

Clay Notes

November 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, November 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.

November Program:

Submitted by Linda Lambertson, Vice President

At the November 4, 2014 meeting of the Triangle Potters' Guild, the presentation by Martin Stankus and Carolyn Wyland will be about Cone 6-7 glazes. Tests of approximately 300 glazes have been made and the results of these tests fired in both oxidation and reduction will be shown and some tiles will be available to view. Due to time constraints, all test tiles and glaze formulas cannot be made available for examination at the meeting but will be shown during a workshop the following weekend. WORKSHOP ON CONE 6-7 GLAZES AND MIXING GLAZES (SO EASY !)

On November 8th and 9th, four-hour workshop sessions showing all the test tiles will be held at the NCSU Craft Center. Sessions will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There will be a limit of fifteen participants per session and there will be a nominal cost of \$10.00 per person to cover incidentals. For participants who are showing at Dan Finch's on Sunday, please indicate your preference for a session on Saturday. These workshop sessions will provide a great opportunity to examine test tiles of over 300 Cone 6-7 glazes fired in both oxidation and reduction and to obtain recipes.

In addition, participants can learn to mix and sieve their own glazes.

The tests were conducted as a benefit to the clay community so that individuals may examine and select desired glazes without having to go through the lengthy testing process. Each session will consist of a brief overview of the clays used for the test tiles and the firing schedules for both bisque and glaze will be handed out.

Over three hours will be allocated for careful examination of the test tiles and copying any desired formulas. A ledger sheet of glaze ingredients will be provided and participants can enter the ingredient amounts or photos may be taken of the formulas. Please bring your own camera, pencil with eraser, and a notebook. Any individual who has not mixed glazes before will have an opportunity to learn to use the balance scales. Sugar and spices will be used as ingredients so there will not be any safety issues. A group demonstration of mixing a dry glaze into water will be given as well as sieving a glaze to have it ready for use.

In addition:

Randy Weisz (Cheryl's husband) will talk about using glaze calculation software to formulate and reformulate glaze recipes. Very few people know how to use the software and Randy has had extensive experience with it and I felt that it would be important to include in any discussion about glaze testing. He will also be available to answer any questions.

In addition, please put a notice in the next TPG Claynotes that registration for the workshop will remain open through the TPG meeting on November 4th instead of closing on October 20th as is stated on the registration form.

Minutes from October 2014

Recorded Lauren Brockman

Triangle Potter's Guild – October General Membership Meeting Minutes

NC State Craft Center

October 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Randy Wright at 7:00pm. New Members were welcomed. Snacks provided by Gail. Food volunteer was requested for next month. Elena Cerberio volunteered. Minutes were presented from last meeting and approved.

Joanne Wood agreed to become the new librarian.

Treasurers report – 12 new members! After meeting, leave name tags in basket not in the file rack. Postcards are on table that came to TPG mailbox re: various events in the community and please turn off cell phones. Al Headon requested the bank balance which was provided by Kathy.

Randy Wright requested missing library books and made new members aware of our processes and procedures for checking out books.

Webmaster Theresa Glisson reported that we have new page – Urban Ministries Stone Soup volunteer page. Nancy Schector and Jason Glisson put it together. Theresa requested potter bios and pictures for the website.

Announcements. Nancy Schector, Stone Soup coordinator reported that we have collected 300 pots for Stone Soup.

Sertoma doing 100. Working to increase attendees as well. Alice DeLisle volunteered to be interviewed re: TPGs involvement with local media! Need Volunteers. Feel free to contact Nancy with questions. She is collecting pots here and at Pullen. Next month is the last meeting to bring pots to the craft center between now and then. Elena Cerberio asked if Sertoma people can participate in the raffle. Answer yes, as long as you are a TPG member. Pots can also be handed in to Randy Hinson at Sertoma. Drawing will be in January.

Cynthia Aldrich is announcing the Durham is having its first Pottery Tour November 8 and 9th. 18 potters. Info on table in the back.

March 21 and 22 is the Sandi Pierantozzi workshop.

Tracy Dreyer from Pullen Arts Center announced the Pullen Arts fair from 10-5 on October 18. Also seats are still available on the Seagrove pottery bus trip.

