

Clay Notes

December 2013

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 7:00 pm.

2013–14 TPG Board

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Next TPG Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Location: NCSU Craft Center, 100 Jensen Dr., Raleigh

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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.

Because of the Triangle Potters Guild holiday party, there is NO regular TPG meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

TPG Holiday Potluck Raku Party

For: Triangle Potters Guild members only and guests

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2013

Location: Conrad Weiser's, 3538 Hamstead Ct., Durham, NC 27707

Time: 10 am (start firing), 4 pm (eat), 5 pm (cut kiln off)

What to bring: No more than 3 bisqued pots and any favorite commercial glazes. Conrad will have glazes there, too. Wear long sleeves and pants, no open shoes, and hair tied back. Glögg will be provided as usual by Conrad, using Brita Tate's recipe as related (with some differing details) by her daughters. RSVP Kathy Rodgers Kathy@willow-pottery.com about what food you plan to bring.

Directions: *From Raleigh and Chapel Hill:* Take I-40 to the Jordan Lake exit (Hwy. 751 or Hope Valley Road). Turn right (or left), drive north, approx. 3.5 miles (passing a lot of streets with names evoking British places and the golf course on both sides of Hope Valley Road), looking for Brighton Road on the right. Turn, go one block, then turn right onto Hamstead Court. Conrad's house is at the top of the second hill—on the right. (Look for a double mailbox with a teapot hanging underneath.) *From Durham:* Drive south on Hope Valley Road (Hwy. 751), cross Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., past Reynolds, and look for Brighton Road on the left. Go left onto Brighton for one block and there is Hamstead Court. Conrad's house is at the top of the second hill on the right. Please park on the shoulders of the street, since the driveway will be filled with potters. Conrad's phone number is 919-490-1985 if you need to call.

A long-time member says...

"HOLIDAY RAKU PARTIES have long been a tradition in the Triangle Potters' Guild. Some of us old timers remember when they used to be held at Brita Tate's house off Avent Ferry Road. Pot luck dishes never smelled or tasted better than the ones we took to Brita's. No other Kiln Meisters caused such beautiful pots to emerge from smoking in their little buckets. And of course it was Swedish Brita and her husband John who first introduced us to GLÖGG.

Now our tradition has a newer home but with all the happy associations preserved: the happy potters bustling in the yard, the best pot luck dishes you ever smelled or tasted, the Wizard Kiln Meister working magic in those little smoking buckets. And of course the GLÖGG.

Minutes from November

Recorded by Maureen McGregor, Recording Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Nancy opened the meeting by welcoming two new members, Jeff Land and Chris Linder. Jeff was thanked for bringing snacks to his very first meeting!

We were reminded that there would be no December meeting and that instead a potluck holiday raku party would be held on December 7th at Conrad's house. Kathy, responding to a request from Conrad, offered to coordinate food for the party and was thanked by Nancy. Guests may take up to three pots to raku, and Conrad will have a selection of glazes available.

The January snack bringer will be Eric Payne.

We were asked to simplify tidying up by putting our own chairs away after the meeting. This worked well and Nancy thanked everyone.

Emily Malpass clarified some Empty Bowls questions and made arrangements to pick up the many pots that had been collected during the evening. The number turned out to be a very gratifying 175! And more are still being donated. A sign up sheet for volunteers to help with the event was circulated. Members who donated five or more bowls were invited to enter for the drawing of a gift certificate from Highwater Clay. The drawing will take place during the January meeting.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Edge announced that the library was up and running. Modifications will be effected in the near future.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Susanne invited interim reports and entries in addition to items for the monthly newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy announced that membership currently stood at 92 and that the Guild has a balance of \$7,467.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT: Gail Lawson has plans for upgrading the site and hopes to devote individual pages to members.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION:

THE BOARD TODAY APPROVED A NEW POLICY AND DIRECTIVE ABOUT DUES. Note that there is no change to the Constitution and Bylaws rule that the newsletter be sent to paid-up members only.

CLARIFICATION OF DUES POLICY WITH REGARD TO TPG EVENTS:

1. All members who have paid their dues by the November meeting will be included in a priority list for participation in all Guild events.
2. Members who pay after the November dues deadline, including new members, will be eligible to participate fully in all events with their priority based on the date of dues payment.
3. In the event of more individuals desiring to participate in an event than there are available spaces, there will be a lottery of those paying before the deadline. Any spots not filled by the pre-deadline list will be filled on a basis of date paid, regardless of whether the member is a returning or new member.

The State Fair tent. Sarah Peters described Guild participation as a "joyous event."

DECEMBER PARTY at Conrad's. We were reminded of Conrad's warm invitation to a raku party and potluck at his house on December 7. The Durham group will not be sharing it with us this year. It will be exclusively a Guild

party and we look forward to it.

THE ANNUAL WORKSHOP sponsored by the Guild. After some anticipatory secrecy Christina Sydor, who chairs the Workshop Committee, announced to a fanfare that this year's presenter will be Deborah Harris of Chapel Hill. We enthusiastically picked up flyers and applications for the event which will be held the weekend of February 14.

John Chisnell is now a member of the Workshop Committee.

A second short (hands on?) hand building course is being organized. More information later.

