

APRIL 2007

Clay Notes

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Triangle Potters Guild

Attn: Corresponding Secretary

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Raleigh, NC 27605

by the 15th of each month. (Clay Notes is not published in July and August.)

Our monthly meetings

are held on the first Tuesday of each month (no meetings June, July and August) at 7:30 pm. We currently meet at the NCSU Crafts Center, on the North Carolina State University campus, in Raleigh, NC. Call 515-2457 for directions. Visitors are welcome!

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NEXT TPG MEETING

APRIL 3, 2007

Guest Speaker: Jeff Pettus

Jeff Pettus is the Visual Arts Director at the North Carolina Arts Council. He oversees the grant programs serving artists and organizations in the visual arts and film disciplines, including the artist fellowship program, the residency center grant program, and the regional artist project grant program.

A HEARTFELT WELCOME BACK to

JoAnn Lobur! We're so happy!

NEW MEMBERS:

Jane S Finch Bailey, NC 27807

Beth Sullivan Selma, NC 27576

Brian Fields & Anne Gaal (husband & wife) Benson, NC 27504-6026

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 6th, 2007

Meeting called to order by MaryAnn Purser at 7:30pm.

- No visitors or new members
- Martin Stankus talked about Artsplosure. Artsplosure is May 19 & 20. A sign up sheet was sent around for people to sign if interested in participating. The group will meet at 6:30pm prior to the April TPG meeting.
- Donna Kanich announced the fund raiser for fellow potter Ronan Peterson. The silent and life auction will be May 4th at the Durham Armory, beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets to attend are \$20.
- Susan Luster discussed the Sanford Pottery Festival. A ½ page article on TPG was proposed to go in the inserts for the Sanford Festival. 50,000 copies of these will be printed for distribution to the Sanford Pottery mailing list, inserts into the Sanford Herald and as general pickup. The cost of the is \$300. Participants in the festival will pay \$150 of this fee and they asked that TPG pay the other \$150. Donna Kanich made the proposal and it was seconded by Al Headen. Proposal was approved by the group. There will be one area in the TPG tent for pots where the proceed will go to the Lee County Teachers. Postcards were discussed. Participants are to pay for the postcards. There was a discussion concerning having a general

TPG postcard that members could print and use to announce their sales. No decision was made on this.

• It was discussed that this is the 25th year of TPG. A thank you was given to Conrad Weisner for starting TPG.

• Edge Barnes is holding a Saggar Firing on April 21st. Fee is \$60. Anyone interested should contact Edge.

• Kathy Steinsberger was introduced.

Kathy was raised in Raleigh and has spent much time up at Penland. Kathy discussed finding your individual voice.

Her voice is decorating with slips. Her pieces are highly decorated. Kathy

discussed the rules of design – contrast, repetition, alignment, and proximity. Kathy demonstrated her decoration.

• Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kanich

ARTSPLOSURE 2007

The annual Raleigh spring arts festival will be held on May 19 & 20 from 11:00 to 7:00 on Saturday and 11:00 to 6:00 on Sunday. As of March 8 there are 26 people signed up to participate. There will be a meeting on April 3 at 6:30 PM at the Craft Center to coordinate TPG participation in the event. Please attend if you are interested in participating in the show. Bring a check made out to Artsplosure or \$15 cash to complete registration. Release forms will be provided for your signature.

SANFORD POTTERY FESTIVAL 2007

May 5-6, 2007. Just a reminder that, while the booth space is full at the moment, we would love to have volunteers who are not showing to help set up on Saturday morning and take down on Sunday afternoon. And of course, we'd love to see you all come by the show at some point to see not only our members' work in the TPG tent, but to see the other professional potters in the main building and other tents.

OF NOTE: Star Works in Star NC is firing it's new Anagama +2 chambered kiln next week between March 28 and March 31 (4 days). Any one who can use 10 cubic feet of space for high-fired clay is welcome to join in. Phone for more details 910-943-1008. Web site: www.starwrksnc.org STARWOKS carries a full line of Highwater clays. "If you are paying more

than \$0.02 per pound for shipping cost, please check out our prices, you will save money."

NEWS FROM:

Angelia Hayes

- Last workshop I attended was in November at Dan Finch's with Cynthia Bringle and Bill Van Gilder. What an amazing workshop, Cynthia and Bill were entertaining and informative. A great time was had by all!
- I would be interested in **information** on a **slab roller**, I am looking to purchase one and would like recommendations from people who have one and what they like or dislike about it.

