



Monthly

Clay Notes

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Message From our President

Welcome everyone to the October TPG meeting. I'm excited to lead the potters for the next 2 years. The primary goal of this group is to educate the public and guild members in all phases of ceramic arts. We'll continue to bring artists in to demonstrate various ceramic skills at our meetings as well as sharing our questions and ideas with the group. Volunteerism is the key to our goal of educating the public. The guild will often be looking to you for various committees and events. Everyone stepping up and pitching in will ensure success.

JT Hennes

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NEXT TPG MEETING

We had such a great time at Ceramica this past September. We learned all about new ceramic tools for throwing, trimming, and modeling from the wonderful Nate Goldman, as well as the plans that Ceramica has to expand and hopefully host our Library in the near future!

Now we're ready to kick off the Fall Season with our October Meeting, and I promise you, this is an exciting one so you don't want to miss it!!

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

Date: October 3rd, 2023.

Time: 7:00 pm.

Location: NCSU Craft Center.

GEEKPOTS

Handmade ceramics by Elizabeth Paley



OUR OCTOBER PRESENTER

This October we have the honor to have with us the amazing potter Elizabeth Paley!

Here is a little description about herself:

A life-long pianist, I find working with clay similar to practicing a musical instrument: both processes invite one to develop attention to form and detail, to balance technique with improvisation, and to discover a personal creative voice.

Alongside music, my background in physics and math informs my art. Physics governs the relationships between the forms and surfaces of my zigzag and swoosh pots. I cut or swipe patterns into slipped cylinders; these expand into captivating organic designs as I stretch the pots from the inside. Friction torques vertical lines into spirals, parallel swooshes drift apart or scrunch together, and coarse canyons emerge between smooth-slipped plateaus.

The transformations are different every time, functions of variables both within and beyond my control: initial patterns, depths of cuts, slopes of curves, plasticity of clay bodies, magnitude of expansion, directional spin of the wheel.

Occasionally, fortuitous scars appear: an unwedged air bubble pops and flattens to hug the pot's surface, or a narrow fault line cracks open as the clay stretches to its limits. I enjoy how this rough evidence of material and process juxtaposes with well-practiced symmetry.

UPCOMING EVENTS



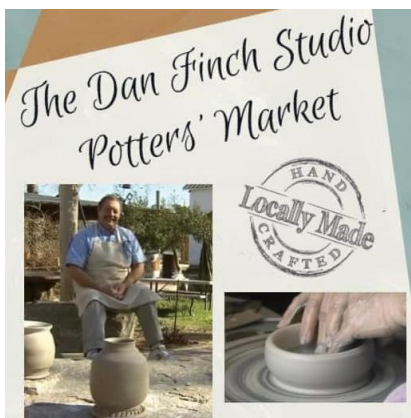
November 14, 2023, STONE SOUP returns. Urban Ministries of Wake County raises money through this fun evening by selling locally made bowls and soup. They have asked TPG to help them with as many bowls as possible! They are hoping to gather

500 bowls from many sources. **Look for group throwing dates to come.**

Helping in the community and serving others with our gift of pottery - making is part of our mission. TPG has been a part of this fundraiser for many years. It's a TPG tradition, and you can be part of it. Bring any bowls you have to a meeting this fall. **We are in desperate need of a volunteer to head up Stone Soup. We run the risk of disappointing the Urban Ministry if someone does not step up.**

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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 hands, and

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



October 12-22, 2023.

The NC State Fair is coming back! We'll keep you on the loop about this event in our future meetings.



We do not have a definitive date for this event yet, but we'll update you on this later on. Make sure to read the next Clay Notes to find out more!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ As mentioned before, **we really need a volunteer for the Stone Soup Event**. This person will oversee the gathering of all the bowls the potters are donating, storing them, and later taking them to the event.
- ❖ We will be **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>
- ❖ **Thank you to Margaret Daub and Jun Ma** for volunteering to organize the Farmer's Market TPG Event for this year. We truly have an amazing community that contributes to promoting the values and objectives of the Guild, a huge thank you to those that volunteer! As of today, we do not need more volunteers for this event.
- ❖ **We have a Membership Committee!** Theresa Glisson, Eleanor Johnson, Dany Gomez, will be in charge of all things related to the TPG Membership. If you have any questions related to this topic, please feel free to contact any of them at the following email addresses: taglisson@gmail.com; jande829@gmail.com, or trianglepottersguild@gmail.com

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). To pay your dues, 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. We are very proud of our TPG community and offer demos, discounts, and opportunities exclusive to our members. 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** 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 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.



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