

# Clay Notes

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**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!

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## TPG MEETING MINUTES

From March 4, 2008

- The Catherine Thornton workshop sponsored by the Guild was very successful. Gail Lawson says the Guild hopes to have another workshop to offer members before summer.
- The Grant-Community Project committee has met and come up with a design for the installation project at Urban Ministries. They are planning on going to Urban Ministries and laying it out for their approval. The committee will present the design to Guild members at another meeting.
- Martin Stankus reported that members interested in Artsposure have met and we currently have 18 members signed up for the May 17 & 18 show. The entry fee for members is \$25, plus a share of the tent fee. A sign-up sheet was passed around and the group will meet again before the April Guild meeting.
- Martin also reported that the Guild has been invited to participate in Earth Day activities at the Museum of Life Science in Raleigh on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-7. The museum will provide a 10 x 10 tent for us and we can demo and sell. A sign-up sheet

was passed around for interested members.

• Al Headen reported that the Nominating Committee has the following nominees for new board members:

President – Alice de Lisle

VP – JoEllen Westmoreland

Librarian – Kim Lehman

Recording Secretary – Jayne Cluggish

Corresponding Secretary – Ray Weeks

Treasurer – Carol Clark

Guild members, who wish to be

considered, please contact Al

Headen or Edge Barnes. The Guild

will vote during the May meeting.

• Charlene Poisel read the rules covering voting and elections from the by-laws. We will have a copy of the by-laws placed on our website.

Charlene Poisel  
Recording Secretary

## NEXT TPG MEETING

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Location:** 516 Brickhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC

(OK, April Fools aside, our guest this month really is: Holly Fischer. I apologize for getting everyone excited about Holly one month before.)

Guest Artist: Holly Fischer.

Holly Fischer has been cultivating her voice as a contemporary figurative sculptor for more than a decade. An award-winning artist, she received a BA in Studio Art from Meredith College and an MFA in Ceramics from the University of Texas at Austin. She has taught at the Savannah College of Art and Design and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Visit [www.hollyfischer.com](http://www.hollyfischer.com) for more information and images of her work. Sculptors throughout history, including Michelangelo and Rodin, created maquettes, or small models, prior to beginning construction of large projects. Holly Fischer will demonstrate her process of creating a three-dimensional clay maquette and enlarging it, using a ratio, to a

full-scale sculpture through coil construction. This process allows Holly to explore multiple ideas and compositions on a small scale without the constraints of engineering challenges. When she is committed to building a form at full-scale this technique enables her to maintain the proportions of her original model.

## TPG BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS and VOTING

The Board Nominations Committee consisting of Al Headen, Edge Barnes and Audry Heatwole have submitted the following list for the TPG membership's consideration in the upcoming elections for next year's Board Members:

### President

Alice de Lisle

### Vice President

Jo Ellen Westmoreland

### Librarian

Kim Lehman

### Recording Secretary

Jayne Cluggish

### Corresponding Secretary

Ray Weeks

### Treasurer

Carol Clark

Additional nominations are welcome and may be announced prior to voting that will take place Tues., May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the general TPG meeting beginning at 7:30pm.

## WORKSHOPS

### Colored Clay and Slips Workshop

Take a look at Chris Campbell's website [www.ccpottery.com](http://www.ccpottery.com) and see what's in store for Friday thru Sunday, June 6-8 in Norfolk, VA at the Virginia Wesleyan College ceramics studio in the Hofheimer Fine Arts Building. Using colored clay and colored slips, Chris will demonstrate how to create secondary colors, fade colors, create murrini patterns, use these patterns, layer slips and carve through them, and create faux surfaces. Workshop participants will

then practice, under Chris's guidance, the techniques she has demonstrated using the colored materials provided in the workshop. Workshop hours: Friday 6-9 pm; Saturday 9 til 5 (or 6); Sunday 9 til 5. Cost for this workshop is \$105 for CDA members, \$135 for nonmembers. To register: Make check payable to CDA and mail to Susan Yager 121 Terrell Road, Newport News, VA 23606. Nonmembers, please include email and phone.

