

# Clay Notes

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## 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, 516 Brickhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC.

Visitors are welcome!

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Susan Filley

## NEXT TPG MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** NCSU Craft Center,  
516 Brickhaven Drive at 7:30pm.

## TPG MEETING AGENDA

- I. **Welcome** returning members, new members, and visitors.
- II. **Old Business**
  - A. Oct meeting minutes (newsletter): modifications / approval: Jayne Cluggish
  - B. Library report – Nancy Schecter
  - C. Finance Committee / Treasurer's report, membership - Carol Clark  
**The Finance Committee will review all budget requests before presentation to the board and the membership.**
  - D. Urban Ministries Tile Installation update: Mary Ann Purser
  - E. Urban Ministries Bowls for Stone Soup update: Donna Kanich
  - F. Archives – details of activities recorded for future reference: Alice DeLisle
- III. **New Business**
  - A. Requests for volunteer demonstrations
  - B. Dec. refreshments
- IV. **Promptly at 8 pm: The Main Event:**

## SUSAN FILLEY

Our guest presenter for the November 4 meeting will be Susan Filley. Susan has worked with clay for over 25 years and has an MFA in ceramics from LSU. She has worked as a studio artist, teacher, and arts professional

and has served as President of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, dedicating many years toward promoting education, improving quality, and developing community support for potters and ceramics. She has received numerous awards in exhibits and craft shows across the country and has pieces in several museum collections in the US & abroad. Her work includes "pots to use and pots whose function is more aptly understood as 'aesthetic' function." Susan works with porcelain; "it's whiteness, and translucent yet enduring quality, have melded with her passion for beautiful form, strong lines, rich color and gestural drama resulting in elegant forms and luminous glaze surfaces that are vibrant with color." She also incorporates a calligraphic style of slip work in decorating her pots; a technique she will be demonstrating for us. Susan has just built her new studio in Chapel Hill and incorporated a beautiful gallery room to keep work on display year round. A selection of Susan's pots will be available for purchase at the meeting. For more about Susan, her work, and her November Studio Open House, visit <http://www.susanfilley.com/>.



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## MINUTES SEPT MTG

- I. Alice opened the meeting by welcoming old and new members. Four new people introduced themselves.
- II. Old Business
  - A. Nancy Schecter was introduced as the new Librarian. She asked members to think about suggesting new books for the Library, as we have budgeted \$500 for that purpose. She is looking for "The Mint Museum: Ceramic Art of North Carolina", which is missing. She will be looking for volunteers to help reorganize the library and build new shelves when the Craft Center moves back to its building.
  - B. Carol Clark reported that the Guild collected \$3,913 in sales from Clay Fest, at the Farmer's Market. At present, we have 52 paid-up members. Dues are \$25 individual, \$37 family, and \$15 student. The newsletter is being sent to paid members only. **The Finance Committee will review all budget requests before presentation to the board and the membership.**
  - C. Jo Ellen Westmoreland is trying to organize a raku party for the December meeting. She needs someone to host the event, which would be a pot-luck dinner plus a firing. The Guild did own a raku kiln which was stored at Brita Tate's house, and we have lost track of it. Does anyone know its whereabouts?
  - D. Susan Luster gave a report on Clay Fest, which was considered a successful event. There were 20 sellers, along with other volunteers, and demonstrators. The educational display was

appreciated. Highwater and Cheryl Weisz donated all of the clay. Thanks to all who helped with this event. Susan will not be in charge of this event next year, so we need to find another volunteer to chair the committee. Susan also suggested that the Guild begin a calendar project listing events that members participate in. This would help the committee to plan a weekend date that works best for all.

- E. Donna Kanich reported that all of the tiles for the Urban Ministries mural have been painted. Members need to please bring back any tiles they have taken home to decorate. They can be returned to the Craft Center or at our next meeting.
- F. Donna Kanich also reported that we have about 150 bowls for the Urban Ministries Stone Soup Supper which will be held on Nov. 18, at the First Baptist Church in downtown Raleigh. Our commitment was for 300 bowls, so we need more bowls. She is willing to also take mugs. Consider asking friends for donations. Tim Turner donated 20 bowls. Bowls can be dropped off at the Crafts Center.
- G. Alice reported on our invitation from Sertoma Art Center to have a show there. The dates will be March 26 – April 30. There should be room for one not-too-large piece per member, and it does not need to be for sale. Sertoma will take a 25% commission. All voted in favor of having this show.
- H. Since only 3 people responded to State Fair Pottery Expo invitation, and no one volunteered to take charge of organizing it, the Guild voted not to participate due to lack of interest.
- I. Jay Levine reported on the success of the Dead Sea Scrolls workshop. Quite a few members helped out. The museum is planning another

workshop for Dec. 8. He will keep us informed.

