

Clay Notes

January 2015

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: January 6, 2015

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.

January Program:

Linda Lambertson, Vice President

Inspired by the colors, textures and patterns in the world around her, Rachel Smiths pots are a delight to own and use. Fired to come 10 in a gas kiln, the pottery is decorated with a variety of nature and abstract images using brushwork and sponge stamps of her own design.

She works on the wheel and alters the shapes, as well as building with slabs, incorporating found and made textures.

Rachel Smith studied ceramics at the University of Washington in Seattle with Patti Warashina and Robert Sperry from 1969 to 1972. She has also attended workshops by Paul Soldner, Frank Boyden, Michael Simon, and David Shaner, among others.

Rachel taught and headed ceramics programs at Southwest and Queen Anne Community centers in Seattle before becoming a full time potter. After moving to North Carolina, she taught pottery classes and workshops at the Sawtooth Center in Winston Salem.

Currently living in Lexington, North Carolina, Rachel is an exhibiting member of Piedmont Craftsmen and participates in several craft shows on the East Coast.

On Facebook as Rachel Smith Pottery, see additional pictures and show schedule



Minutes from December 2014

Recorded Donna Horton

Triangle Potter's Guild – October General Membership Meeting Minutes

NC State Craft Center

December , 2014

No meeting in December 2014

Member News

From Tracy Dreyer

At the Pullen Pottery

A Balance of Ornament and Utility with A. Blair Clemo
Saturday, February 7th Demonstration 9am – 4pm
Pullen Members \$85, Raleigh residents \$95 non-residents \$110

Join us for a full day of demonstrations as we welcome potter, A. Blair Clemo to the Pullen Arts Center on Saturday, February 7th. Blair will be demonstrating the techniques he has mastered to create his ornamental yet functional pottery. His work is made from both wheel-thrown and press molded pieces combined into utilitarian forms. Each piece is a balance between ornament and utility or as he puts it, "sincerity and irony." They are sincere in their careful craft and potential for use; yet their assertion of material value and wealth is as transitory and uncertain as our own status in an unsteady world. Blair is a potter and Assistant Professor of Craft and Material Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He received his MFA in Ceramics at the New York State College of Ceramics, Alfred University in 2010. Originally from Doylestown, Pennsylvania, Blair spent many years out west studying ceramics and working at small production potteries in Idaho and Montana. He has been an Artist in Residence at The Northern Clay Center in Minneapolis, MN, the Da Wang Culture Highland in Shenzhen, China, the Zentrum für Keramik in Berlin, Germany and The International Ceramics Studio in Kecskemet, Hungary. His utilitarian pottery and installation work have been included in numerous national and international exhibitions.



From Theresa Glisson

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Special Requests

Other News

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The Crafts Center

www.ncsu.edu/crafts

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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

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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

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www.townofcary.org

919-469-4069