

April 2023



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Send your pictures for the Website to Theresa Glisson, Webmaster  
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**We meet monthly at 7 pm** on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the NCSU Crafts Center (no meetings June, July, and August)

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# Next TPG Meeting

**Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

**Location: NCSU Crafts Center only**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**April Presenter:**

## Fahad AlSuwaidi

You may have seen Fahad or met him at Ceramica!

**Opportunities in Clay:**

Sharing possibilities in working with clay, from being a hobby potter to a full time potter, as well as small scale to production making. From being a teacher, to miner, there are many doors to be filled.

**Also coming in April: Beau Williams**

Beau is with Mudd Pottery in Eagle Springs. He is the coordinator of the N.C. State Fair, NC Pottery Tent. He will be speaking about TPG potters' participation in this great event and an opportunity in October.

## TPG Board

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Potluck Picnic at Pullen Park in May.

Pull out your best potluck recipe and pottery serving dish for our last meeting until September. We'll gather at a picnic shelter at Pullen Park May 2, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Members voted for a picnic at the March meeting. Look for more details to come!

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**TPG will be at the NC Farmer's Market this weekend (Sat and Sun), so come on out and show your support for fellow potters . . . stop by and say "Hi".**

Many thanks to Randy Wright for coordinating this TPG sale!

**Artsposure is almost here . . . May 20-21st.** We have 20 potters signed up for Artsposure in May. There are 5 more on the waiting list.

We need volunteers and will have sign up sheets out soon. Even if you can't participate in the sales, please come out and see what it's all about. We will have hand building and wheel demonstrations. It's a very fun, interactive event that really draws a crowd. Come see what other potters in the Guild have been making and see what other artists sell. It's one of the largest art festivals in NC Maybe you'll want to participate next year??? :). Kim or JT:

[kahennes@gmail.com](mailto:kahennes@gmail.com)

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**All members,**

Please check your personal page on the TPG website and make sure your information is listed correctly. Did you know you can add up to 12 good quality photos of your pottery and one profile picture (13 total)? You can also add a bio and artist statement. [taglisson@gmail.com](mailto:taglisson@gmail.com)

\*\*\* Just one more perk to being a member \*\*\*

### **Nominating Committee:**

We have two positions filled for next year, and are still looking for a VP and Corresponding Secretary (my position :). ). Please let me know if you are interested in serving your TPG community.

The VP organizes the presenters for the year, and the Corresp. Sect. sends out the newsletter each month and monitors/responds to the email traffic, including membership submissions. We will vote at the May meeting, so nominations will close 4/30.

Contact me (Kaki) at [trianglepottersguild@gmail.com](mailto:trianglepottersguild@gmail.com)

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Applications are open for a \$150 scholarship for students of the N.C. Craft Center for Summer or Fall 2023!!!! What a great opportunity to take a new class, buy supplies and learn new skills. Deadline is April 16, 2023.

Blake Kennedy, pottery director at the center: Matthew Manning, last year's winner: Nancy Moribito and Sarah Peters are on the committee. This year's winner will be announced at the May meeting. For more information, contact Blake Kennedy at [rbkenne2@ncsu.edu](mailto:rbkenne2@ncsu.edu).

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### **Can You Make Oyster Shells?**

Pearlita Foods, based in Raleigh, is looking for local ceramic artists to create oyster shells for company tastings. They can be realistic or your artistic interpretation of a shell. The world's first oyster alternative company, Pearlita makes plant-based oysters that look like real oysters, but are sustainable and nutritious. [www.pearlitafoods.com](http://www.pearlitafoods.com)

“Our ultimate goal is to remove all reliance on animals,” says Kassondra Hickey, Head of Science with Pearlita. “One of our products is a plant-based oyster and in order to make it animal-free we need to serve it in reusable ceramic shells....

“We came up with a super cool idea to find local ceramic artists to help design beautiful, reusable shells,” she adds. “Our intention is for restaurants to buy our products by visualizing how it can be served and redefining the experience.... We also hope it will bring attention to the artists work!”

Oyster Shell Parameters:

Food safe glaze

Flat, small space on bottom for better balance

Size: width: 1.5 to 2.5 in., length: 2.5-3.5 in., depth/height: 1-1.5 inch

Price: \$150 max for a set of 6-12.

Dr. Hickey can be reached at:

[kassondra.hickey@perlitafoods.com](mailto:kassondra.hickey@perlitafoods.com)

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### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If you have something to share, sell or announce for the newsletter or website, please send it to Kaki 8-10 days before the meeting each month. Shows you're in or want to tell members about, something to sell, volunteer or teaching opportunities, let us know! [trianglepottersguild@gmail.com](mailto:trianglepottersguild@gmail.com).

### **POTTERY PROBLEM-SOLVING:**

Time at each meeting goes to answering any burning questions you have about pottery! Best way to make slip? Bubbles on fired pieces? Cracking? Drying platters? Bring your questions, or send them to Jay Levine, recording secretary, before the meeting Feb. 7.

### **TPG has an Instagram page now**

Please follow the page, introduce yourself and feel free to post anything you're making, a sale coming up, a glaze you're trying, a question you have! This will be a fun and visual space to share our talents and build community! Join now! :). **Triangle Potters Guild**