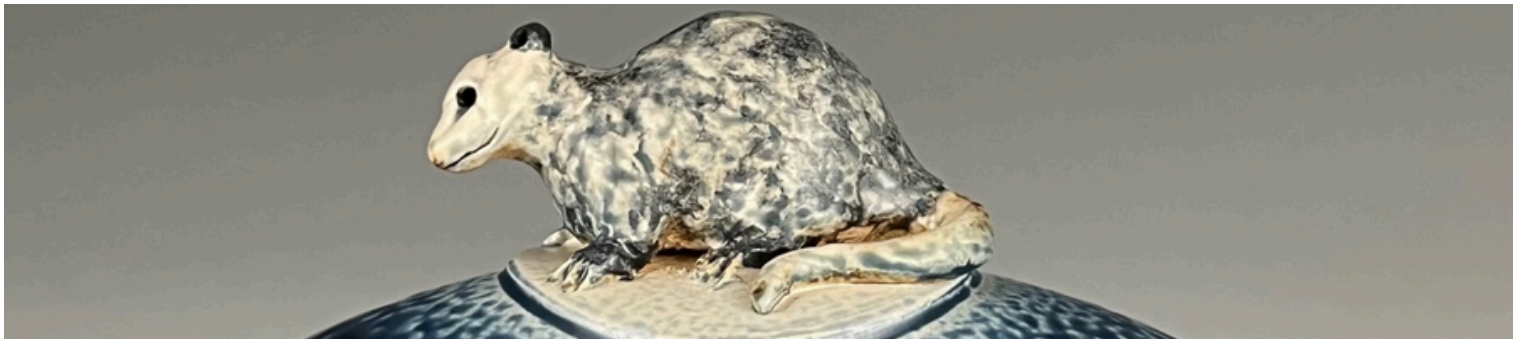
Monthly Clay Notes



Dear members,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer! We're excited to begin a new TPG term this September and look forward to welcoming everyone back. Please join us for our first meeting of the term, where you'll have a chance to meet the new board members and hear about what we've been working on over the summer.

We have exciting updates to share about upcoming workshops, our participation in the Stone Soup Bowl event, and an incredible lineup of artists and demonstrations for this term.

We'll also be voting on matters related to Artsplosure 2027.

We encourage all members to attend and cast their vote so that your voice is represented in the Guild's decision- making.

As we begin the new term, **please remember to renew your Triangle Potters Guild membership as soon as possible.**

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Membership dues help ensure that our budget can support the activities, demonstrations, and programs we have planned. You can sign up through our website https://trianglepotters.org

The board has been working hard throughout the summer, and we're excited to share our progress and plans with you.

We can't wait to see you all in September!

Warmly,
Menan Al Ramah
President, Triangle Potters Guild

September Meeting

WHEN: SEPT 1 - TUESDAY @7PM

WHERE: CREATIVE ROOM @ PULLEN ARTS CENTER - *105 PULLEN RD, RALEIGH*

Charlie Tefft from Summerfield, NC

Charlie Teft will throw and cut fold a bowl into a butter dish lid. Sculpt a wren that sits on top as a handle. And create the base from a thrown slab. He'll talk about how to size the bowl to fit a butter stick after the shrinkage of drying and firing.

One spring a pair of Carolina Wrens took up residence in the rafters of my studio. I watched them raise two sets of babies over that summer. Day in and day out they would move upon the rafter calling down to me, always feeding their babies. It is instances like these that lead me to making my best work. The summer of Carolina wrens nestled into the depths of my mind, and over time I began to create work about that experience.

With my pottery, I aspire to foster a sense of connection and mindfulness. I believe that incorporating art into our daily lives. We can cultivate a deeper appreciation for the world around us. My pottery serves as a reminder to slow down, savor the present moment and cherish the beauty and diversity of our natural surroundings.

Ultimately, my goal is to create artwork that not only enriches our visual experiences, but also inspires a deeper connection to nature and the animals in our environment. I hope that my hand painted pottery pieces bring joy spark conversations, and serve as a conduit for people to re-discover their own relationship with the natural world.

October Meeting

SUSAN MOSER - PRECIOUS METAL CLAY

Special Announcment!

