

Clay Notes

September 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, September 2, 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.

September Program: Laura Korch

Submitted by Linda Lambertson, Vice President

Laura Korch received her B.F.A. from Eastern Michigan University in Ceramics. Prior to that she obtained a scholarship to work alongside a potter in Germany for 1 year. After college she worked as a studio assistant for John and Susanne Stephenson. In 2006 she completed a year-long apprenticeship with John Glick. Afterwards she worked as the Ceramics Studio Manager for the Ann Arbor Art Factory in Michigan. Upon moving to North Carolina, Laura was awarded a work-study scholarship to Penland School of Crafts.

Since 2007, she has been a Pottery Instructor at the Art Factory in Ann Arbor Michigan, the Pullen Arts Center in Raleigh, and has taught for the Durham Arts Council, and Claymakers. She is the owner of Trout Ceramics and operates a home studio in Durham. Laura's work has been shown in many galleries in the Ann Arbor/Detroit area in Michigan. Also in Pittsboro, Raleigh, Cary, Carrboro, and Durham, North Carolina.

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Minutes from May 2014

A potluck dish at the Schecters was a very nice closing for the year. Small gifts were exchanged and voting was conducted and approved for the following board members for 2014-2015. President: Randy Wright, Vice President: Linda Lambertson, Treasurer: Kathy Rodgers, Librarian: Jude Stevens, Corresponding Secretary Donna Horton, Recording Secretary; Lauren Brockman

Member News

From Tracy Dreyer

At the Pullen Pottery Studio September 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!

Pumpkins! Thursday, September 11th 7-9pm

We are going to be making pumpkins for Fall! Whether you like handbuilding or wheel throwing, come and make a Fall pumpkin for yourself or someone else! I will be demonstrating thrown pumpkins and pumpkin canisters. We will discuss Fall pumpkin colors and will have a special cone 6 orange glaze while supplies last! As always, Studio Socials are free to Pullen members and current students! Pumpkin Pie will be served.

Carbon Trap Workshop with Lou Raye Nichol

October 4, November 8, 13 and 15

Carbon trapping happens when the kiln is made very smoky at a certain stage in the firing, and the glazes are formulated to capture the carbon from that smoke. This can produce a number of accidental results. There is a magic in opening a kiln full of surprises. It can be disappointing, of course. A kiln opening can be Christmas or Halloween!

If the glaze traps no carbon, it is a bright orange (or white depending on the formula). Where it does trap carbon it can move between black, creamy, or grey - or a mixture of all of these.

In this hands-on workshop, Lou Raye Nichol will be sharing with us her techniques for successful carbon trap. The workshop will be broken up into 4 parts:

Saturday, October 4 - Informational Session 1-3pm

(October 4 - November 7 time to produce pieces)

Saturday, November 8 - Glazing Session 1-3pm

Thursday, November 13 - Fire Kiln

Saturday, November 15 - Kiln opening and discussion 1-3pm

The cost is \$120 for Raleigh residents and \$135 for non-residents which includes one bag of clay. This workshop is appropriate for intermediate and advanced potters. You must be able to attend the October 4th and November 8th sessions in order to sign up and participate in this workshop.

Carrboro ARTSCENTER:

If you have taken a ceramics class at The ArtsCenter, you are invited to come and throw or hand build a

soup-sized bowl on Monday, September 8 from Noon-6PM & Monday, Sept 29 from Noon-4PM in the ceramics studio at the Arts Center. Clay will be provided by the studio. All bowls will be donated to TABLE's 2nd Annual Empty Bowls Dinner on Sunday, October 19, 2014 from 4-8pm at Provence Restaurant in Carrboro. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate a bowl as part of the Ceramics Studio at The ArtsCenter, we have an Empty Bowls Donation container in the studio. We will be accepting donated bowls through October 11.

From Jill Dieffenbach

Dear Fellow Potters. We have changed the due date for entries to the Nellie Allen Smith Juried Pottery competition. The date has been extended from August 22, 2014 to September 3, 2014. We discovered that the email address for the competition had been printed incorrectly on our prospectus. We have since corrected the mistake and reposted it to our web page where it is listed on the home page. We are also attaching a corrected copy of the prospectus to this email. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and hope that this extension of time will make it easier for you to enter our competition. Sincerely, Jill Dieffenbach

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From Jim Fatata

Again this fall, **September 30 – November 1**, Litmus Gallery will hold its annual juried show. The theme this year is *Wide Open Blue Grass Art Show*. It is being scheduled to overlap with IBMA's World of Bluegrass Week September 30 – October 4, 2014 in Raleigh, North Carolina. 2-D and 3-D art relating to the title of this show (**very broadly interpreted**) will be selected for this exhibition. We hope to have some pottery submissions for this show. **Entry deadline is September 4**. Visit www.litmusgallery.com for additional details and the prospectus for the exhibit

Bobby Kadis

August 22 and August 23
My pots will be on display at my
Centrex Properties Office
located at 4040 Ed Drive, suite 201
(between Edwards Mill Road and Blue Ridge Road behind Rite Aid)

Special Requests

Other News

Empty Bowls: Empty Bowls: Urban Ministries' Stone Soup fundraiser Nov. 19 is just around the corner. Thanks

to those who have already donated pots, or came to a summer potting party at Pullen or the Crafts Center. (We may have another, stay tuned.) Pots are ready to glaze at the Crafts Center, if you haven't glazed there before please ask Jo Ellen or Jennifer Segal for a quick intro first. Anyone with pottery to donate, please contact Nancy (nancyschechter1@gmail.com) or bring pots to the TPG meeting.

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
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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
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www.townofcary.org
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