



Monthly

Clay Notes

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Message From our President

Welcome potters to the November TPG meeting. According to Bo Williams, the Pottery Expo at the State Fair had record sales. I hope all TPG members in the Expo had great success. Stone Soup is early this November. Please remember to bring any donations to the meeting and consider helping as a volunteer for the event. Contact Jim Bell to sign up. We will have a Holiday Party at Conrad Weisner's house in December in lieu of our typical monthly meeting. Be on the lookout for all the details. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting on Tuesday.

JT Hennes

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NEXT TPG MEETING

We hope everyone is prepared for a demonstration to be remembered! Kate Waltman, our presenter for November, will demonstrate how she develops Art Deco inspired floral patterns on each of her unique pottery pieces using different carving tools as well as slip.

For all of our caving-loving members and those who are yet to try the technique, we promise that you will truly love this one!

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

Date: November 5th, 2024.

Time: 7:00 pm.

Location: NCSU Craft Center.



OUR OCTOBER PRESENTER

Kate Waltman graduated from Alfred University in 2010 and has been making pots in Seagrove ever since. Kate's pots are made using local materials, boldly carved with organic patterns inspired by Art Deco design and fired in a variety of atmospheric kilns. She is the owner and co-founder of The Triangle Studio, which houses several artists' studios and a collective gallery. Kate shows her pots internationally and has lectured and taught throughout the USA.

Kate's Artist Statement

Working with the traditional tools of a potter's wheel and wood-burning kiln, I transform local clays into objects of beauty and desire. I work in cadence with tradition to bring ceramic objects into the modern age as employable and decorative pots. My vessels begin as raw local earth that are diligently processed into clay, slips, and glazes. This severe limitation of materials gives structure and freedom to my making, allowing me to fully explore the subtlety and character of each variant as I compose a body of work. I begin the surfaces by carving an underlying armature of lines that stick to the bones of my forms, providing an arbor on which to cultivate patterns. Precise incising illustrates the surrounding flora, depicting the constraint of wild plants into domestic gardens. Through extensive drawing I hone a plant to its essential silhouettes, using the resulting motifs to structure my forms with symmetrical balance. Rhythmic ordering overtakes the capriciousness of nature just as the form of a domestic pot master's the feral clay. The pots, damp and raw, are committed to a kiln. The earth joins with the fire's erratic atmosphere regaining a bit of its wildness and fusing with the patterns.

UPCOMING EVENTS

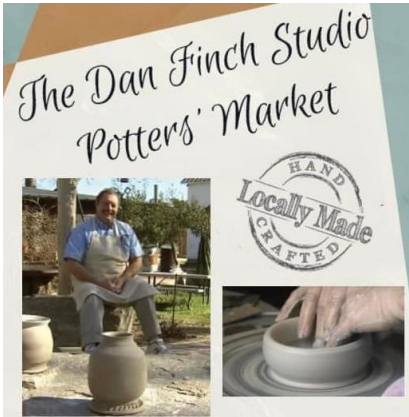


Tuesday November 12, 2024, STONE SOUP returns. Urban Ministries of Wake County raises money through this fun evening by selling locally made bowls and soup. They have asked TPG to

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. 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 our [Meeting on November 5th](#).

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Saturday, Nov 9 (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.



Congratulations to all the potters that participated on the Pottery Expo this year, we heard that there was great participation and that sales were really good! We hope next year goes as well as this one.



We do not have a definitive date for this event yet, but our member Margo Daub will be updating us with dates, fees and times this fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ We are looking for a Member in good standing to **become part of the TPG Board as our Librarian**. If you'd like to volunteer for this position, please send an email to: trianglepottersguild@gmail.com
- ❖ **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 Artslosure.
 - 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). 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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