

Clay Notes

the monthly newsletter of the
Triangle Potters Guild

January 2019

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Join our Outreach listserv to learn about and post upcoming events. Check the Resources page on the website.

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We meet monthly at 7 pm
on the 1st Tuesday at the
NCSU Crafts Center
(no meetings in
June, July, and August)

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Next TPG Demo & General Meeting

Date: February 5, 2019

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.

January Program:

Mark Arnold

www.markarnoldceramics.com

Mark Arnold is a studio potter who was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA and is currently an artist in residence at Pocosin Arts School of Fine Crafts in Columbia NC. Mark began taking ceramic classes at a community college and shortly after transferred to Edinboro University where he received his B.F.A in ceramics. In the spring of 2017 Mark received his M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. Mark's work is represented by multiple galleries around the country and was recently named one of Ceramics Monthly's 2018 Emerging Artists.

Statement:

Before my ceramics practices I rode BMX bikes and this has had a strong influence on my work today. I am currently exploring repetition and patterns from my past bike riding experience and how this relationship can help determine subtle variations of form and surface. The jumps I built in the woods were similar to the organic architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright. The softness of nature interacting with the strong geometric forms is relevant in each piece.

Influences from architecture and abstract expressionism are infused into my utilitarian pottery in a simplified manner. Balance in the surface design of each piece abstracts imagery much like Richard Diebenkorn's "Ocean Park" series, while leaving subtle hints that leave the viewer interested but not overwhelmed. Wheel thrown and hand built elements create geometric forms, while color is added so that each piece can resemble a 3-dimensional painting. The color palette is simple and muted, mostly white with one color plus the utilization of the red clay body. Terra sigillata brings out the slightly distressed surfaces, reminiscent of brick, wood, and stone, using a black wash to highlight these imperfections. Although individual pieces can stand alone, when they are grouped together they can reference a cityscape or skyline.



Minutes from January 2019

Welcome to new member Lauren Wellborn and visitors Marylee, Chris, Ging, Chris, Michelle, Chitra.

Nomination Committee: Neal O'Bryan and Kenneth Nielsen have volunteered. If anyone is interested in being part of this committee, please let someone on the board know. Only need to find Corresponding secretary (we believe President and V President roles have been identified. Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Librarian will stay for 2 years.

Urban Ministries (John Walsh) info on the Stone Soup Supper Event and the impact our bowls can provide:

Gross receipts: \$92K less expenses of approximately \$13K

Net approximately \$79K

UM focuses on three areas and here is breakdown of what can be provided for with the \$79K per area:

Hunger: this equates to 3,964 families are fed for a week!

Homelessness: this amount can provide housing for and rehabilitation for 26 woman for 4 months at the Helen Wright Center!

Health Care: this amount could provide prescriptions for 147 patients for a year!

Winners to the drawings: TPG member drawing was Randy Hinson

To the UM \$150 restaurant gift cards: Amy and James Howard

Additional Stone Soup events:

CORA Food Pantry (Serves Chatham County:

Empty Bowls Feb 24th, bowls needed by Feb 11

Durham Urban Ministry

Empty Bowls Feb 25th, bowls needed by Feb 25 (Take to Claymakers)

February Snack: Gail Marta

News:

Update on Cary Ceramic supply store: If all goes well the store will be opening mid February

Kiln repair workshop being offered at Cary Arts Center. Contact Andi Dees or the Cary Arts Center

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