



Monthly

Clay Notes

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Elizabeth Paley & Geek Pots

This past October we had the opportunity to host Elizabeth Paley. An amazing potter (pianist by profession, and lover of math and physics), Elizabeth showed us how beauty and physics come together in the creation of her pots.

As she demoed the creation of her intricate pieces, Paley explained in great detail each step. From the kind of clay she prefers for these particular pots, to the “unconventional” tools she uses (things that range from pasta cutters to drywall tape), Elizabeth had us in awe of her abilities and creativity.

After this we were all hungry for more! We have wonderful year ahead of us, with more interesting, engaging, and inspiring presentations for the next months. So, hang on to your wheels and hand building tools and join us for the ride!

Dany Gomez

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OUR NOVEMBER PRESENTER

This November we are excited to have with us the talented photographer Ken Hansen!

Here is a little description about himself and what to expect from his presentation:

Born and raised in Alaska, my passion for photography and visual arts started in high school. After graduating from Brooks Institute of Photography, I moved to San Diego and worked full-time for one of the top photographers in the United States, the late Dean Collins. In 1991 I formed my own company, Hansen Photo Inc. and have done commercial advertising photography for many Fortune 500 companies for over 30 years. I was an adjunct professor for photography at Southwestern College in San Diego as well. In 2021, my fiancé Andrea and I relocated to Raleigh. Andrea is a talented multimedia artist and with her encourage I've been exploring many other artistic mediums besides photography, including ceramics. We actively work with clay at Finch Pottery in Bailey. I enjoy hand building and sharing my photographic knowledge I've gained since picking up a camera over 40 years ago!

I will cover important topics to consider when photographing your pieces: backgrounds, lighting, camera angles, etc... using inexpensive equipment and items you likely already have, like your smartphone! We will delve into how to edit your images and cheap retouching options to make your pieces look amazing! I will also touch on ways to capture video of your pieces to incorporate in your social media posts for friends, followers, and potential customers!

NEXT TPG MEETING

Welcome Potters to the November Guild meeting. I hope everyone is taking the opportunity to get their hands into some high-quality mud. I'm thrilled to welcome Mr. Ken Hansen as our presenter for this session. He is a professional photographer and will share some hints on how to take some great pictures of our pottery. Following this meeting, I would like to invite the Guild members to our Christmas on December 9th. I will be finalizing the party details and will let everyone know at the November meeting. I hope to see many of you at the meeting on November 7th.

JT HENNES

The details for this month's meeting are as follow:

Date: November 7th, 2023.

Time: 7:00 pm.

Location: NCSU Craft Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS



November 14, 2023, STONE SOUP returns. Urban Ministries of Wake County raises money through this fun evening by selling locally made bowls and soup. They have asked TPG to help them with as many bowls as

possible! They are hoping to gather 500 bowls from many sources.

Helping in the community and serving others with our gift of pottery-making is part of our mission. **The last date to bring your bowl(s) to be donated is on Nov 7th at our monthly meeting. If you can't bring your bowl(s) to this meeting, please contact Patricia Bell at 919-236-3866 to plan how to deliver them. Please consider donating any usable bowl.**

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Saturday, Nov 11 (9am-4pm).

Mark your calendars and save this date! The Dan Finch Studio Potters are busy making some wonderful pottery to sell in beautiful downtown Spring Hope. You won't want to miss it. **Close to 50 potters, live bands, and**

food trucks will make this a great way to get some unique locally hand-made gifts to give or keep for yourself.



The date for this event is TBD. Make sure to read the next Clay Notes to find out more!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ We are still **looking for two members in good standing to complete the Finance Committee.** Someone with a good working **knowledge of Excel is a must** for this committee.
- ❖ **Our Members in good standing get wonderful benefits** when they join the Guild, some of them are:
 - Access to the TPG Pottery Demos YouTube Channel (Access to this channel will be granted soon, stay tuned!)
 - Our Library! Check out the items we have on our catalog at: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/tpg>
 - Discounts.
 - Opportunities that are exclusive to our members.
 - Monthly Newsletter.
 - Email list for items being sold, event, and Q&A.
 - Discounted exhibitions at Farmers Market and Artsposure.
 - Social Media presence: Webpage posting with your bio and 12 photos, Facebook and Instagram pages.
 - monthly membership meetings with demos.
 - Community events.

REMINDERS

- ❖ Just a kind reminder that dues for this fiscal year were due in September. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you still have some time to do it! We'll be accepting membership dues until our third meeting of this year (Nov, 7th). You can go to our website at: <http://trianglepotters.org/become-a-member/>, or you can pay via check or cash at any of our meetings. Renew now to remain on the mailing list.
- ❖ 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](mailto:taglisson@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.
- ❖ 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". We ask that you please check that your info is correct once is posted on the website. **Members who aren't in good standing will be removed from the website in November.**
- ❖ We welcome to **send any shows you are participating in, pottery supplies or equipment for sale, glazes you have discovered or other items you think would be interesting to our group** to be posted at our Facebook or Instagram.



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