

Clay Notes

JULY 2008

Clay Notes, the monthly TPG newsletter, and the TPG membership form are now available at

www.trianglepotters.org

To get your news and announcements in the newsletter, send to:

cweisz@nc.rr.com or mail to:

Triangle Potters Guild

Attn: Corresponding Secretary

P.O. Box 10161.

Raleigh, NC 27605

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, 516 Brickhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC. Visitors are welcome!

TPG BOARD

President

Gail Lawson

919-217-9684

gllawson@hotmail.com

Vice President

Mary Ann Purser

919-850-1338

uturnpottery@yahoo.com

Corresponding Secretary

Cheryl L. Weisz

919-787-7497

cweisz@nc.rr.com

Treasurer

Carol Clark

919 876-1393

cdebclark@msn.com

Recording Secretary

Charlene Poisel

919 380-0525

charlenepoisel@yahoo.com

Librarian

Bill Schmitz

919 866-0905

billspots@yahoo.com



Photo by Scott Clevenger C. 2008 WRAL.com
Alvin Headen from the Triangle Potters Guild demonstrates how to create a pot at City Market.

ARTSPLOSURE!

Public interest, productive time and friendships are all a part of the experience of Artsplosure in the TPG tent. Bowls were thrown for Urban Ministries as well as \$9078 total tent sales of pottery made this a valuable venture for all concerned. Bright children's eyes and interested on-lookers enjoyed the hand-building and wheel demonstrations. A great time was had by all!

TPG NEWS OF INTEREST

Congratulations to our new Board!

President Alice DeLisle

Vice President JoEllen Westmoreland

Librarian Kim Lehman

Recording Secretary Jayne Cluggish

Corresponding Secretary Ray Weeks

Treasurer Carol Clark

A REQUEST...

Hello everyone! I will soon be busy trying to schedule presentations for our TPG meetings for the coming year. Please help me out by sending me suggestions for topics or the potters that you would be interested in seeing. Please send suggestions to me at

jo_westmoreland@ncsu.edu

Thanks, Jo Ellen Westmoreland

Triangle Potters Guild

Vice-President elect, 2008-2009

NEXT TPG MEETING

September 2nd, 2008 7:30 pm

Meeting Location: 516 Brickhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC

FOR SALE

Shelving for sale. Mix of my old show shelves, and extra studio shelves which are hollow core bi-fold doors. The show shelves are ~11" x 36" x 1/4" wood with a chrome metal frame. Two table top frames and one floor frame. The studio shelves require some type of support such as wall brackets. Call Edge Barnes for details & price. Call (through the end of June) @ 919-832-7013 after June 28th, best to call 919-744-5761.

FOIL SAGGAR FIRING

Edge Barnes will be conducting a Foil Saggar fire for anyone who has previously taken a saggar class or workshop with him. (pit firings at Joann's count). The date & time is 9:00 to 5:00 on August 16th (Sat.) with a rain date of the 17th. There will be a wrap session on Thursday the 14th from 4:00 - 8:00 PM to prepare pots for the first firing which we will unload Saturday morning. Saturday we will wrap more pots, unload the first firing, reload the kiln and have a pot luck lunch while the kiln is firing and cooling. Cost is \$50 per person and includes all materials for decorating pots and two kiln firings. Group is limited to 10 people. Call Edge (through the end of June) @ 919-832-7013 or e-mail potsedge@earthlink.net after June 28th, best to call 919-744-5761.

WORKSHOPS

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT JOHN BRITT'S STUDIO
Cone 10 Reduction Firing Workshop

July 11 - July 13, 2008

Understanding Firing and Cone 10 Reduction. Weekend Firing of Shino, Copper Red and Celadon \$220 (PLUS FIRING FEE)

Friday 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.- bring your pots, glaze and load kiln
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – fire kiln and learn the dynamics of firing
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – unload kiln and discuss results

Basic Glaze Chemistry and Raw Materials

July 21 – July 25, 2008

Learn basic glaze chemistry of clay bodies and glazes

Covering low, medium and high-fire glazes. Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$450.00 includes glaze notebook (PLUS FIRING FEE)

