

Clay Notes

March 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: March 3, 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.

March Program:

Linda Lambertson, Vice President

While studying for his BA in Industrial Arts and Masters in Liberal Studies, Dan Finch was exposed to clay. Having worked the land on the family tobacco farm, it was only natural for him to be attracted to the medium. Continuing his pottery education at the Penland School of Crafts, in the mountains of North Carolina, Dan was influenced by Mary Law, Cynthia Bringle, Don Reitz, Jane Peiser, and Bob Turner.

Extremely diverse, Dan throws miniature pots for children during demonstrations, 10-foot tall pots and 30 pound bowls in stoneware, and delicate pieces of porcelain.

As past Director of the North Carolina Pottery Center and former President of the Village of Yesteryear at the North Carolina State Fair, Dan is continually involved in promoting pottery throughout the state.



Dan's signature piece is the tobacco barn pot. After throwing the stoneware jug, the hand built barn and tree are added to the piece. The Mint Museum in Charlotte, NC recently acquired one of these pots as part of its permanent display.

Minutes from February 2015

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Recorded by: Lauren Brockman

General membership Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2015

President Randy Wright called the meeting to order and welcomed for new members.

Request was made for next month's snack volunteer – Jane Finch volunteered.

Lauren Brockman presented last month's minutes for approval. Motion was made to approve and seconded. Minutes were approved.

Randy Wright requested that everyone turn off cell phones.

Founders Day Festival is in Apex on Feb 28 from 9-5. Plan on wearing our new aprons. Theme is today and yester-year. There will be a 10k run, Tractor Club, Model A cars, Blacksmith etc. No pottery sales, just demos.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Rogers. We now have 128 members. 31 new members this year! Kathy reminded everyone one to please return nametags to basket and that new membership forms are on table. Also she will send out names, numbers and phone numbers of members to the membership. We have \$8664 bank. The balance is high because we haven't paid for workshop yet.

Librarian's Report – Joanne Wood – Two new books. Surface Decorations and Glazing Techniques. Videos will be back next month.

Corresponding Secretary's Report - nothing to report

Web Report - from Theresa Glisson. Please get photos to her!

Sandi Pierantozzi Workshop Update - Lou Ray Nichol announced that we got the big room for the workshop so we can expand. 45 people can attend and there are only 3 spaces left for workshop. Call or email Lou Ray if you are interested in attending. Friday night presentation is open to everyone.

Tracy Dreyer announced the Blair Chemo coming this weekend to Pullen. Friday night presentation is from 7-8:30 is free and open to the public. Workshop is Saturday 9-4 and there are a few spaces left.

Nancy Schecter has the new and improved aprons – price is \$5. Empty Bowls Drawing also took place. Lou Ray Nichol won the \$100 high water gift certificate! More bowls aren't needed for next year – still trying to figure out how to increase the number of people getting pots. This year we had 550 pots donated vs. historical rate of around 300 so great job Guild!

Jo Ellen Westmorland announced that a few classes and workshops at the craft center still have space. Julie Olsen and Edge Barnes have some great classes coming up so check them out!

Lauren Brockman gave an Artsposure update. Artsposure will be on May 15, 16 and 17 this year – so three days. It will also move to Fayetteville street since renovations to Moore Square are about to begin. A straw poll showed interest from the guild. Lauren will put together a survey monkey to gauge interest from the guild.

Member News

How to find your way around the TPG Library: see the attachment to this newsletter.

Artsposure 2015: Lauren Brockman and Randy Wright are coordinating the event. This year the event is 3 days on May 15, 16, 17 on Fayetteville Street

From Theresa Glisson

Send in your Bio and Pics for the TPG Web Site to:
taglisson@gmail.com

Sandi Pierantozzi Workshop

The workshop with Sandi Pierantozzi is on Saturday 14 and Sunday March 15 with a free slide show and talk on Friday evening March 13 at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to Friday night slideshow and talk even if you did not sign up for the workshop on Sat. and Sun.

Special Requests

The TPG has been invited to participate in the second Founders Day Celebration on Saturday February 28th, 2015 from 9am to 5pm. The celebration is sponsored by the Town of Apex and the Downtown Business Association (ADBA). This will be an annual event for the city and possibly an annual event for the TGP. This year the Founders Day festival will focus on "Today and Yesteryear", things from our past. Some of the activities will include speakers with presentations in the auditorium of the Halle Cultural Arts Center, outside there will be a 10K race in the early morning. The city will also host groups and clubs to include an antique tractor club, Tarwheel-A's (a Model-A club), a couple of electric cars, vintage police and firefighting equipment, Civil War re-enactors / encampment and blacksmith. The TPG will set up on the ground floor in the Halle center with a returning group of weavers. We have four members that plan to help with the wheel throwing and hand built pottery demonstrations. The room has a bulletin board to display historical pottery information and a table to sell pottery. If you are able to support this demonstration with time or bulletin board information please let me know. I know everyone has very busy schedules and can't participate in the demonstrations, but come on out and enjoy the festival. Thanks Randy

Other News

TPG Aprons. Please contact Nancy Schecter = nancyschecter1@gmail.com
Call or text: 919-272-7711

Lou Raye has 50 lbs of P5 to give away please contact her at www.louraye.com 919-303-5848

The Aesthetics Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh is looking for potters who would be interested in showing at the fellowship. Located on the lower level of Fellowship Hall, a showcase is used to display the works of artists who are not members of UUFR. Triangle Potters Guild members may apply to show in this showcase by contacting Anne Calvignac at anne.calvignac@gmail.com. Starting in July, the showcase is available. Potters can show for two months. They can show any time after July. I can work on the schedule for the rest of the year and even 2016. I hope your members will be interested in applying to show at UUFR.

Ellen Shankin is teaching a pottery course at La Meridiana in Certaldo Italy this fall and looking to let potential students know about it. It is 2 weeks of focused pottery exploration surrounded by plenty of local culture, art, and food. We meet local potters and enjoy the surrounding hill towns in the evenings, with opportunities for cooking classes, wine tastings and guided travel through the Chianti region.

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Sertoma Arts Center
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Pullen Arts Center
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**Central Carolina
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Finch Pottery
www.danfinch.com
252-235-4664

Litmus Gallery
www.litmusgallery.com
919-571-3605

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www.claymakers.com
919-530-8355

Durham Arts Council
www.durhamarts.org
919-560-2726

Cary Arts Center
www.townofcary.org
919-469-4069

Raleigh Arts Calendar
www.visitraleigharts.com