

Clay Notes

March 2014

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.

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Next TPG Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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

Time: 7:00 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.

March Program: Kenneth Neilsen

Submitted by Eoline Killough, Vice President

Kenneth Neilsen has been making pottery since 1980. Recently, he made a move from a very successful business association with DK Clay in Sanford to his own place, Cary Pottery, on Dry Avenue in downtown Cary.

Cary Pottery opened in May, 2013, after closing up in Sanford in October, 2012. Kenneth is in the studio every day making pottery, though not always turning, and he encourages visitors to stop by and say hello. His new location is well placed across the street from the Arts Center in downtown Cary.

Kenneth's friendly, gracious manner and his superb and innovative work promise a memorable evening at the Triangle Potters Guild March meeting.

Minutes from February

Recorded by Maureen McGregor, Recording Secretary

PRESIDENT Nancy Schecter welcomed all members and thanked Linda Goodwin for bringing refreshments.

The Director of the Crafts Center, George Thomas, announced that in connection with the exhibition of photographs of crafts-people-at-work currently on show at the Crafts Center, *A Gathering of Makers* is planned for Wednesday, February 26. Between 8:00 and 9:00 pm a panel discussion will take place.

STONE SOUP EVENT Once more Nancy reported on the Stone Soup event. She pointed out that we may drop off pots for the event continually. Urban Ministries will collect them at Potters Guild meetings in April, September, and November. Urban Ministries will also give a presentation at the March meeting. She thanked members who had provided information via Survey Monkey. Someone has kindly offered to help coordinate and organize, but since the survey was anonymous we don't know who that is. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR NAME. A Stone Soup committee will be formed soon and we are still looking for a volunteer to chair it.

WINTER WORKSHOP Christina Sydor announced that 18 participants were still needed. It seemed very likely at that point that the workshop would be cancelled.

THE NEW WEBSITE Webmaster Theresa Glisson and her son Jason have begun work on the new website. Those who would like to have their own pages should follow these instructions:

- 1) Note that Theresa's e-mail address is taglisson@gmail.com
- 2) E-mail her **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. If you wish your page to begin with your bio or artist's statement and/or resume, use PDF or WORD document format. **BE SUCCINCT**.
- 3) Send her 6 to 8 images of your work and include one of yourself.

LIBRARIAN Edge Barnes was sick. He announced via Nancy that work on the library is still afoot. In addition he has ordered several new books and would welcome suggestions for more.

TREASURER Kathy Rodgers pleased the meeting by announcing that the Guild now has 116 members, the most ever. Since some of the new addresses intrigued her because they were way outside our area she has done an analysis of members' addresses. The report is on the badges table.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Susanne Uno announced an Ellen Shankin workshop to be held at La Meridiana, Tuscany, next October.

JIM BELL In the absence of Eoline Killough Nancy introduced the evening's speaker, Jim Bell, who for a number of years taught introduction to pottery classes at the Crafts Center. He regaled us with talk about his life experiences, favorite tools, and current ideas for ceramic forms.



Above: Jim Bell at the February 4, 2014, Triangle Potters Guild meeting (photo by Nancy Schecter).

Presentations at the Crafts Center

The Crafts Center at NC State University invites you to attend two evenings aimed at enhancing your crafting experience. Sometimes we need to rest our hands for a little and ponder the meanings of what we do. The following are free and everyone is invited! Additional information and directions available at www.ncsu.edu/crafts

EXPLORING THE SPIRIT AND VALUE OF CRAFT: A GATHERING OF MAKERS

There's something that draws us all to the making of craft. This discussion will be led by a diverse panel of makers and those among us who find great pleasure in handmade works of art are invited to participate. Whether your passion is admiring the works of master artisans or enjoying the experience of creating your own, NC State students and the public alike are invited to what promises to be a spirited evening of sharing.

Wednesday, February 26, from 7-8 pm with discussion continuing until ...



Michael Schwalbe's most recent project, *A View to the Making: Portraits of North Carolina Craft Artists at Work*, is on display at the Crafts Center ...come see! In "documenting the skill that artists and artisans bring to bear on their work," it is Michael's "hope the resulting exhibition of images and interview excerpts will inspire fascination with the skill and creativity required to turn raw material into beautiful objects."

