

Clay Notes

May 2014

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

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Send submissions to *Clay Notes* to:
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by the 15th of each month.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm (no meetings June, July, and August).

2013–14 TPG Board

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Next TPG Meeting: Potluck and Election

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Location: Please note that the May meeting will NOT be at the NC State Crafts Center but will be at the home of Nancy and Steve Schecter, 2508 Beechridge Rd., Raleigh, NC 27608 (919-783-6363).

Time: 6:30 pm

Parking: Beechridge is narrow with no sidewalk, so it's best not to park there. Please park along Fallon Park (the Schecter's house is 7 houses up the Beechridge hill from the park) or on a cross street. *If you need to park close, let Nancy know and they will reserve a place in their drive for you.*

Bring: A potluck dish (the Schecters will have vegetarian lasagna) *and* drink (there will be water and wine) *and* a wrapped mug *or* \$10 item for a gift exchange.

Significant others are welcome!

Voting: Members will elect the 2014-15 TPG Board. Voting will take place about 7:15 pm for the following:

- President: Randy Wright
- Vice President: Linda Lambertson
- Treasurer: Kathy Rodgers
- Librarian: Jude Stevens
- Corresponding Secretary: Donna Horton
- Recording Secretary: Lauren Brockman

Minutes from April

Recorded by Susanne Uno, Corresponding Secretary

April 1, 2014

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE TRIANGLE POTTERS GUILD

PRESIDENT: Nancy welcomed members and guests and wished everyone a Happy April Fools' Day. She thanked Jackie Allen for bringing the snacks. The budget for snacks will increase to \$35. She said that any pots for empty bowls could be left in Room 131 and that whoever has pots for Jason Glisson for his pro bono web services should let Theresa Glisson know. Nancy said that she will be organizing guild events in the coming months for members to make pots for empty bowls. A potluck and \$10 gift exchange is scheduled for May 6 at 6:30 pm at Nancy's house, at which time the new officers will be elected. Nancy will send an email with more details.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susanne filled in for Maureen who is recovering from knee surgery. The minutes from the March business meeting were approved.

TREASURER: Kathy had nothing new to report.

LIBRARIAN: Edge said that details are to follow about how members can check out TPG books and videos.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Linda Lambertson reported the new slate of officers for the coming year: Randy Wright, President; Linda Lambertson, Vice President; Donna Horton, Corresponding Secretary; Jude Stevens, Librarian; and Kathy Rodgers, who is continuing as Treasurer. The office of Recording Secretary is vacant. Nancy asked if anyone would be willing to fill this position. Al Headen mentioned that changes to the slate could be made from the floor. Eoline Killough nominated Al for Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded. Al declined.

ARTSPLOSURE: Lauren Brockman said that information was sent out and that there will not need to be a lottery for booth assignments. She will send out a detailed email when the time gets closer.

STATE FAIR: Fay Krapf has volunteered to be the coordinator for the event in October. Anyone who is interested should contact Fay and let them know if they would be willing to help when the committee meets in August. If they want to participate they should contact her, so that she can give their names to Bo Williams, who is in charge of the pottery tent, and he can include them in the emails he sends out to all who participated in the past.

WEBSITE: Theresa Glisson will be putting all members' names and addresses online and will add photos as they come in. She expects the site will be online in the next two weeks. The events page may not be completed right away, but it is coming. She needs a couple of people to take photos at events when Theresa is not able to be there. They can email the photos to Theresa. She asked members to send photos of themselves, bios, and 10 to 12 photos of their work. Nancy said that the old site will be taken down and an "under construction" sign will go up, while waiting for the new website to be operational. By the next meeting the new site should be up.

WORKSHOP: Lou Raye Nichol is the new chair.

PULLEN: Tracy Dreyer said that there is an event planned for June to make pots for empty bowls and a dedicated place at Pullen for empty bowls now. If anyone wants to receive Pullen's newsletter they can sign up. Nancy said that TPG is also planning to have pot-making events for empty bowls at the Crafts Center and the guild will provide the clay for this purpose.

Ronni Theeman announced that the ClayWorks Guild is having their spring sale on May 10th and is opening it to TPG Guild members who want a booth. Johanna New said she is coordinating the Community Table for this sale and members also can share this space. Johanna asked if there is any TPG participation in Earth Day. Martin Stankus said that Earth Day will be on Thursday nights now and so the guild won't be doing it this year.

Jane spoke about upcoming Dan Finch workshops and said she would leave brochures on the front table.

Eoline introduced Amy Gelber who spoke about the work she has been doing in pottery for much of her life and the significant people and places that have been an influence in the development of her own unique style. In addition to her visual presentation and samples of her work, she showed members how she puts together her sculptured pieces and commented on some of the key ideas that inform her work.

From the Librarian

The Librarian requests that ALL library materials be returned, either to the library cabinets at the Crafts Center by May 1, or at the May meeting. Materials will not be available for checkout during the month of May in order that we may finish the audit of materials and have everything fully documented and labeled. We will make an announcement when this is complete and items are available for checkout once again.

Please look around your house, studio, bookcases and see if there are books or videos that need to be returned.

Thank you,
Edge Barnes

From the Webmaster

Hi everyone,

The website is finally finished !!! My son Jason has worked many, many long hours to create a beautiful site for us. I think you will be very pleased with the results.

If you are a member of the guild, you have a page on the guild website. On everyone's page there will be your name, your email address and the city you live in. We have only had around 12 people to turn in photos, contact info. and bios. or artist statements. So you will see a lot of blank spots on the members page. When you send in your photo it will go on the members page in the place of the guild logo. And then a photo of your work will also appear in the rotation of pottery on the home page.

