

Clay Notes

November 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.

Send your pictures for the TPG Web site to Theresa Glisson /Webmaster taglisson@gmail.com.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (no meetings June, July, and August) at 7:00 pm.

2015–16 TPG Board

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Next TPG Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 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.

November Program: Geoffrey Lloyd

Artist Statement

I see my work as a continually evolving process of refinement, developing new ideas from those things that I encounter that really speak to me. Given the amazing variety of shape, color, materials, techniques, and other choices that are available to the studio potter, it is inevitable that the artist's work is a synthesis of all influences into an expression of their own unique tastes and experiences. My work is no exception; from the use of porcelain as my primary medium, to the ash glazes inspired by my work with wood fired kilns and their connection to the origins of glaze development, my work is heavily influenced by my own experience and surroundings.

I strive to blend elements of the ancient aesthetic roots of pottery with the more refined contemporary elements of form and finish to produce a line of work that is both uniquely appealing and completely functional. It is my hope that you are drawn by the details and handcrafted beauty of my work and that you will soon grow to appreciate just how sturdy and functional it is as well.

All work is made of English grog porcelain, layered with combinations including wood ash, micro-crystalline, and copper red glazes, then fired to a temperature of approximately 2450 degrees Fahrenheit, making it much more durable than mass produced ware. Everything I make is also food safe and suited for use in the oven, microwave, and dishwasher.



Minutes from October 2015

General Membership Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2015

Meeting was called to order and visitors were welcomed! Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

President Randy thanked Lea Decker and Nancy Morabito for bringing snacks. Neal O'Briant volunteered to bring November snacks. New members Sylvia Richardson, Bird Wilson and David Lissowe were welcomed. October minutes were approved.

December Holiday Raku Party: Randy will look into whether Dan Finch will again offer his beautiful place as the venue, for Dec. 5 or Dec. 12 Saturday Raku, potluck and gift exchange. Thanks to Dan for lending it last year, and glazes to boot! And to Randy for running the raku firing!

Treasurer: Budget for 2015-2016: Eric was absent but his budget proposal was handed out to all members for review, to be voted on at the next meeting. Name tags of members who have not yet paid their dues have a sticker to that effect, dues are due by the November meeting for full TPG benefits.

Library: Joanne purchased a new DVD for us: Layered Surfaces by Erin Furminsky. Already checked out!

Aprons: about 25 are still available for purchase at \$5 each (not \$10 as Nancy mistakenly said!), text or call Nancy at 919-272-7711 if you want one.

Empty Bowls/Stone Soup, the Urban Ministries' fundraiser for which we provide pottery: Thanks for donating pots! Keep them coming! Please try to bring them by the next meeting Nov. 3, though the absolute final collection date is Wed. Nov. 11 (Stone Soup is Nov. 12). Donation pots are not limited to bowls, no seconds or fragile pots, not too large so they can be safely stored in boxes. Bring them to the Crafts Center, or to Pullen, Sertoma or Cary Arts Centers. TPG members get a slip in the drawing for a \$100 Highwater Clay gift certificate, for every 5 pots donated. Nancy reports we have about 360 so far, need about 200 more, since this year every patron attending will get a pot for a donation. Stone Soup is Thursday November 12, 5:30-7:30, at the renovated NCSU Talley Student Center. We have 10 volunteers, could use a few more. To volunteer for a 1-2 hour shift between 4:30 and 8:30 on Nov. 12, text or call Nancy at 919-272-7711.

Demonstration request: Rhonda Garrison says Wake County Library system needs potters at 5 different county libraries in January. If you're interested in doing this, contact Rhonda at 919.810.2611.

Workshop: Lou Raye has filled volunteer slots for this. She has short-listed seven candidates for workshop presenter, should know who it will be by next meeting. Stay tuned!

Cynthia Aldrich announced Nov. 14-15 is the 2nd Annual Durham Pottery Tour, fliers available. Website for info: durhamcountypotterytour.com

Pullen Park renovation: Patrick Beggs reminds us the first public meeting about this is Tues. Oct. 13 at Theater in the Park (at Pullen Park).

Linda introduced the speaker, Joseph Sand. He opened with a slide show of building his huge salt kiln in Randleman NC five years ago, where he fires gigantic (and other) pots. Lately he's doing exciting clay sculptures. He demonstrated his stiff slab hand building technique featuring rough scoring with a fork, plain distilled

vinegar, and hard Sherrill ribs. Then he showed how he adds coils to a thrown pot base, to make huge pots. He learned this technique as Mark Hewitt's apprentice. It was a fascinating presentation!

Member News

Send your pictures for the TPG Web site to Theresa Glisson /Webmaster
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Member forms for this year renewal for membership can be found at trianglepotters.org

Dues can be sent to the following address:

Along with your email and phone number and first and last name
to be added to the Newsletter list.

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Christmas Party will be at Dan Finch on December 5th. Announcement at November meeting

NC State Fair was a huge success this year. Faye will send information for a final update soon.

Special Requests

Other News

Durham County Pottery Tour, 20 potters, 2 teaching facilities. Spend the weekend in Durham (!) and enjoy looking at 20 studios. Lots of pots of all styles, types, techniques will be available for sale. **Nov 14, 10-5PM and Nov 15, 12-5PM. Information, map etc. available at Durhamcountypotterytour.com**

Empty Bowls Fund Raiser:

Anyone with pottery to donate, may contact Nancy Schecter at nancyschecter1@gmail.com

Fall Arts Fair

Links

The Crafts Center

www.ncsu.edu/crafts

919-515-2457

Sertoma Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

919-996-2329

Pullen Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

919-831-6126

Cedar Creek Gallery

www.cedarcreekgallery.com

(919) 528-1041

Central Carolina

Community College

www.cccc.edu

Finch Pottery

www.danfinch.com

252-235-4664

Litmus Gallery

www.litmusgallery.com

919-571-3605

Claymakers

www.claymakers.com

919-530-8355

Durham Arts Council

www.durhamarts.org

919-560-2726

Cary Arts Center

www.townofcary.org

919-469-4069