MULTI-DAY WORKSHOP

We are excited to present a workshop opportunity with **JoeFrank McKee** from Sylva, NC. JoeFrank specializes in decorative Raku Pottery and is a member of the Southern Highlight Craft Guild. The Dates for the upcoming sessions will be Oct 16, 17 and 18

This workshop will take place at Sarah Coppola's studio in Durham!

Please See attached PDF for more information!

Our Vice President, Sarah Coppola has also included this message:

"I am also thinking about offering pre-workshop studio time in my SE Durham studio for $80 per person for handbuilding only if anyone thinks they will have a hard time making 2-4 pieces before the workshop. I can be flexible with this!

Includes:

- 12.5 lbs of raku clay
- Up to 4 hours of studio time with use of all of my pottery and texture tools
- Bisquing pieces made to 08 before the workshop"

Elissa Doty, Beloved Potter, Friend and TPG Member

from Matt,

"Many of you know that Elissa has been battling cancer for 5 1/2 years. At the same time, she has been advocating for survivors, raising funds to support lung cancer research, and speaking to public officials such as our state legislators, and our representatives and senators in Washington DC, advocating for greater access to biomarker testing, and to urge the reinstatement of funds ($60m for FY27) cut from the LRCP, the Lung Cancer Research Program as part of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP). She has led an extremely energetic and dynamic life, and has been an inspiration to many.

Not being one to let her illness stop her, she has also led a very full life that of travel included trips to Iceland, Spain, France, Italy, Sicily, and Scotland. She has also taken many trips in the US including trips to Colorado (to visit her family and beautiful grandchildren), and many trips to DC and New York. And of course, she loves the beach. We were married on the beach behind her 38 years ago and we return to it every year.She loves people and has a special fondness for all of you who have been so supportive of her through her many challenges over the last 5 1/2 Years. I won't recap them all, but you know her courage and toughness. Forty brain tumors, 75 radiation treatments to brain and spine, multiple surgeries including back, hip, appendix, a broken arm and a broken neck. And the treatments: (6) chemos, Keytruda, Rybrevant, Blue451, Sunvozertanib.

Through it all you have stood by her, and she appreciates each and every one of you. I know she is now at peace, and smiling, thinking of you.
Thank you for holding her in your hearts and prayers.

While the service date is still being decided (either Sept 12 or 19) we ask that you please consider supporting the research and education of Lung Cancer in our region.

www.lungcancerinitiative.org

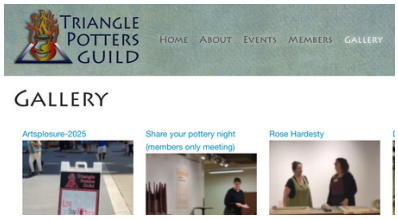
We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

Reminders

REMEMBER ALL, IF YOU HAVE EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES THAT YOU WANT TO SELL, GIVE AWAY OR BUY, YOU CAN EMAIL ME AT: TRIANGLEPOTTERSGUILD@GMAIL.COM MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR CONTACT INFO AND I'LL EMAIL IT TO THE GROUP. THAT WAY, ANY INTERESTED PARTY CAN CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY.

❖ WE ALSO HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND ANY SHOWS YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN, POTTERY SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT FOR SALE, INTERESTING GLAZES YOU HAVE DISCOVERED OR OTHER ITEMS YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTING TO OUR GROUP.

❖ A REMINDER FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS THAT LAURIE MC NAIR HAS SHELVES FOR EXPOSING THE TPG POTTER'S WORK WHEN THEY GO TO EVENTS TO SELL THEIR WORK. IF YOU NEED TO BORROW THEM, YOU CAN EMAIL HER AT SHANMAD@EARTHLINK.NET



About our Webiste: Member Benefits

Any member that has not added your pottery to our website (as a member of the TPG you are entitled to a personal page), you may add up to 12 photos of your pottery, including one profile photo, an artist statement, and artist bio. I can change photos out for you as your work changes. Send your good quality photos to: taglisson@gmail.com. Please put on the subject line "TPG website"

YouTube

About our Recorded Presentations

Recorded Presentations can be found on the Triangle Potters Guild's Youtube page:

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