Weekend Kiln Building Workshop

August 1 – August 3, 2008

Basic Kiln Design and Construction Building a 18 cu. ft. IFB, sprung arch down draft gas kiln. \$220 includes kiln plans

Oil Spot Workshop

August 15 – August 17, 2008

Understanding Firing and Cone 10 Oxidation. Weekend Firing of Oil Spot Glazes. \$220 (PLUS FIRING FEE) Friday 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.- bring your pots, glaze and load kiln. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – fire kiln and learn the dynamics of firing. Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – unload kiln and discuss results

For more information on the workshops or accommodations contact John at:

John Britt Pottery Studio
154 Sparks Road
Bakersville, NC 28705
828-688-6615
jbritt@main.nc.

FROM CLAYMAKERS

Hello, clay enthusiasts-- With **new owner Catherine Lidov** at Claymakers' helm and the sale of Claymakers successfully completed yesterday afternoon, we are all breathing a sigh of relief at this happy news, and we begin this new

chapter in Claymakers history looking ahead to summer, even as we're winding up our current session of classes! Our **Summer Session I begins on June 9--only 9 days away--** so it is time for you to check out the schedule and register for the class of your choice. We are also offering **Teen Wheel** classes in the afternoons from 2:30-4:30 with flexible sessions starting June 16 and running through August 14. Please check our website for more information.

SESSION I: June 9-July 26

Explorations in Clay: Saturday mornings with Pam Wardell

Figurative Sculpture; Monday evenings with Laura Farrow Sake

Bottles & Cups; Monday evenings with Barbara McKenzie

Continuing Wheel: Tuesday evenings with Liz Paley

Thinking Outside the Box; Tuesday evenings with Sarah White

Light Up Your Sculpture; Wednesday mornings with Holly Fischer

Sculpture: Narrative Portrait; Wednesday evenings with Laura Farrow

Sculpture: Technique, Design & Aesthetics; Wednesday evenings with Caroly van Duyn

Details: Lids, Handles...; Wednesday evenings with Rob DeKroon

Throwing Tall: Vases & Pitchers; Thursday mornings with Laura Korch

Clay As Canvas; Thursday evenings with Lucia Marcus

Beginning Wheel and Beyond; Thursday evenings with Martha Sue Carraway & Dianne Freund

SESSION II: July 28-September 13

Explorations in Clay: Saturday mornings with Pam Wardell

Intro to Glazes; Monday evenings with Laura Korch

Tuesdays with Susan Filley, Tuesday mornings with Susan Filley

Continuing Wheel: Tuesday evenings with Liz Paley

Handbuilt Vessels; Tuesday evenings with Sarah White

Sculpture: Technique, Design & Aesthetics; Wednesday evenings with Caroly van Duyn

Surface Treatments; Wednesday evenings with Rob DeKroon

Slip Casting: Thursday evenings with Jeremiah Huth

Beginning Wheel and Beyond; Thursday evenings with Martha Sue Carraway & Catherine Lidov

Open Raku Firing led by Barbara McKenzie: July 12, 9am-5pm

Please check our web site www.claymakers.com for complete class descriptions and registration information. You can just give us a call at **919-530-8355** to register by phone! We hope to see some of you here in the studio this summer!

Tanya Schreiber and Ana Howard, Co-Managers, Claymakers
Catherine Lidov, Owner
705 Foster Street
Durham, NC 27701
Phone: 919.530.8355
Business Hours: Tues. through Sat. 11am - 6pm

OPPORTUNITY

Litmus Gallery & Studios (downtown Raleigh) has available a space and hook-up for an electric kiln. Wanted is a potter/artist who would like to place a kiln on the site and who would be willing to trade occasional firing of sculptures in return for free and unlimited firing of his/her pottery/art. If interested/ questions: artvision@bellsouth.net or 919-571-3605.