Neal O'Briant

- Looking forward to: **Natural Instincts** June 22-24, 2007. Presented by Priddy Clay Studio. Beaufort, North Carolina An inspiring hands-on workshop designed to introduce studio and functional potters to representational art techniques inspired by each artist's natural environment. Experience the Mid-Atlantic shore and barrier islands which provide a natural working lab to learn how to get hands-on in any local environment. Gain knowledge of techniques for carving, modeling, brush-painting, three-dimensional stamping, complex glazing applications, reed and vine handle-making, and image development. This conference will truly inspire you to express your own NATURAL INSTINCTS.

Cynthia Aldrich

- I am having a show of my ceramic sculpture at the **Bryant Center Gallery at Duke University** April 4- May 3. The title is "By George #2" and will be very political!
- **Clayworks** will have their **Spring Sale** May 12, 10-4PM outdoors in the parking lot at the Christ the King Moravian Church on Hope Valley Rd. This venue has GREAT traffic exposure and should be a great location. We will be sending out postcards to our regular mailing list plus a lot of signs and e-mail list serves. Price is not determined yet but if anyone would like to join us for the sale please contact me - Cindy Aldrich aldric3@attglobal.net.

Ali Sobel-Read

- **Textures of Spring: pottery by Ali Sobel-Read.** Free Range Studio and Gallery. Friday, April 6th. Reception: 6-10:00 pm, 410 Morson Street, Raleigh, NC

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www.freerangenofences.com

- **Handmade pottery by Ali Sobel-Read.** NC Crafts Gallery. May 1-31, 2007 Reception: Friday, May 11. 6-9:00 pm 212 W. Main Street (on the corner of West Main and West Weaver Streets) Carrboro, NC 27510. 919-942-4048 <http://nccraftsgallery.com/> Gallery Hours: Monday-Saturday 10-6 / Sunday 1-4
- I will be teaching **Advanced Handbuilding at Sertoma Arts Center.** Classes run for 7 weeks and begin on March 26th and 27th. I teach Mondays 7-9:30 pm and Tuesdays 9:30-12 noon.

Edge Barnes

I will be holding a **saggar firing at my studio on April 21st.** 9:00 - 5:00 w/ rain date on Sunday the 22nd. Cost is \$60 and is limited to 6-7 participants. I already have 3 committed. I will also be open to holding sessions on throwing & burnishing closed forms, also in my studio. Dates, time, & cost to be determined by how many individuals are interested. I will be bisque firing works for those signed up in advance of the class.

Martin Stankus

Artsposure is coming along. We will be **meeting at 6:30pm, April 3rd** in the Crafts Center to discuss next steps.

John Garland and Mary Paul

Freechild Studio potters and TPG members John Garland and Mary Paul are currently having a show at Cape Fear Studios in Fayetteville

www.capefearstudios.com

which will be running through mid March after which they will be participating in the **Catawba Valley Pottery Festival**, March 23 and 24."Our next studio show will be April 14, 9 to 5, Edge Barnes and JoAnn Lobur will be participating." Come out to say "hi" and visit our studio. For a map and address see our website www.freechildstudio.com

Bill and Joyce Newton

We are excited about being juried guild artists of **The Stecoah Valley Center and Gallery** in Robbinsville, NC. The center is in the western NC mountains between Bryson City and Murphy. It's located in an old Cherokee School with emphasis on the history of the Cherokee's and mountain arts and crafts.

Susan Luster

Check out the article on Cheryl Weisz in the NC Journal for Women. Susan Luster interviewed Cheryl about her work creating The Artist Handbook and how she has been using it to nurture artists of all stripes for many years. Susan says she really enjoyed getting to know more about Cheryl's other work and encourages other members to read it. You might also enjoy other articles in the journal. The article is in the December issue (www.ncjournalforwomen.com).

QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS

- **Question:** If you only bisque with an electric kiln and it is in a garage, do you need to vent it?

Suggested: When it comes to your health *always* error on the side of safety. If your garage is separated from your house, has good cross-ventilation provided by open doors and windows and you won't be working in the enclosed area while it's firing, venting is not necessary. If the garage is directly connected to your house, or you'd like to improve the firing function of your kiln, vent it.

LINKS

The Crafts Center

www.ncsu.edu/crafts

(919) 515-2457

Pullen Arts Center

(919) 831-6126

View full class offerings online at

http://www.raleighnc.gov/publications/Parks_and_Recreation/Leisure_Ledger.PDF

Claymakers

www.claymakers.com

(919) 530-8355

Duke Craft Center

www.duke.edu/web/duu/craftcenter.htm

(919) 684-2532

Sertoma Arts Center

(919) 420-2329

Durham Arts Council

www.durhamarts.org

(919) 560-2726

Jordan Hall Arts Center

www.townofcary.org/depts/prdept/facilitie/sjhachome.htm

(919) 469-4069

Central Carolina Community College (CCCC)

www.cccc.edu

Finch Pottery

www.danfinch.com

(252) 235-4664

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