



Monthly
Clay Notes

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A Message from our President

Welcome potters to the April TPG meeting. Seems impossible to believe this is the second to last meeting this year.

I hope you're all looking forward to Wei Sun's presentation about altering wheel thrown cylinders. I'm also excited about the May meeting in Pullen Park.

The potluck sides and seeing the work TPG members make will make it a memorable time. Hope to see a lot of you at the April meeting.

JT Hennes

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NEXT TPG MEETING

This month's demonstration will focus on different ways to alter pots for visually striking results. Wei will demonstrate how to throw perfect cylinders on the potter's wheel and then how to add alterations to them that look organic and add character to the pieces while still conserving their functionality.

This is a one-of-a-kind demo coming from an artist with innate talent and skill, you don't want to miss it!

Dany Gomez

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

Date: April 2nd, 2024.

Time: 7:00 pm.

Location: NCSU Craft Center.



Wei Sun

<https://www.weisunpottery.com/> | [@weisunpottery](https://www.instagram.com/weisunpottery)

Born in Nanjing, China, Wei moved to US in 1994 and has been living in Raleigh, NC since 1998. He first discovered NC ceramics around 2010 on a pottery tour to Seagrove, NC. Soon after that, he started taking foundation classes at local art centers in Raleigh and continued his ceramic studying with established potters. In 2019 Wei completed a 9-month apprenticeship with Marsha Owen Pottery and became a studio potter working at his home studio in Raleigh, NC.

Wei's work can be found in galleries such as Cedar Creek Gallery (Creedmoor, NC), Groovewood Gallery (Asheville, NC), Penland Gallery and Charlie Cummings Gallery (Gainesville, FL). Wei has been teaching at local art centers in Triangle area, as well as Penland School of Craft.

TOPIC: *Altered Wheel-Thrown Forms*

Wheel-thrown cylindrical pots can be altered into oval, rectangular, and square shapes. Wei Sun will demonstrate how to transform wheel-thrown pieces into a visually captivating and artistically expressive work of art.



We want to remind you that even if you are not going to participate in Artspllosure as a vendor, you can still volunteer with the Guild at the event, showcase your work, give demos to promote yourself and the Guild or just come to support your fellow potters and have a jolly grand time!

We will be providing details about these volunteering opportunities in the next couple of months. So, stay tuned!

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 if you want to continue enjoying the benefits this guild offers you need to be a **member in good standing.** To remain a member you can go to our website at: <http://trianglepotters.org/become-a-member/>, to pay your dues, 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** 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 are being removed from the website this month.**
- ❖ 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

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