13th ANNUAL LARKSPUR PARTY

Frances Alvareno is having her annual Larkspur Party on Saturday, June 7th (10am-6pm) & Sunday, June 8th (10am-4pm). Several potters and other artist showing their wares in her lovely garden. 6401 Litchford Road, Raleigh, NC www.larkspurparty.com

CLAYFEST IS COMING!

Mark your calendars! The Inaugural **TPG ClayFest** is scheduled for September 13, 2008, 9 am – 4 pm at the North Carolina Farmers Market in Raleigh. As a Guild, TPG represents clay craftspeople from throughout Central North Carolina (and beyond), beginners to advanced, students to hobbyists to professionals. **TPG ClayFest** is a great opportunity, and offers us numerous benefits:

SALES: Each member of TPG can offer their work for sale. Simply price your work (with your ID on the price tag – arranged in advance with Carol Clark, the Treasurer), set up your display, and TPG will take care of the sales and send you a check. Those selling will also help with demos and the sales table.

NETWORKING: We have so much talent and expertise to be shared! For beginners, TPG is a great source for mentoring and technical information. And those members

who have been doing pots for a while know that there is always more to learn. And face it; potters are crazy, wacky-quirky-fun people. There are lots of activities planned for **TPG ClayFest** to encourage interaction between members so we can get to know each other. As much as a sales opportunity, this is a chance to socialize with other TPG members.

EDUCATION: One of the main goals of TPG is to educate ourselves and the public about the arts and clay art in particular. We will have several events at **TPG ClayFest**, from the usual wheel throwing demos and hand-building demos to competitions for the potters and a pot mural made from the demo pots. For the kids we will have clay finger painting. Most of us have seen how engaged people are watching demos and the excitement on kid's faces when they have created something with their own hands.

In addition to these activities, we plan to put together a poster-type display describing the process of making a pot. (How many times have you answered the question: how long did it take you to make that pot? or how did you do that?) We envision a presentation board with step-by-step educational photos and text on how a simple pot is made with accompanying samples in varying stages of the process. This display can then be used again in future TPG activities. We need volunteers to head up this activity.

Sounds like FUN, doesn't it? It's guaranteed!

How can you participate?

SALES
NETWORKING
EDUCATION

And just show up and have a great time.

Contact **Susan Luster**, susisolar@aol.com, if you want to sell or help promote the event, and **Alice DeLisle**, wanderland@att.net, if you would like to work on the educational display.

Contact **Cheryl Weisz** cweisz@nc.rr.com if you would like to add your name to the list of those who will 1) demo (on the wheel or hand-build), 2) be involved with the potter's competitions (example: who can make the tallest pot while having a paper bag over your head so you are working by feel only) a tally board will make it exciting, 3) make pots for a mural that is planned (throw the pot on the wheel and then THROW the pot on a slab of clay to create altered shapes) or 4) help with the clay finger-painting for parents and children. Events will happen contingent on interest expressed.

Everyone in the Guild is invited to participate! This is sure to become a wonderful and much-anticipated-by-the-public annual event. Join us for the inaugural year and come out and see how much fun it can be!

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS EXHIBIT

is in progress (June 28th- Dec. 28th). Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help with the planned workshops. We have created a listserv to help support communication between those who have volunteered to participate (dead_sea_scroll_pottery). We welcome the support of all of you who are willing to help out with the planned workshops. Please let me know if you can volunteer and would like to be added to the listserv supporting these events.

Group tickets (10+) are available for the event. Please contact me if you have questions.

Send me a note at

Alasmidonta@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Jay

LINKS

The Crafts Center

www.ncsu.edu/crafts

(919) 515-2457

Sertoma Arts Center

(919) 420-2329

Pullen Arts Center

(919) 831-6126

Claymakers

www.claymakers.com

(919) 530-8355

Durham Arts Council

www.durhamarts.org

(919) 560-2726

Jordan Hall Arts Center

www.townofcary.org

(919) 469-4069

Central Carolina Community

College (CCCC)

www.cccc.edu

Finch Pottery

www.danfinch.com

(252) 235-4664

(919) 742-4156

Litmus Gallery

www.litmusgallery.com

(919) 571-3605