Please go to your page as soon as possible and check your info. Make sure everything is correct. If it is not, let me know by Friday. I will make the corrections and then by Sunday will launch it. So until that time, only the guild members will have access to the site.

Over the next few weeks, we will be making minor changes to the site, and also working on making it accessible to smartphones and tablets.....so for right now it may not appear correctly on these devices.

If you haven't sent in your photos and bio please do so. It will certainly add to the appearance of the site to show more of its guild members.

You will access the site in the following way, and remember this will only work till Friday.

<http://trianglepotters.org/>

You will then be prompted for a username and password.

Username: triangle

Password: potters

If you would like to donate a piece of pottery to Jason to show your appreciation for the work he has done on the guild site, you can bring it to the final meeting at Nancy's house next Tuesday and I will see that he gets it when he comes home again in 2 weeks. I'm sure he would love anything you would like to give him.

Thanks,

Theresa Glisson - webmaster

taglisson@gmail.com

Member News

From Cheryl Weisz

STUDIO CLOSING DEALS

Many many thanks to those who have come by my studio and purchased chemicals and other items in support of my closing down the clay studio to convert the space into a painting studio. I still have many chemicals and items left that I would happily cut to half price if anyone can use them so I may reclaim (pottery term there :) the space for new adventures. Give me a call 919-218-2440 if you think I may have something you may want. Still bunches of colorants, chemicals, a metal table, a large table, a Skutt 1027 automatic electric kiln, a metal upright cabinet (great for holding posts and chemicals.) Make me an offer. Thanks! Cheryl

From Martin Stankus

FOR SALE

Evenheat electric kiln with interior measurement of 22.5 tall x 17.5 wide. New kiln sitter tube assembly and bottom element. I have used the kiln to bisque my Raku forms and works well with 5 manual element switches. Includes several kiln shelves and posts. I am selling to purchase a glaze spray gun and 30-45 psi, 5+ gal compressor and make room in studio for glaze area. \$100 or best offer. Photo available with reply.

Reply to Mstinroofpottery@gmail.com

From James Fatata

"TAPESTRY OF LIFE"

Litmus Gallery & Studios, 312 West Cabarrus Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

Opening Reception: Friday, May 2, 2014 / 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Exhibit Open: Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM & by appointment (919-571-3605/artvision@bellsouth.net)

Exhibit Closes: May 31, 2014 / 2:00 PM

Lisa Waller & JoAnn Raymer are May's featured artists: Lisa Waller's photography chronicles travelling through South America with compelling portraits of its land and people. When JoAnn Raymer puts her hands into a pile of clay, she's not quite certain what or who will emerge from it and if something in her body of work speaks to you or makes you smile, then that makes JoAnn beam with delight.

Featured Artist Opportunity: In order to give artists the opportunity to exhibit their work, Litmus Gallery & Studios provides a space each month for 1-4 artists to host an art exhibit. Painters and photographers are usually paired with 3-D artists such as sculptors or potters. A few opportunities remain for 2014 and selection of artists for 2015 will begin soon. Interested potters/clay artists should visit www.litmusgallery.com for full details on becoming a featured artist.

From Tracy Dreyer

Pullen Pottery Studio May "Studio Social"

Join us for our Studio Socials scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Each social has a different theme, snacks will be served and it is free to Pullen members and students!

Cone 10 Project Party

Thursday, May 8th, 7-9 pm

Want to try Cone 10 in the gas kiln? Come to our Cone 10 Party where you can purchase a small amount of high fire clay to give it a try! We will also be discussing glaze tips and Cone 10 guidelines. "Hot!" food will be served! Free to Pullen members and students.

Tracy Dreyer, Pottery Studio Coordinator

Pullen Arts Center, 105 Pullen Road, Raleigh, NC 27607

919-996-6126

From Faye Krapf

Sign-up deadline for participation in the **2014 State Fair Pottery Expo Tent** is June 1st. Any TPG member potter planning on participating in the State Fair Pottery Expo Tent October 16 through October 26th, please send email with name, email, and phone number to faykrapf@gmail.com as we are finalizing the participation list.

Information for participants will begin coming out in July or early August. For all participants, we will have a planning meeting prior to our fall meeting in September. Faye Krapf and Lauren Brockman are coordinators.

From Andi Dees

The Cary Arts Center is hosting a **demo workshop with Bill van Gilder** June 27-29. The cost is \$110 for Cary residents and \$140 for nonresidents. If anyone has any questions they can contact me via andi.dees@townofcary.org or 919-380-4231.

Workshop

"Finding the Beauty in Imperfection"

Instructor: Akira Satake

Sunday, June 22, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Crafts Center is offering this pottery demonstration workshop in conjunction with the Gregg Museum of Art & Design's exhibition, *Remnants of the Floating World: Japanese Art from the Permanent Collection*.

In this *demonstration only* workshop, Akira Satake will demonstrate involving both the handbuilding and throwing techniques he uses in the making of his tea ceremony bowls, teapots, vases and sculptural objects. Participants will learn to create rich surfaces inspired by the natural world. Satake will demonstrate several techniques: brushing kohiki slip on clay slabs and stretching the slabs to crack and distort the surfaces; applying a coating of clay mixed with sand onto the surface of wheel thrown pieces and then altering them; and mixing air and other materials into the clay body and then tearing off the clay and/or cutting with a wire to create the shapes. Participants will also tour the exhibition. Visit Akira Satake's website: www.akirasatake.com.

Workshop Fee: \$10 for NC State Students and \$35 for affiliates and general public
(Registration required – seating is limited.)

CRAFTS CENTER INFORMATION: 919.515.2457

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