Monthly Clay Notes

Happy New Year, potters!

I hope you all had a restful and joyful holiday season. We were excited to start the year with our TPG gathering on January 31st, a relaxed, potluck-style get-together - but with the upcoming weather this event will be postponed to a later date.

Our next in-person meeting at Pullen will be on February 3rd, and it will be our Show and Tell meeting. Feel free to bring 2–3 pieces of your own work to share and talk about techniques or challenges, but there's no pressure to speak if you'd rather just listen and enjoy. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions, get suggestions, or talk through any challenges you may be encountering in a project.
Also, a quick but important note: during our February meeting, we'll be discussing our meeting location at Pullen Arts Center and taking a vote on whether to renew our contract. Your input is valuable, so please come out if you can and share your feedback.
Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

-Menan Al Ramah, President

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January Pot Luck: POSTPONED - New date TBA

We hope everyone stays warm and enjoys the upcoming weather. A good time to stay inside and either work with clay or read about it! Conrad has suggested Sat, Feb 14. Be on the look out for an email with more details about this rescheduled event.

FEBRUARY MEETING

At this time, we hope to see you at our next meeting.

TUESDAY'S MEETING:

WHEN: FEBRUARY 9 @7PM
WHERE: CREATIVE ROOM @ PULLEN ARTS CENTER – *105 PULLEN RD, RALEIGH*

In lieu of a speaker this month, the presentation will feature YOU! This is a show + tell event. Bring something you would like to talk about: Your favorite piece, a new method, a troubling problem or just some really great knowledge you'd like to pass along to the group.

We will also take this time to discuss some aspects of the guild's future.

TPG Host Building

In the past TPG has been held at the NC State Craft center. We are now meeting at the Pullen Arts Center across the street. As our contract with Pullen ends, we must decide if this is a location we would like to stay or possibly move on from. Attached in this email- separate from this newsletter is a comparison chart that Jet made during our last board meeting. This chart compares our options as we have heavily researched each avenue and evaluated their pros and cons. **We plan to vote on this during the Feb Meeting.**

Meeting Minutes: Review

We are behind on uploading the Meeting Minutes. We have included the previous meeting minutes for yall to review. There will be 4 documents.

This is a loaded month!

Stone Soup: Postponed :-(

Unfortunately at this time, Stone Soup has been, once again postponed. Please hold onto your pots until a new date has been announced - possibly in the fall.

Volunteer with us!

BOARD POSITIONS OPENING SOON:

Recording Secretary:

This is a two-year term. Primary responsibility from the by-laws: The Recording Secretary will attend all meetings of the Board and of the Guild and shall prepare, keep and file all minutes of Board and Guild meetings for later inspection. The Recording Secretary shall also maintain a summary listing by date of all items, policies and directives approved by the Board and the membership for ease of reference by current and future officers and members.

The minutes are stored on the TFG Google Drive for board member review/approval of board meetings and membership review/approval of the business meeting. The recording secretary also maintains a Zoom account for the virtual board meetings. They also send out the board meeting invites. Currently, the recording secretary broadcasts (using an iPhone) the TPG business meeting and demonstration via the Zoom account.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer will receive and disburse funds and keep accurate financial records available at all times for audit, renew all Corporate or Guild registrations and Official Papers and annually file any requisite reports for Tax or other official purposes, will enroll and maintain the record of membership and the status of members, and be the chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Vice President:

The Vice president will serve in the President's stead in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President, a member of the Finance Committee, responsible for the programs at the regular meetings, and succeed to the office of the President should the Presidency become vacant.

THESE ARE NOT AS SCARY AS THEY SOUND! REACH OUT TO A CURRENT BOARD MEMBER TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSITION! :-) WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US

March Presentation: Richard Heiser!

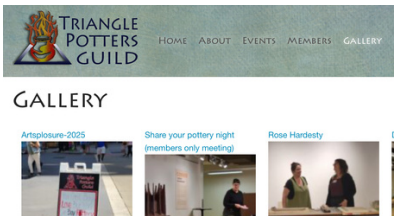
Richard Heiser Edenton Bay Clayworks Edenton, NC

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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