Martin Stankus and Carolyn Wyland doing a workshop next month of over 300 glaze tests. Previewing at next TPG meeting and will be doing 4 workshops for \$10 donations. Cone 6 tests in oxidation and reduction. Wealth of information. Sign up. Checks to TPG. Forms to Martin and will let you know which session you got into. Will be at the Craft Center. Sat AM/Sat PM/Sun AM/Sun PM.

Jo Ellen Westmorland. Two classes left with spots. Edge Barns and Julie Olson.

Business Meeting was adjourned.

Linda Lambertson introduced our guest speaker Pamela O

Member News

TPG Workshop with Sandi Pierantozzi registration form attached.

From Nancy Schecter

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 (nancyschecter1@gmail.com) or bring pots to the TPG meeting. The shifts for Stone Soup have been tweaked, the website link should reflect this soon. (UM and the church need us to start a bit later.) As before though, any amount of volunteer time is appreciated, even an hour helps!

Updated shifts:

Shift 1 from 1:30-4:00

Pick up cartons of pots at UM on Capitol Blvd. Bring to White Memorial Presbyterian Church on Oberlin. Start unpacking pottery onto tables.

Shift 2 from 4:00-6:30

Unpack boxes, set up pots. Man tables during Stone Soup.

Shift 3 from 6:00 to 8:00

Man tables. Afterwards pack up extra pots for Urban Ministries volunteers to bring back to UM.

From Tracy Dreyer

At the Pullen Pottery

Seagrove Pottery Day Trip - Sunday, November 23rd, 8:00am to 6:00pm

Join us for a day of pottery shopping! We will be traveling by bus together down to Seagrove, NC, to attend two pottery shows. The first is the Celebration of Seagrove Potters at the Historic Luck's Cannery. All of the famous names will be there, Ben Owen, Bulldog Pottery, Crystal King Pottery, Dean & Martin Pottery and many more! After lunch, we will attend the NC Museum of Traditional Pottery tent show where you will see even more potters from North Carolina and beyond! The cost is \$35 for Raleigh residents and \$50 for non-residents which includes transportation and entrance fees at both sales. You do not need to be a Pullen member to attend (although 16yrs and up please), so bring a friend or family member.

Ornament Party! Thursday, November 13th from 7-9pm

We are going to be making holiday ornaments this month! Bring your favorite cookie cutter to share. I will do a short tutorial and provide high temperature wire for you to use on your ornaments to hang beads from when we are done! Come have a holiday treat and as always, Studio Socials are free to Pullen members and current students!

From Kathy Rodgers Dues are now due for this year guild membership. Dues are \$25.00 for individual members, and \$15.00 for full-time students'. Any member of the household of a Guild member in good standing may join at a rate one-half the current full-years dues for regular members.

From Theresa Glisson

Send in your Bio and Pics for the TPG Web Site to:

taglisson@gmail.com

Special Requests

Durham Arts Council is currently seeking ceramics instructors specifically with proficiency in wheel throwing to teach weekdays, daytime and evening. DAC School's contracted instructors enjoy teaching in beautiful and well-equipped studio spaces located at Northgate Mall and share with DAC a 50/50 split of all revenues collected per class. A Master of Arts degree is preferred, but equivalent experience is considered. Please submit cover letter and resume to ltannenbaum@durhamarts.org. For qualified applicants, an interview will be scheduled. Durham Arts Council is an equal opportunity employer.

Kiln Shed, approximately 20'x30'. Metal Roof, supported by 10 6"x6" posts, with a storage closet at one end. Will need to be taken down and moved by January 1, 2015. \$500. Located in Raleigh. Contact John Chisnell at [919-889-5995](tel:919-889-5995).

Other News

Cindy Aldrige

"Durham County Pottery Tour"

Triangle potters Guild member, Cindy Aldrich has started a pottery tour for Durham County. 18 professional potters will be opening their studios and selling their pottery for an entire weekend. Dates are Nov 8, 10-5pm and Nov 9 12-5pm. Pick up a brochure at the Crafts Center and go to our web site - Durhamcountypotterytour.com for an interactive map, directions and more about each potter.

It should be a fun event with a huge variety of pottery.

TPG workshop:

We are excited to announce that the workshop with Sandi Pierantozzi is now set for Saturday and Sunday March 21 and 22 with a free slide show and talk on Friday evening March 20.

The price for the 2 day workshop is \$70. Registration opens November 10 for members and NC State students. Registration will be open to non-members on Dec 15.

From NCSU Crafts Center:

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