- J. Dan Finch is having an Open House on Nov. 11, 2008 at Finch Pottery in Bailey NC.

- III. The meeting was adjourned. Jo Ellen introduced Charlie Tefft, the night's presenter, who teaches at Guilford College. His presentation was fun and informative. How many of us can tell our life story and successfully throw a large pitcher at the same time?

## URBAN MINISTRIES

Last chance to bring bowls to donate to Urban Ministries Stone Soup fund raiser. We still need 100 bowls. For each 5 bowls you donate you get a chance for a \$100 gift certificate at Highwater Clay. Call 781-3922 [dkanich@earthlink.net](mailto:dkanich@earthlink.net)

## CALENDAR REQUEST

Please send dates of pottery, art and/or craft shows that you participate in or especially enjoy. I will start a calendar so we can be aware of events and avoid duplicating dates for our own events. These will be listed in Claynotes. Send to Susan Luster at [susisolar@aol.com](mailto:susisolar@aol.com)

## CLAYFEST WRAP UP

The committee is compiling successes and shortcomings for Clayfest to make next year's event even better. Please send your suggestions to Susan Luster ([susisolar@aol.com](mailto:susisolar@aol.com)) in the next couple of weeks. Next year's committee will be convening in a few months to begin planning Clayfest 2009, so begin thinking how you'd like to participate.

## WORKSHOPS

**Cynthia Bringle workshop** is being offered by Central Carolina Community College. It's called Pottery--Improving Skills and Design, (Continuing Education course number C-3277). The dates are November 8 and 9 from 9-5

each day, and costs \$250. As of the writing of this newsletter, there were two spaces available--919-542-6495 x223. It will be held at the Arts Incubator in Siler City.

## DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Martin Stankus, Edge Barnes, Ben Gufford, Chris Syder, Theresa & George Glisson, Walter, Shearin, Gail Lawson, Anita Smith, Janie Vila and Joanne Wood, along with many other volunteers, guided children through a wonderful journey to help them understand how clay, textile weaving, basketry and dance have such timeless energy between ancient and modern times... lots of fun, great interactions and a beautiful day...



## VOLUNTEER REQUESTS

**Brassfield Elementary School** in north Raleigh is planning a North Carolina Products event for our 4th grade students, exposing our students to North Carolina's rich heritage of products and cultural arts. We are reaching out to the

community looking for people that would be willing to help us out with this event. Given pottery's impressive history in NC, we would like to showcase it and I was hoping that you might be able to help us out. I contacted Sertoma Art Center and was given your group's name as a possible resource. Would anyone in your group be interested in giving a brief history about pottery and its elements and possibly even direct a simple clay project, such as coil pots? We could provide the clay and our school has a kiln (and art teacher!) for firing the pots. The students have created one pinch pot type of pot this year and would love to have more exposure to this art form.

This event would take place twice, due to our year-round status, on Friday, November 21st and again on Friday, December 12th. We would like to have three sessions, with approx. 26 students per session, for the November 21st event and then two sessions of the same size for the December 12th session. We are envisioning 30 minute sessions that could be either in the morning (9:30-11:20) or afternoon (12:30-2:20). The event will take place in the classrooms at school and parents would be available as assistants. If it would be easier on schedules we could certainly have two different artists for the two different days. Contact Stephanie Petzold [stephpetzold@yahoo.com](mailto:stephpetzold@yahoo.com)

**Hunter Elementary School** is looking for a potter to do a series of short demos for the 4th grade on November 7th from 10-12:00 noon. Sounds like they will have several other artists demonstrating as well. They will provide lunch for the artists following the demonstrations. A fun opportunity! If you are interested please contact: Lisa Brown cell: 946-0296 [lisa.brown@corporateincentiveproducts.com](mailto:lisa.brown@corporateincentiveproducts.com) They are trying to

finalize details so please be in touch with Lisa Brown as soon as possible.

