

# Clay Notes

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Clay Notes, the monthly *Triangle Potters Guild* newsletter, and the TPG membership form are now available at [www.trianglepotters.org](http://www.trianglepotters.org). To get your announcements and news in the newsletter, send to: [trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com](mailto:trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com) by the 15th of each month.

## Our monthly meetings

are held on the first Tuesday of each month (no meetings June, July and August) at 7:30 pm. We will be meeting at the NCSU Craft Center, 100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh, NC.

Visitors are welcome!

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Raku Party

## NEXT TPG MEETING

**Date:** Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** Alice DeLisle's Home, 6721 Walnut Cove Dr., Raleigh, 12:00 – 4:00 pm.

## HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER & RAKU FIRING PARTY

**Saturday, Dec. 12,  
12:00 – 4:00 PM**  
at Alice DeLisle's home\*

### Come have fun, bring your folding chair, and a potluck dish to share!

Dinnerware and drinks will be provided.

Raku firings will begin at noon and we will start eating at 1:00 pm.

Those who have been in TPG for a while will undoubtedly remember the TPG Holiday Raku parties at Brita Tate's. In keeping with that tradition, Conrad Weiser will make Brita's famous Swedish Glögg, a traditional Nordic holiday drink of hot, mulled wine with some other things thrown in!

### For those who wish to Raku:

Alice will have 2 small trashcans, sawdust, 1 pair of tongs, 2 pairs of gloves, and she will make 2-3 glazes. We ask for others who have them to please bring cans, tongs, gloves, newspapers, and a small amount of glaze to share. For your safety, please wear cotton clothing, closed-toe shoes, and tie back any long hair. We suggest that you bring no more than 3 pots per person. Small to medium size pots will fire best in Alice's kiln (~8" x 8" or smaller). No large pots, please.

## RSVP please:

So that we will have enough tables, dinnerware, drinks, etc. – please let us know if you coming, if you are bringing family or a guest, & if you plan to Raku. RSVP to [mailto:jo\\_westmoreland@ncsu.edu](mailto:jo_westmoreland@ncsu.edu). Thanks!

## \*Directions to Alice's house:

6721 Walnut Cove Dr., Raleigh, 27603  
919-662-9310

The house is a white ranch with black shutters. It is on a corner so you can park in the driveway, in front of the house, or on the street next to it.

### From Raleigh:

Take Lake Wheeler Rd. south to 1010. Turn left on 1010.

Turn right at Old Stage Rd. When Old Stage Rd. bends to the right and there is a fork to the left, go left (Rock Service Station Rd.).

After 2-3 miles, there is a stone subdivision marker on the right for Brookstone. Turn right. The house is about 1/2 mile down on the left.

### From Fuquay-Varina:

Go east on Hwy 42. Turn left on Rock Service Station Rd. (there is a stoplight). Go about 1 mile and turn left into Brookstone subdivision. The house is about 1/2 mile down on the left.

### From Clayton:

Go west on Hwy 42. Turn right on Rock Service Station Rd. (there is a stoplight). Go about 1 mile and turn left into Brookstone subdivision. The house is about 1/2 mile down on the left.

## TPG EVENTS

### Urban Ministries Stone Soup

The Urban Ministries Stone Soup event was a big success. Thanks to all the potters who donated bowls and those who helped at the event with

wrapping, manning the tables and helping the kids with clay. We ended up with about 375 bowls. A special thank you to Jo Ellen and the NCState Crafts Center - without your help we wouldn't have gotten it done. Donna

## WORKSHOPS

### **Sculpting A Portrait In Clay**

This workshop starts January 11 and will be taught by Gail Lawson who will provide basic instruction on completing a realistic clay portrait of the human head. Various sculpting techniques will be emphasized in a step-by-step process to complete an anatomically correct portrait. This workshop will provide a basic foundation for completing a lifelike representation of the human head. The workshop is limited to eight participants and will be held at Litmus Gallery & Studios at 312 W. Cabarrus St. in downtown Raleigh. Additional information or to register: [www.litmusgallery.com](http://www.litmusgallery.com) / 919-571-3605 / [artvision@bellsouth.net](mailto:artvision@bellsouth.net)

### **Colored Clay Workshops 2010**

Creative Ways With Colored Clays  
Chris Campbell - presenter  
<http://www.ccpottery.com/>

PRE-NCECA WEEKEND  
WORKSHOP  
March 26, 27 & 28, 2010

Clay Art Center  
40 Beech Street  
Port Chester, NY 10573  
914.937.2047 x222  
<http://www.clayartcenter.org>

August 15-21, 2010

Touchstone Center for Crafts  
1049 Wharton Furnace Road  
Farmington PA 15437  
1.800.721.0177  
<http://www.touchstonecrafts.com>

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## EXHIBITIONS

### **Flight and Fancy:**

**Ceramics by Alice DeLisle**  
Page-Walker Art & History Center  
119 Ambassador Loop in  
Downtown Cary  
Medium: Ceramic  
Exhibition opens Sat Dec 5;  
closes Mon Jan 11  
Artist Reception: Sat Dec 5 4-6  
pm (Part of Holiday Open  
House)

Flight and Fancy will display recent work by Alice DeLisle. DeLisle makes use of texture, contrast, color and multiple elements to make forms from teapots to birdhouses that are esthetically pleasing and definitely silly. Most pieces incorporate some reference to human form or movement. Sometimes her art stops just short of kitsch, sometimes not, and it frequently leaves the observer wondering if the object is really made of clay. Call (919) 460-4963 for more information.

