifer had an interest in graphic design and drawing, mainly focused on images from popular culture. Then came her first ceramics class in which she found her passion and obsession with clay, leading her college ceramics instructor to call her "the most stubborn and impatient student he had ever had."

Jennifer loves her new job, particularly working with students, and has taught at the Central Carolina Community College Ceramics Program in Siler City, as well as elsewhere. Dan Rhode and Siglinda Scarpa are her mentors. She has recently worked with Siglinda on tiles for an installation at the Pittsboro Library as well as production throwing.

At the next Potters Guild meeting, Jennifer will demonstrate and speak about her interest in paper clay. She incorporates paper pulp into a cone 10 porcelain clay body for added strength and workability. Her excitement and enthusiasm is infectious; I couldn't wait to get home and get into my studio. I am looking forward to hearing more about paper clay as well as listening to Jennifer speak about her passionate connection with clay.

Note: Norm Hughes will be at our meeting with his lovely handbuilding tools to show and sell. Norm will donate a portion of each sale to CERF (Craft Emergency Relief Fund: <http://craftemergency.org>).

Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2012

Recorded by Maureen McGregor, Recording Secretary

Elise Stiles opened the meeting by welcoming two new members, Kathy Steinsberger and Anthony Hathaway, and one guest.

Eoline Killough was welcomed as the new Vice President (replacing Jimmy Sodano who resigned because of pressure of work).

The minutes for the September meeting, which had been circulated in the Newsletter, were accepted.

A guest from Urban Ministries, Martha Browning, told us that this is the 8th year for the Stone Soup fundraiser. 94 cents of each dollar raised is devoted to nurturing the hungry and the homeless. Bowls will be accepted up until November's meeting and this year's events, lunch and supper, will be held on November 14 at the Church of the Good Shepherd and the White Memorial Presbyterian Church respectively.

The Librarian, Edge Barnes, reported that the inventory of books is underway. He invited volunteers to form a committee to assist with the tasks of the library.

The Corresponding Secretary, Neal O'Briant, asked any member who had not received the newsletter to let him know.

The Treasurer, Martin Stankus, reported our finances to be in good shape. He is still receiving subscriptions and will present the budget at the next meeting.

Nancy Schecter volunteered to bring refreshments for our November meeting

Jo Ellen Westmoreland announced that there are vacancies in two ceramics classes which will be offered at the Crafts Center after Fall Break.

She also reminded members of the Garth Clark lecture which will be held in the Ballroom beside the Gregg Museum on October 18.

The Gregg Museum is moving to the old President's residence on Hillsborough Street. To mark the event a "Think Outside the Box" celebration will be held from noon to 4 pm on October 28. Volunteers to demonstrate throwing were invited.

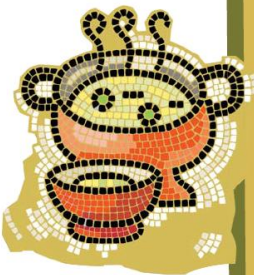
Julie Olsen showed images of the building of her new kiln accompanied by an interesting and often humorous commentary. Her husband and kiln building partner Pete was also in attendance.

Stone Soup Urban Ministries Fundraiser

Thank you to Martha Browning for coming to the October meeting to talk about Urban Ministry's Stone Soup event, and thanks also to everyone who has donated pottery so far! **Please plan to bring your donations to the November meeting!** The event date is November 14 at the same locations as last year: Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Downtown Raleigh, and Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at White Memorial Presbyterian on Oberlin Road.

We have spaces at Pullen and the Craft Center where you can leave your donation pieces. Please clearly mark your donations so that you can receive credit—every five pieces donated will equal one entry into a drawing for \$100 to Highwater Clay. We need to collect 300 pieces by November so please start thinking of this project when your work comes out of the kiln! Contact Anne Terry at terryanne@gmail.com or Emily Malpass at emily.malpass@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer for the event!





THE ANNUAL URBAN MINISTRIES OF WAKE COUNTY

STONE SOUP


SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012

TWO TIMES • TWO LOCATIONS
Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
at the Church of the Good Shepherd,
121 Hillsborough Street, Downtown Raleigh

Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
at White Memorial Presbyterian Church,
1704 Oberlin Road

Come enjoy homemade soup, bread and dessert!
There is no charge to attend, but donations are gladly accepted. Beautiful bowls created by the Triangle Potters Guild will be available for a donation of \$25 or more.

For more information or to sponsor a table please contact, Martha Browning at mbrowning@urbanmin.org or by calling 919.256.2187.



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Thank You

I would like to thank the Triangle Potters Guild for allowing me to share my adventures of being a potter. You are a wonderfully warm group of people and I hope you found my presentation informative and at least entertaining. I will let you know how the next firing goes. ... Cross your fingers.

Julie Olson

White Oak Pottery

Member News

State Fair

Martin Stankus placed third in the Fine Arts and Photography 3-D professional category for his raku bottle with stopper. One of Martin's raku vases was also chosen for display.

Dan Finch Pottery Open House

The annual Dan Finch Pottery Open House takes place Sunday, November 11, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Dan's studio in Bailey. More than 60 Finch Studio potters—including many TPG members—show and sell their functional pots and artistic creations at this event. Other activities include a band, raku and throwing demonstrations, homes for bluebirds, wooden bowls, silver jewelry, hot spiced cider, food, and more. Go early for the best selection. The show is free to the public.

Bill Newton's Piece in Durham Art Guild's 58th Annual Juried Show

A piece of pottery created by Bill Newton was accepted in the Durham Art Guild's 58th Annual Juried Art Show. It's called "King Tut Jar." The show runs October 23 through November 23 at the Sun Trust Gallery: <http://www.durhamartguild.org/>.

Other News of Interest

Durham Art Walk

The 10th annual WHHN/OWD neighborhood art walk, Sunday, November 4, noon until 6 p.m. Locations will be in the Watts-Hillandale (WHHN) or Old West Durham (OWD) neighborhoods south of the Hillandale Golf Course, bounded by Sprunt and Englewood. No admission charge. A wide variety of handcrafted art will be for sale in neighbors' homes. Maps will be available at each clearly marked site and online after November 1. Participant details are available on the WHHN and OWD websites. Find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WHHArtWalk.

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
www.cccc.edu

Finch Pottery

www.danfinch.com
252-235-4664

Litmus Gallery

www.litmusgallery.com
919-571-3605



The Crafts Center at NC State University

28th Annual
Holiday Fair & Sale

Saturday, November 17
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Featuring work by The Crafts Center's own artists & craftspeople. Enjoy complimentary refreshments while shopping for unique items for yourself or those special people on your holiday gift list!