

Clay Notes

September 2007

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 are currently meeting at 516 Brickhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC. Visitors are welcome!

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NEXT TPG MEETING

September 4, 2007 7:30 pm

Meeting Location:

516 Brickhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC. (near the NCSU Arboretum). Y'all come!

516 Brickhaven Drive - temporary location of The Crafts Center and the University Theatre during the renovation of the Frank Thompson Building.



DONATIONS SOUGHT

Benefit Flea Market Sale by NCSU Crafts Center Participants and Beneficiaries

We are all aware that the Crafts Center has been relocated temporarily while the Thompson Building is undergoing renovation. Some may not be aware that additional funds are still needed to complete the renovations. To help meet that need, we are organizing a Flea Market sale of second and imperfect craft items. **(This is NOT to be confused with the bowl collection for Urban Ministries.)** We are asking Crafts Center participants (students and those who use the facilities at the Crafts Center) and beneficiaries (the craft guilds who meet at the Crafts Center) to help by donating their imperfect craft items for the benefit sale. You know, those items that didn't turn out quite right, or that you think are just plain ugly. Somebody will be willing to pay a dollar or two to get them. Those few dollars can really add up and make a significant donation the Campaign to Renovate the Frank Thompson Building.

▪ Where and When

NC State Fairgrounds Flea Market
September 22-23, 2007 (Sept. 29-30 possible rain date) We would love to have you come and help us!

▪ Donations

Donations may be taken to the Crafts Center's location at 516 Brickhaven Dr.

POTTERY FEST 2007

Pottery Fest 2007 takes place Saturday, September 8, 9-5 at Under the Oaks, 2033 E. Wait Ave, Wake Forest, NC 27587. Hosted by potters Jim and Tricia Bell, Pottery Fest, now in it's fifth year, is an all pottery art show with demos, pit firing, children's table, home made ice cream and food. Fifteen to twenty artists are expected to participate this year including TPG members Mary Ann Purser, Bill and Joyce Newton, Edge Barnes, Jo Ann Lobur, John Garland and Mary Paul. (Hope I haven't forgotten anyone). Rain date, Sunday, Sept. 9th. Info: Jim and Tricia Bell 556-7864

BOWLS PLEASE

(Sung to a familiar tune...)

45 Bowls of beer on the wall,
45 Bowls of beer,
That is what we... have currently,
45 Bowls of beer on the wall.

But, seriously, we'd like to have 300 by November for the Urban Ministries to raise funds for helping those in need. Three to five bowls from each member would be nice, more if possible. Please support what the Guild has approved as something valuable to which to contribute. Contact Donna Kanich at dkanich@earthlink.net.



ARTIST OPPORTUNITES

Durham Arts Council 2007-2008 Call for Artists Application Now Available!

Applications are due to the Durham Arts Council by 9 PM on Thursday, January 31st, 2008! www.durhamarts.org

State Fair

State Fair will be one of the topics for discussion during the Sept. 4th meeting. We hope all those who are interested in participating and selling at the State Fair will bring their ideas and as a Guild we may contribute to the promotion of pottery in the state of North Carolina as a dynamic group.

CLASSES OF INTEREST WITH OUR MEMBERS

PULLEN ARTS CENTER

Better Bowls

Advance beyond the 'easy' dog-dish bowls of beginning wheel. Discussions will include form, treatment of foot and rim, and what makes a good balanced bowl.

Demonstrations will show how to overcome the tendency for slumping/collapsing walls. Pre-requisite: Beginning Wheel at Pullen or Setoma Arts or Clay Studio

Instructor: Edge Barnes (6 weeks).

Class Fee: \$81

Sep 13–Oct 18 Th 7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Soda Kiln Cone 10 Firing

Participants in this course will be firing their works in an off-site Soda Kiln. An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, September 6 at 7pm at Pullen Arts Center. Participants bring their bisqued and glazed work to the off-site kiln on Friday, October 19 at 5pm for loading.

Firing of the kiln will be Saturday, October 20 with unloading date determined by the group. Kiln firing fee (for gas) of approx. \$30 payable at time of firing. Pre-requisite:

Beginner Wheel or Handbuilding at Pullen or Sertoma Arts Center or Clay Studio Orientation course at Pullen Arts. Instructor: Donna Kanich (1 weekend session).

Class Fee: \$95

Sep 6–Oct 20 Th–Sa 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

SERTOMA ARTS CENTER

Handbuilding: Beginning

Age: 16yrs. and up. This introductory class will cover a range of techniques including pinching, coils and slabs, as well as offer an overview of ceramic materials and glazing. Each class will offer demonstrations and include individual work time with the instructor's guidance. No previous clay experience necessary. Students are encouraged to practice between class sessions and have free access to Sertoma's well equipped studio. New students may not miss more than 2 classes, and must attend the first class and the glazing class (approx. 5th week), in order to qualify for a studio card. Materials not included: purchase at first class (approximately \$35). Ali Sobel-Read instructs.

\$91

Sep 25–Nov 6 Tu 9:30 AM – 12 PM

Sep 24–Nov 5 M 7 – 9:30 PM



SUMMER VACATION...

Cheryl Weisz

Traveled to the northern wilds of Canada up route 11 which is populated with potteries along the way. It is a major "vein" of clay that travels from Toronto up to New Liskard, Ontario, Canada. I love the idea that many of the potters settled on the vein for so great a distance.

Susan Luster

I saw some incredible old Native American pottery at the Medicine Wheel in Wyoming, left as part of ceremonies or gifts to the gods. This is an awesome, ancient spiritual place. I also saw quite a collection at Stewart's Trapline Gallery in Dubois, WY, of ancient Native pottery. Very crude in a way, yet beautiful in their simplicity. Inspiring!



A Chris Campbell Creation

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To speed up the renewal process at the September 4th meeting, please print the membership form on the last page of this newsletter and present the **completed** form to Carol Clark with your \$25.00 renewal fee (\$37.00 for families/business)

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

Duke Craft Center

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

(919) 684-2532

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

Triangle Potters Guild Membership Form

Dues are \$25 for individuals, \$37 for families or business members, \$15 for full-time students.

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Email address	
Web site address	

Are you a...	Newsletter Preference:
Full-time Student <input type="checkbox"/>	E-mail (PDF file) <input type="checkbox"/>
New member <input type="checkbox"/>	E-mail address:
Renewing member <input type="checkbox"/>	Will access via website <input type="checkbox"/>
Individual <input type="checkbox"/>	Will pick up at TPG meetings <input type="checkbox"/>
Family/Business Member <input type="checkbox"/>	
I'm Interested in helping with:	
Shows and Sales <input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity <input type="checkbox"/>
Workshops <input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Outreach <input type="checkbox"/>	Website <input type="checkbox"/>
Any way I can <input type="checkbox"/>	
I would like to be a presenter at a Guild meeting in the future <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Topic I would like to present:	

Signature: _____ Date: _____