### **The 2009 Artists' Invitational Exhibition and Sale**

.I wanted to let you know about an exhibition I have at the Waterworks Art Center in Salisbury, NC. **The 2009 Artists' Invitational Exhibition and Sale.** I have 7 of my pieces on exhibit along with 9 other artist. The show runs from now until February 13th, 2010. The opening reception is tomorrow, **Dec. 4th, 6- 8:00 pm.** I would love to have you stop by, if you are in the Salisbury area..... which I'm sure most of you will not be... but who knows, maybe you are passing through on your way to the mountains or off on a very long shopping trip..... or maybe out driving and got off

track. Whatever the reason .... would love to see you there.  
- Theresa Glisson



The Good-Bye, Theresa Glisson

<http://www.waterworks.org/exhibitions.html>

## OTHER

### **From the librarian**

We have 2 new books, Low-Firing and Burnishing, and a replacement copy of Making Marks.

Got books (and videos and DVDs) you checked out ages ago, and never returned? Search your shelves, and bring those babies home! All is forgiven. Just return them at the January meeting. Some books have been missing for years.

Nancy

### **Studio Space Available**

200 sq. ft. studio space renting for \$150 per month will be available January 1, 2010 at Litmus Gallery & Studios in downtown Raleigh (1 block from new Civic Center). Questions/additional information: [artvision@bellsouth.net](mailto:artvision@bellsouth.net) / 919-571-3605

### **Programmable Electric Kiln**

The Craft Center has sent an old L&L model B239 programmable electric kiln over to University surplus. It hasn't used in over 6 years and it needs a

temperature element and may need some other repairs as well. It should be in the next monthly surplus sale on Dec. 11 . NCSU surplus sale information is available at [http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/materialsmgmt/MaterialsSupport/surplus/sale\\_guide.asp](http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/materialsmgmt/MaterialsSupport/surplus/sale_guide.asp)

- Jo Ellen

### Clay For Sale

350 pounds Campbell's Shenandoah cone 6 clay - white with some tooth. Paid .38 per pound asking .29 = \$98. Cindy Aldrich ([cindyaldrich@gmail.com](mailto:cindyaldrich@gmail.com))

### Honorable Mention

My whimsical totem, "Say Cheese" got an honorable mention in the 55th Annual Durham Art Guild Juried Show. The juror, Maria Magdalena Compos-Pons has expressed interest in possibly taking it to her gallery in Boston after the show. The DAG show runs from November 20 through January 22, 2010. I'm (we're) excited. - Bill Newton

### Teaching Opportunity

Would you like to teach a 2-3 hour workshop in hand-building or wheel work? Special interests are human sculpture, colorful clay-work, textures, etc. Setting up schedules for the 2010 year in a local retirement clay studio. Please contact Cheryl Weisz @ [cweisz@nc.rr.com](mailto:cweisz@nc.rr.com) for more details.

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

#### Into The Streets - A Chapel Hill Community Art Project

The Town of Chapel Hill Public Arts Office & Public Arts Commission  
Request For Proposals: Into The Streets - A Community Art Project

#### Project Summary

**DESCRIPTION:** In the spirit of encouraging artists to move out

of the studio and "into the streets," the Town of Chapel Hill's Public Arts Office and Public Arts Commission seeks artists or artist teams to create temporary or more permanent artwork that engages the communities of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, North Carolina. The project(s) must take place in Chapel Hill or Carrboro. All media will be considered, including but not limited to the following: spoken word performances, musical performances, dance, video or electronic media, 2-D and 3-D visual installation. Emerging and established artists are encouraged to apply. Artists are encouraged to call the contacts below with questions and to discuss their proposal ideas with either of these individuals before submitting their proposal.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all artists and artist teams residing in Orange, Durham, Chatham or Wake Counties with ties to Chapel Hill or Carrboro, North Carolina. Artists and teams may specialize in multiple disciplines and media. Selected artists and artist teams must have general liability insurance (Please call for information regarding insurance requirements).

**PROJECT BUDGET:** The total budget for this project is \$11,000. One or two artists/teams will be selected depending upon the strengths of the proposals received. The funds received must cover all expenses related to the concept, design and implementation of the project.

#### DEADLINE FOR

**APPLICATIONS:** January 15, 2009

**ABOUT THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ARTS AND THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION:** The Town of Chapel Hill's Public Arts Office develops and implements art programs to increase public awareness and access to the arts, and provides

opportunities for local artists to display their work. The Office is advised by the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission, a 16-member volunteer board established in 1992 and appointed by the Town Council. The Office's Percent for Art Program, established by a 2002 Ordinance, allocates one percent of selected capital projects for the creation and maintenance of works of public art. Funding for the Percent for Art projects comes from each project's construction budget.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON APPLYING:

For questions or additional information please contact the following Public Arts Commissioners:

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Amanda Miller – [amandamiller721@gmail.com](mailto:amandamiller721@gmail.com)

#### LINKS

**The Crafts Center**  
[www.ncsu.edu/crafts](http://www.ncsu.edu/crafts)  
(919) 515-2457  
**Sertoma Arts Center**  
[www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov)  
(919) 420-2329  
**Pullen Arts Center**  
[www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov)  
(919) 831-6126  
**Claymakers**  
[www.claymakers.com](http://www.claymakers.com)  
(919) 530-8355  
**Durham Arts Council**  
[www.durhamarts.org](http://www.durhamarts.org)  
(919) 560-2726  
**Jordan Hall Arts Center**  
[www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org)  
(919) 469-4069  
**Central Carolina Community College (CCCC)**  
[www.cccc.edu](http://www.cccc.edu)  
**Finch Pottery**  
[www.danfinch.com](http://www.danfinch.com)  
(252) 235-4664  
(919) 742-4156  
**Litmus Gallery**  
[www.litmusgallery.com](http://www.litmusgallery.com)  
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