For further info: Sooz Yager  
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Fax : 919-676-2062

website: [www.ccpottery.com](http://www.ccpottery.com)

wholesale :

[www.wholesalecrafts.com](http://www.wholesalecrafts.com)

### The Alpha to Omega of Raku Workshop by Steven Forbes-deSoule

March 29 &30

9am to 5pm

Fee: \$200/250 non-resident

In this two day demonstration workshop, raku potter Steven Forbes-deSoule will take the participants through the creation process starting with wheel throwing and altering techniques and culminating in raku firings. Included will be discussions on suitable clay bodies, glaze development, firing techniques, safety concerns, a slide show and plenty of questions and answers. Students may also bring 2 bisqued pieces for firing on the second day.

Steven has a Masters of Visual Arts with a major in Ceramics from Georgia State University . His work has been featured in a variety of group and one man exhibitions, national publications and a number of books. He has taught workshops for John C. Campbell Folk School , Arrowmont School of Crafts, Pots and Painters, Studio in the Woods

and many others. His work is featured at the prestigious Blue Spiral 1 Gallery in Asheville , NC and Carolina Clay Gallery in Kiawah Island , SC. For more information please contact: Jennifer Rankin, Arts Education Coordinator. Phone: 252-972-1632, Email: [jennifer.rankin@rockymountnc.gov](mailto:jennifer.rankin@rockymountnc.gov).

## And... from a recent workshop...

Recipe for Butterscotch Brownies that showed up at Catherine Thornton's workshop:

1/2 cup butter

1 cup dark brown sugar

1 egg, unbeaten

1/4 tsp salt

3/4 cup flour

2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp vanilla

1/2 cup nut meats, broken in pieces.

Melt butter and mix in brown sugar, then egg and then other ingredients.

Spread in shallow 8x8 inch buttered pan. Bake 25 minutes at 350

degrees. Cut immediately into

squares or strips. Recommend that

you double the recipe!

## FURINI MEMORIAL SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM

You are invited to participate in the Furini Memorial Sculpture Symposium on March 28-30, 2008.

This special professional development opportunity will take place at Meredith College's Gaddy Hamrick Art Center and on the grounds of the Meredith College campus. The Symposium is offered in conjunction with the Furini Memorial Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition and is designed to offer support, information, tools, and experiences to guide emerging artists, teachers, and students as they move forward in their art careers. Artists of all media will find sessions of interest.

Registration is open to exhibiting artists, college/university students and faculty, recent graduates, art teachers\*, and interested others.

Space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first come basis.

For registration and schedule information go to the link(s) listed below and hit the "Events/Exhibitions" link down on the left side.

<http://www.meredith.edu/art/gallery-exhibits.htm>

or

<http://www.meredith.edu/art/>

\*(Public school teachers that participate fully in the Symposium will be eligible to receive a letter of participation to be used toward recertification requirements).

For additional information, contact Sharon Hill a 919.760.2386 or [hills@meredith.edu](mailto:hills@meredith.edu)

Susan G. Furini was a prolific sculptor who was passionate about her art and noted for her many public art sculptures throughout the Southwest.

Susan often worked on site-specific, large scale works that reflected the Southwest desert environment and the stylistic influence of Picasso.

Her first large scale commission was the main library facade in Mesa, Arizona. Sadly, Susan Furini passed away in February 2007. Susan Furini's dedication to her art, to art in the lives of others, as well as her determined spirit and creative gifts will serve as a guiding force to symposium participants. During Susan's life she encountered many challenges as a practicing female artist. She pursued new venues, new forms of expression, and adapted existing media to fit her vision. This symposium is designed to share these ideals with participants. Meredith College's strong history of supporting women in the arts makes it the perfect venue for this celebration. The enthusiastic support of the Furini family, the Meredith College Center for the Arts, and the Meredith College Art Department create a unique opportunity to influence and support a new generation of women artists.

## NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Rodgers, Raleigh, NC 27605  
[pwfarm@mindspring.com](mailto:pwfarm@mindspring.com)

## SHOWS

**Litmus Gallery & Studios:** Apr 4<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Photography: *Nudes & Nature* by Bob Gunn. 312 West Cabarrus Street, Raleigh. April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: Opening/Public Reception 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. April 6<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>: Open by appointment (919) 918-4084.

## HELP WANTED

Pottery Wheel Instructor needed for an adult and children's classes at a local contemporary pottery studio located in North Raleigh. Adult classes held Thursday evenings. Children's classes on Saturdays. Can pay hourly or trade off in own studio time. Call Cindy at 218-6357

## ANOTHER HELP WANTED

The Durham Arts Council School is looking for a pottery instructor to teach an intermediate to advance class this spring (starts in April) and possibly in the summer. Interested parties should send their resume along with images of their work to Jill Brown at [jbrown@durhamarts.org](mailto:jbrown@durhamarts.org).

## ARTIST RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITY

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center invites artists working in any discipline to apply to the Arts/Industry Program. The program accepts 16-22 artists each year for 2-6 month residencies. Artists work in the Pottery or Foundry at Kohler Co., a leading plumbing ware manufacturer, to create works of art. Application deadline for 2009 residencies: April 1, 2008.

<http://www.jmkac.org/Residencies>

## PIT FIRE TIME



Home of Joanne Wood  
3417 Craven Road  
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Home: 252-478-5385  
Cell: 252-230-3324

### Pit Boss Extraordinaire: Edge Barnes

- From Raleigh, take Hwy 64 East towards Rocky Mount (in Zebulon, continue on Hwy 64 by bearing left towards Rocky Mount; Hwy 264 will take you to Wilson)
- Take "Middlesex/Spring Hope Exit" (Hwy 231)
- At top of ramp, turn right onto Hwy 231
- Drive about 1 mile – you will travel through one intersection
- Turn left onto Prophecy Road (church is on right – called Church of God of Prophecy on white sign)
- Drive until road ends –
- Turn right onto Valley Road
- Drive about ¼ mile to gravel cul-de-sac on right. (Craven Rd)
- Turn right – straight ahead – look for the red roof!

### Pit Fire - Saturday, April 19, 2008

- Arrive around 2 p.m. to prepare pots for fire
- If you **bring pots**, we'll have wire, salt, minerals, chemicals, whatever
  - (there is a \$10 supply contribution)...max 3 pots
    - pots are not a requirement though... come anyway...no supply fee charged.
  - If it rains, so what! We'll enjoy the food & fun of just being together.
  - **Bring food to share** - whatever you have a hankerin' for!
  - **Bring any drinks** if you'd want to.
  - **Bring lawn chairs, sleeping bags, tent**, etc. if you wish to spend the night and retrieve your pots on Sunday... I have a 30

foot screened in porch, garage,  
and studio to keep you dry.

- I'll provide hot coffee and breakfast to anyone who stays overnight...just let me know ahead of time...
- Email Edge Barnes if you want advice on pot preparation...  
[potsedge@earthlink.net](mailto:potsedge@earthlink.net)

### **What to expect at a Pit Fire!**

- A bonfire that will sparkle, energize and warm you to the core
- Flames in spectacular hues of chartreuse, peacock blue, subtle purples, and who know what else
- Memories of a simply wonderful gathering of friends
- The possibilities of the most wonderful colors and smoke patterns on your pot(s)
- A night of adventure
- And more ...

## **LINKS**

### **The Crafts Center**

[www.ncsu.edu/crafts](http://www.ncsu.edu/crafts)

(919) 515-2457

### **Sertoma Arts Center**

(919) 420-2329

### **Pullen Arts Center**

(919) 831-6126

### **Claymakers**

[www.claymakers.com](http://www.claymakers.com)

(919) 530-8355

### **Duke Craft Center**

[www.duke.edu/web/duu/craftcenter.htm](http://www.duke.edu/web/duu/craftcenter.htm)

(919) 684-2532

### **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