In conjunction with Michael's celebration of making, the Crafts Center invites you to this evening of fellowship in art. Our panel of makers will include: metalsmith *Mary Ann Scherr*, potter *Julie Olson*, woodturner *Bill Wallace*, and NC State student crafter *Anne McLean*. They will open the evening by sharing their personal journeys to the making of craft. Along with hearing the thoughts of our panelists, we look forward to having you join in and share your own stories of making.



HIROSHI SUEYOSHI, Master Potter: "East Meets West" Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 pm

In conjunction with the Gregg Museum's Exhibition, *REMNANTS OF THE FLOATING WORLD: Japanese Art from the Permanent Collection*, the Crafts Center presents *East Meets West*, a free presentation by Master Potter Hiroshi Sueyoshi. A native of Tokyo, Japan, Hiroshi Sueyoshi currently lives in Wilmington, NC, where he is the Artist-in-Residence at the Louise Well Cameron Art Museum. He has exhibited nationally and internationally. His works are in many private, corporate and institutional collections around the country, including the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institute. For more information about Hiroshi, visit www.hiroshisueyoshi.com

Member News

From Maureen McGregor

HELP NEEDED WITH RELINING A RAKU KILN

I have all the materials necessary. I simply lack a strong pair of hands for twisting the wires. Good remuneration guaranteed! E-mail maureenmcgregor@live.com.

From Tracy Dreyer

At the Pullen Pottery Studio in March... Hot Chocolate Mug Event, Wednesday, March 12, 6:30-8:30 pm. Tall, short, thick handles or thin, three fingers or four? What makes a perfect mug? Whether you throw or handbuild, this free event is for you! Bring your favorite mug to display while we discuss what makes a perfect mug. Once we are inspired, we will share some hot chocolate and start making mugs! This event is free to Pullen members and students, just bring your own clay.

From Kathy Rodgers

Call for Artists! The 6th Annual Front Porch Art Walk, May 3rd, in Raleigh anticipates needing additional artists to participate in the show this year. Each vendor is assigned a front porch or front yard in an historic neighborhood between Oakwood and Mordecai. The traffic has been very good in past shows, and it increases each year. Significant advertisement is arranged by the organizing committee as well as material provided to the vendors to send to their customers. Art mediums include ceramics, glass, jewelry, fiber art, painting, reclaimed art, and more. Vendor fee is \$40. If interested, please email Kathy Rodgers to receive application and further information, kathy@willow-pottery.com.

Special Requests

I am looking for a Pug Mill and would like any information available on makes and models. Jerry Fowler. Email jerryfowler@hughes.net

Other News

FROM ELLEN SHANKIN... I am offering a workshop in Tuscany in October of this year. It will be the 8th time I am teaching at La Meridiana. It is a well designed workshop, honed over time, with a terrific blend of hard work in the studio promoting lots of skill development and design ideas, blended with delightful Italian experiences which include meeting Italian potters and watching them work, field trips to pottery rich destinations, and plenty of Chianti and Italian Cuisine. <http://www.ellenshankin.com/wp/workshops/italy/italy-info-2/>

FROM STARWORKS CERAMICS... Fire your pots in STARworks wood kiln. STARworks Ceramics will fire the wood kiln at Firefest, May 2-4. Our kiln has three chambers. The first chamber is Anagama, the second chamber is for glaze, and third chamber is for salt. This gives potters the ability to achieve three different results from one firing.

We have asked potters who have experience with wood kilns to help with the firing. We are able to accept five potters who would like to fire their pots and learn more about the wood firing process. The cost to participate is \$100, which includes kiln space, wood & working with an experienced potter. For more information, call (910) 428-9007 or email takuro@starworksnc.org.

FROM CEDAR CREEK GALLERY...

46th Annual Spring Pottery & Glass Festival

Friday, April 4, 5 - 10pm

Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6, 10am - 6pm

Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13, 10am - 6pm

Pottery Demonstrations, Raku Firings and Kiln Openings

<http://www.cedarcreekgallery.com/46th-spring-festival-schedule>

The National Teapot Show IX

June 6 - September 7, 2014

Featuring over 200 teapots by more than 160 of America's most accomplished craftspeople.

<http://www.cedarcreekgallery.com/national-teapot-show-IX>

Links

The Crafts Center

www.ncsu.edu/crafts

919-515-2457

Sertoma Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

919-996-2329

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