Monthly Clay Notes

Hello, Potters!

First, I want to thank everyone who showed up for our rescheduled February meeting. It was another wonderful and successful Show & Tell, and it was such a pleasure to see all of you and the incredible work you've been creating.

As previously shared, **we will be voting on our meeting location for the next term** at our March meeting. Please plan to attend and participate in the vote—your voice matters, and we'd love your input.

Also, as we continue auditing the TPG library, please take a moment to check your shelves at home for any books/DVDs you may have borrowed in the past. If you find any, you can bring them to our next meeting or reach out to Leslie, our librarian, or to me directly.

Thank you all, and I look forward to seeing you next week!

Warmly,
Menan Al Ramah, President

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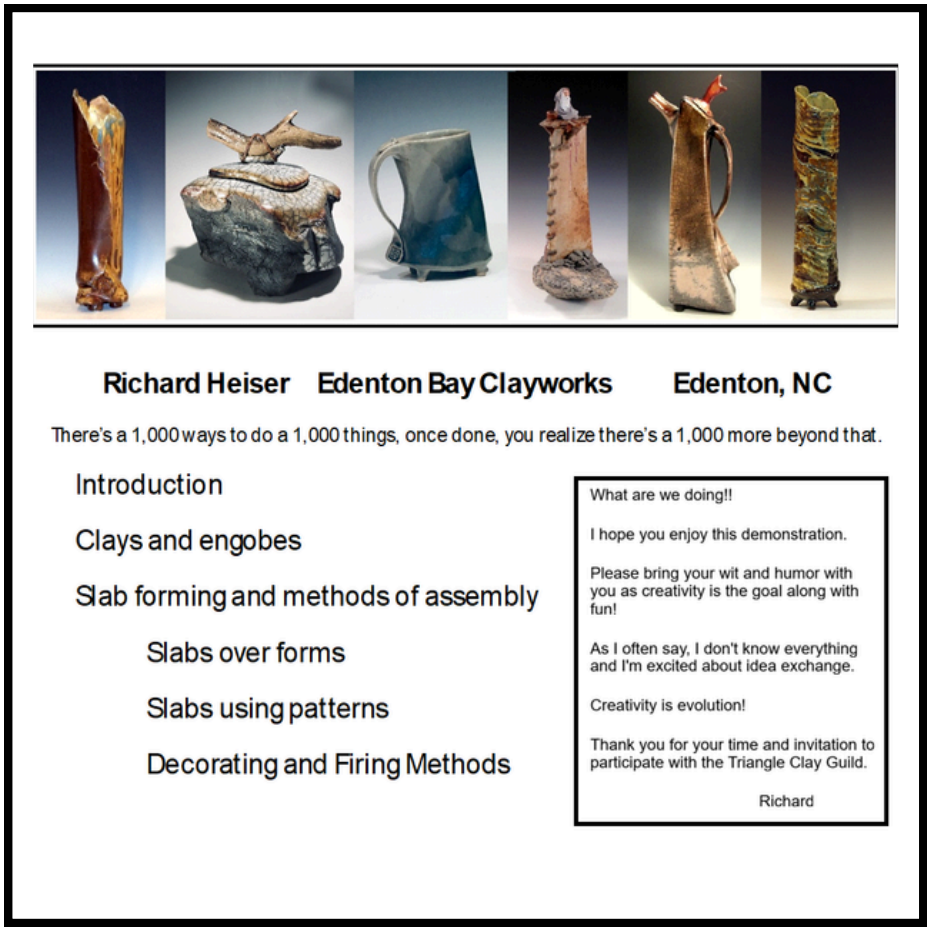
MARCH PRESENTATION

TUESDAY'S MEETING:

WHEN: MARCH 3 @7PM
WHERE: CREATIVE ROOM @ PULLEN ARTS CENTER - *105 PULLEN RD, RALEIGH*



Richard Heiser
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I consider myself a potter and artist, making both utilitarian and non-utilitarian wares that I hope bring some joy into our daily lives. While I do not take myself seriously; I am serious about my work and the evolution of that work.

I have been an artist my entire life and a ceramist/potter for 50 of those years, along with other adventures.

Overall, my approach to clay and creativity is to have fun and like what I do, no pretense, nothing overly deep or philosophical, or introspective. I hope people who use my work in their daily lives get a sense of joy from that use, whether they are handling it, trying to decide which mug to use for coffee or simply enjoying the space their piece occupies.

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.

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. Below you will find a comparison chart that Jet made to help you with our decision. This chart compares our options as we have heavily researched each avenue and evaluated their pros and cons.

	Pullen	NC State	Ceramica Cary
Parking	Can be an issue when there are events.	Garage and street parking.	33 parking spaces and some street parking nearby
Size of Space	Largest	Medium	Smallest
Chairs / Storage	Provided	Provided and set up for us	TPG would purchase
Noise	Poor acoustics	Noise from classes and people walking through	TBD, HVAC is loud but we'd be there at night when other classes would not be happening.
Setting Up / Breaking Down	TPG Board/ Members are responsible for setting up. We are able to enter the room 30 minutes in advance. We also put wheels and everything back.	They do it for us. We just put away the chairs and tidy up the wheel. We leave the presenter's tables and wheel and they take care of the rest.	TPG Board/ Members are responsible for setting up. We are able to enter the room 1 hour in advance.
Venue Cooperation	Contracts with stipulations, not much room to change what we have started there so far.	Same as before. Very easy to work with and flexible when we need something slightly different.	We would be building a new relationship, figuring out how it would work, and the process etc... but so far they've been very open to cooperation and making it work for TPG.
Audio / Visual	Possible	Yes, upon request	Not possible for TV unless we figure it out...
Fees / cost	$600 worth of donations from a provided list	$85 per meeting $595 for year.	Free
Library Access	No.	No.	yes
Social snack area	Spacious Lots of tables	Yes	We'd have to figure it out but yes.
Other / Perks	Lots of members are here.	Awesome parking	They would keep the store open for us during meeting times.

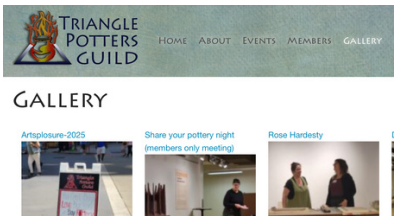
April Presenter: Samantha Oliver

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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