My son attends **Northwood High School** in Pittsboro North Carolina. His art teacher is trying to find resources to purchase a pottery wheel for the classroom and I was wondering if you might be familiar with any other organizations that might give mini- grants to do such things. Any leads you could provide would be helpful. Thanks. Beth Wilson <[bwilson@ncsu.edu](mailto:bwilson@ncsu.edu)>

My name is Pat Marko and I am the program organizer for the **Cary Newcomer** general meetings. I saw you all set up at the farmers market today and I was wondering if you might consider giving a class at one of our meetings. Attendance is usually over 100 and I believe all would be interested in seeing the work in progress. Please give me a call if this is a possibility thanks. Pat Marko 919-854-2807

## ART-ON-THE-MOVE ARTIST CALL!

The **Raleigh Arts Commission**, in partnership with Capital Area Transit (CAT), announces the second round of Art-On-The-Move, an innovative city public art project placing original art on the sides of Raleigh buses!

All visual and graphic artists 18 years of age or older, who have lived, worked or attended school for at least one year in Wake County, are invited to submit original designs (all submissions must be received by the Arts Commission office by December 10, 2008). Selected artists will each receive a \$1000 honorarium and the opportunity to have their artwork emblazoned on the side of CAT buses traveling around the city for a period of six months beginning in May, 2009. Twelve artists will be selected for implementation of their designs.

For further information and to obtain Art-On-The-Move

application guidelines, please visit [www.raleighnc.gov/arts](http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts) or contact Belva Parker, Arts Program Coordinator, at (919) 890-3610 ([belva.parker@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:belva.parker@ci.raleigh.nc.us)).

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Joyce and Bill Newton have 3 pieces that were selected for the Durham Art Guild's Juried Show that runs through November 2 at Durham Arts Council.

## DONATION REQUEST

Donate a piece of pottery or other art for the environment. **NC Conservation Network** is having its annual web-based auction to raise money for environmental advocacy. The auction runs 10/31 - 11/21. [www.nconconservationnetwork.org](http://www.nconconservationnetwork.org) for more info about the organization. Items can be donated via Susan Luster, [susisolar@aol.com](mailto:susisolar@aol.com) up until the day the auction starts.

## REQUEST FOR HELP

**Samantha Thomas** aka Paisley Place is recovering from a serious medical condition and is beginning to throw again, but is looking for someone in the Pine Level area and would be willing to let her fire a few pieces. Her email is [paise@earthlink.net](mailto:paise@earthlink.net) but she is having some computer issues. If you would like to call her, she asks that you email [trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com](mailto:trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com) for the number.

## SALES AND EXHIBITS

**Cynthia Aldrich** is having a huge sale at her home. I will be selling my familiar functional pottery with the blue and cream glazes and floral motifs. BUT, I have spent the last year developing 2 new lines of contemporary functional ware - new designs, new clays, celadon glazes on one line and shino and black on the other.

ALSO, I will have all my remaining GODDESS sculptures on sale at significantly reduced prices. I have been making these sculptures for 15 years

and its time to move on and make room for my new work. If you've ever wanted one of my goddess sculptures the time is now!

November 8, 10-5PM and November 9, 12-5PM at my home: 28 Churchwell Ct., Durham. 544-2451.

**Dan Finch Studio Potters Opening Reception**, Thursday October 23 - 5:00pm until 7:00pm

Special music by the Flat Mountain Dulcimers  
An exhibit of pottery by Dan Finch and potters from the Bailey studio.

Exhibit dates: October 23 through November 26, Lower level gallery, Arts Council of Wayne County on Ash St. in Goldsboro, NC

## Finch Pottery Open House

Sunday, November 9 - 10:00 - 5:00 Live music and 60 plus potters from all over eastern NC. - Free admission. Finch Nursery Hwy. 581- Bailey, NC

## FOR SALE

Pottery **Kick Wheel** Homemade from a kit design. Used 5 years as a hobby and needs a new home. New ball-bearings. Wooden frame and heavy concrete fly wheel (divides into two sections for transport). Non-removable splash pan. Plaster bat used for wheel-head. Asking \$100. Contact: Cheryl Weisz, 919-787-7497



## QUESTION

Does anyone use Standard #205, cone 10 stoneware clay or know anyone who does?  
Cindy Aldrich 544-2451

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## 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)

(919) 571-3605