

Monthly

# Clay Notes

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## *A Message from our President*

*Welcome potters to the February meeting for the TPG! I really hope everyone is getting their hands in the mud just as often as possible. I think we all feel a beautiful sense of relaxation and accomplishment with this entire creative process. I'm excited to announce the resident professional at the NC State Craft Center, Blake Kennedy will be sharing some of his processes for pottery surface decoration. Hope to see a lot of you there.*

*JT Hennes*

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## Surface Composition



### ***NEXT TPG MEETING***

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This month's demonstration will focus on surface composition techniques that I regularly use in making work. I will work on two different mishima techniques, a traditional version and a more contemporary one. These will include inlay techniques for slip and glaze. I will also discuss the composition process while working through a series and the ideas that inform the work I make.

*Blake Kennedy*

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

**Date:** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Time:** 7:00 pm.

**Location:** NCSU Craft Center.

### ***OUR FEBRUARY PRESENTER***

**Blake Kennedy**

[www.goodhopestudios.com](http://www.goodhopestudios.com) | [@goodhopestudios](https://www.instagram.com/goodhopestudios)

Blake holds a BFA in Studio Art with concentrations in Ceramics and Sculpture from Appalachian State University. Recent exhibitions include the Contemporary at Blue Star, San Antonio; Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH; and the Blowing Rock Museum of Art and History, Blowing Rock, NC. In addition to an active studio practice, he enjoys spending time with his wife and studio partner, Kimberly, their three dogs, one cats, and eight chickens. Blake recently moved back to NC, his home state, to work as the Clay Studio Manager at NC State's Crafts Center.

Good Hope Studios' work includes functional and sculptural ceramics as well 2-D projects in watercolor and prints. We believe quality handmade objects have the ability to infuse a space with warmth, to quietly nestle their way into our daily routines, and to create connections. Whether we are working on a new line of cups + plates, a sculptural wall installation, or creating a series of watercolor paintings, a focus on craftsmanship remains central to the projects we create.

### ***Be part of our Social Media!***



We welcome you to send any shows you are participating in, classes/workshops you're offering, pottery supplies or equipment for sale, glazes you

have discovered, pottery tips, photos of your work, or other items you think would be interesting to our group to be posted at our Facebook or Instagram.

- For **Facebook** email [taglisson@gmail.com](mailto:taglisson@gmail.com) with TPG Facebook in the subject line
- For **Instagram** email [trianglepottersguild@gmail.com](mailto:trianglepottersguild@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:shanmad@earthlink.net)

# Our Board



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