A VOLUNTEER is sought to replace Emily Malpass next year as coordinator of the Empty Bowls project.

Vice President Eoline introduced the speaker and demonstrator Tanya Casteel who demonstrated and entertained us with wheel throwing and hand building and showed us examples of her dramatic decoration.

More News

Pullen Arts Center is looking to hire a Studio Coordinator for our pottery studio; it is a part-time, 20 hour per week position advertised on the City of Raleigh's website at <http://www.raleighnc.gov/employment/content/CorEmploymentRecreation/Articles/PTStudioCoordinatorPullenArts.html>. **Eliza Kiser**, Pullen Arts Center Director, City of Raleigh (919-996-6126)

Join us at the **Block Gallery** on Thursday, December 5, 5-7 pm for the opening reception of the *11th Annual National Arts Program exhibition*, featuring artwork by more than 100 City of Raleigh and Wake County employees and their families. Winners will be announced at 5:30 pm. 2013 Piedmont Laureate John Claude Bemis will perform. This exhibition is presented by the Office of Raleigh Arts and the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County in conjunction with the National Arts Program Foundation of Malvern, PA. Block Gallery, 222 W. Hargett St., Raleigh.

The Tobacco Farm Life Museum wants to remind you of the *Tis' the Season Craft days* that will take place on November 30th and December 7th. The events will take place from 10 am-3 pm. If you have items you would like sell please contact the Tobacco Farm Life Museum Staff at 919-284-3431. Spaces are limited so reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Melody Worthington**, Curator, Tobacco Farm Life Museum (919-284-3431)

At **STARworks Ceramics**, *A Day with Takashi Nakazato*, December 14, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a workshop with world-renowned Japanese potter, Takashi Nakazato, the fifth son of the late Muan Nakazato, who was a National Treasure. He is the thirteenth generation of an unbroken lineage of Karatsu potters. The Nakazato family is the most eminent pottery family in Karatsu, a ceramics producing district on Kyusyu Island. Mr. Nakazato has the reputation of being the most skilled ceramic thrower in Japan. Enjoy slide shows, lectures and demonstrations by Takashi Nakazato and Yosuke Koizumi, from Shimpo. STARworks NC, Star, NC 27356 (910-428-9001). <http://www.starworksn.org/ceramics/176-takashi-nakazato-workshop.html>

Cary Gallery of Artists, *6th Annual Small Treasures Juried Exhibit*, Small Works of Art by North Carolina Artists, March 27-April 19, 2014. Juror: Katie Seiz, Gallery Director, Durham Art Guild. Digital Entries & fees due by 11:59 pm, March 7, 2014. www.carygalleryofartists.org

The Apex Down Town Business Association (ADBA) and the Town of Apex is sponsoring "*Founders Day*" on Saturday, March 1, 2014, from 9 am to 5 pm. Apex was founded on February 28, 1873, and the 2014 celebration will mark 141 years of Apex. Prior to being called Apex, the community was know as "Log Pond Village" from its beginning circa 1853. Many details are yet to be planned and worked out but we would first need your commitment to be a participant and discuss with you what you would need to provide a Pottery demonstration. No fees are required to be a participant and we look forward to having the pottery craft as part of our Apex Harvest Festival...a celebration of our "*History & Heritage - Today & Yesteryear.*" **Mack Thorpe**, Proprietor, The Rusty Bucket, 104-A N. Salem St., Apex, NC 27502 (919-290-2575)

The North Carolina Arts Council is thankful for all the artists working and living in our state. Happy Thanksgiving! This issue of Artist Opportunities includes artist residencies, festivals seeking craft exhibitors and there are interesting opportunities for public art. Of particular note is the *Mary B. Regan Community Artist Residency*. The N.C. Arts Council is currently accepting submissions from artists in all disciplines for the Mary B. Regan Artist Residency. Initial proposals must demonstrate a clear project idea, articulate achievable goals, and summarize the applicant's qualifications and interest in the project. The deadline is January 15, 2014. For more information visit: <http://ncarts.org/grants/grants-for-artistsindividuals/mary-b-regan-community-artist-residency-overview>

Items For Sale

24" North Star slab roller like new. It is mounted on a sturdy table (not a North Star table), has newly built risers and is on casters for easy moving. It is a great roller and I am only selling it because I have purchased a 30" roller. Retail the roller unit is \$600. My price is \$300 firm. **Jackie Allen** (919-859-6847)

We have a Clay Boss wheel that has never EVER been used. I bought it for my wife some years ago, and she never got around to picking up the craft. If you know of a beginner that is looking for one, would you please pass this along to them? I have it listed on Craigslist <http://raleigh.craigslist.org/art/4196015469.html> but have had no interest from that posting. **Steve Brame** (O: 919-528-5737/M: 919-740-8670)

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

**Central Carolina
Community College**
www.cccc.edu

Finch Pottery
www.danfinch.com
252-235-4664

Litmus Gallery
www.litmusgallery.com
919-571-3605

Claymakers
www.claymakers.com
919-530-8355

Durham Arts Council
www.durhamarts.org
919-560-2726

Cary Arts Center
www.townofcary.org
919-469-4069