

Clay Notes

MARCH 2009

Clay Notes, the monthly **Triangle Potters Guild** newsletter, and the TPG membership form are now available at www.trianglepotters.org. To get your announcements and news in the newsletter, send to: trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com or 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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NEXT TPG MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 3rd
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. Feb meeting minutes (newsletter): modifications / approval: Jayne Cluggish
 - B. Library report – Nancy Schechter
 - 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. Web Page info: Brian Fields
 - E. Urban Ministries Tile Installation and Empty Bowls 2008 update: Donna Kanich
 - E. Sertoma Display update: Alice DeLisle
March 26 – April 30.
Reception, April 5, 2-4 pm (TPG is responsible for refreshments and publicity).
Set-up either on March 24th or 25th during operating hours
 - G. Nominating Committee 2009-2010 report: Neal O'Brient, Chair
 - H. ClayFest 2009: Alice DeLisle

III. New Business

- A. Planet Earth Celebration on April 18th: Martin Stankus
- B. Requests for volunteer demonstrations: Cheryl Weisz
- C. Apr. refreshments

IV. Promptly at 8 pm: The Main Event:

TIM TURNER

Our guest presenter for the March 3 meeting will be **Tim Turner**. Tim began his adventure in clay at Appalachian State University in the mid 70's, moving on to Penland, NC where he was able to meet and work with some remarkable artists and craftspeople. In the early 80's Tim moved back to the Boone/Banner Elk area in the northwest corner of North Carolina where he set up a studio and produced pots for over twenty years. In 1996 he decided to take a sabbatical from pots and concentrate on painting his abstract acrylics on canvas, which he had been doing in his "spare" time. For eleven years he focused solely on painting until April 2007, when on a visit to Cedar Creek Gallery in Creedmoor, NC, he was offered a clay studio to come revisit his pottery urges. He said "Sure, three months." A year and a half later, Tim is still there. The work he is currently doing is mainly wood/soda fired stoneware with an occasional porcelain piece. His goal is to produce strong, simple forms with minimal decoration, using the wood/soda aspect of the firing as a means to create subtle effects that emphasize the strength of the form. For more images of Tim's work, visit timturnerpottery.blogspot.com



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MINUTES FEB MTG

I. Alice welcomed returning members, new members, and four visitors introduced themselves.

A. January minutes were approved.

B. Library Report: Nancy Schecter announced that the library will be open for the last time in March. It will then need to be packed up for return to the Craft Center. She will need volunteers to help with the packing, and also boxes, which will be returned if marked with names. It was suggested everyone check out 5 books in March, to be returned in the fall, to make the packing easier.

C. Treasurer Report.: Carol Clark reported several new members. We will need to purchase new cabinets for the library books to be stored in.

D. Urban Ministries tile installation, Donna Kanich. Tile glazing is done. Boards are cut

and painted, ready for the tiles. On Feb. 25 Donna needs volunteers at her house to help organize and glue the tiles on to the boards. She hopes to finish this by March.

E. Empty Bowls Update, Donna Kanich. We did get 300 bowls for the event. Donna thanked Elise Styles, Tim Turner and Charlene Poisel for their generous donations that helped us reach that goal. There were also 70 bowls thrown at ArtSplosure and ClayFest that were donated. Urban Ministries made \$11,000 from the sale of bowls and \$22,000 total on the event. Charlene Poisel won the drawing for the \$100 Highwater gift certificate the Guild offered as a carrot for donating at least 5 bowls.

F. Sertoma Display update, Alice DeLisle. Set up for the event will be either March 24 or 25. All work must be at the Craft Center by March 23 and must be accompanied by the signed agreement with Sertoma. Work cannot be entered without that form. Call the Craft Center before you deliver, making sure someone will be there. You also may bring work to the March meeting. The sales price needs to include sales tax, as Sertoma will deduct it from the sale price. They will also deduct a 25% sales commission. We will need to provide food, and the Guild will provide beverages. Alice sent sheets around to volunteer.

G. Requests for volunteer demonstrations: Cheryl Weisz volunteered to create an approach to this issue.

H. Hillsborough Street Renaissance: The Board recommends that we not participate as a Guild in this event. No one commented.

II. New Business

A. Lantern Hill Pottery, Cheryl Weisz. This is a new gallery opening in Garner, and they are looking for work to sell. Contact

Beau Williams
ncpotteryexpo@gmail.com

B. Planet Earth Celebration, April 18th, Martin Stankus. No information yet.

C. ArtSplosure, Martin Stankus. It will be held May 16 and 17 this year, and is the 30th anniversary of the event. Guild sign-up will be in March. The Guild has a sales tent every year, and members do demonstrations. Martin also reported that the fall version of ArtSplosure has not been funded yet, and so it may not happen.

D. Clayfest 2009 therefore will be at the Farmer's Market. Alice DeLisle volunteered to chair the event, and she NEEDS LOTS OF HELP! We need to begin organizing now.

E. Nominating Committee is needed to organize a slate of officer's for the March meeting. Three people are needed, and no one volunteered.

F. March meeting, JoEllen Westmoreland. There is a Norm Shulman exhibit at the Gregg Museum at NC State through 3/29. There will be a talk on 3/12 @7:00. The museum is trying to put together a panel discussion with Tom Spleth, Lydia Thompson, and possibly Cynthia Bringle, all of whom went to SUNY Alfred. The date for this is unsure.

G. Refreshments for March: Nancy Schecter volunteered to organize this.

H. The meeting adjourned, and JoEllen introduced Gay Smith from Penland, NC. She had a slide show of her work, and demonstrated her throwing and altering techniques.

LIBRARY MOVE

Consider checking out 5-6 books to help reduce the moving burden this month. Also, I'd like to ask folks with closable boxes for books (not too big) in good shape, or with appropriate size

plastic bins, to bring them to the next meeting for the library move.

VIDEO

Check out Ceramic Arts Daily.
www.ceramicartsdaily.org



Video of the Week: How to Make a Properly Functioning Handbuilt Spout for a Teapot
<http://www.ceramicartsdaily.org/feature/featuredetail/2009-02/videonicholsteapot.aspx>

- Nancy Schecter, Librarian

SALES OPPORTUNITY

Lantern Hill Pottery

is seeking local pottery to sell in a new gallery they are opening in Garner at the intersection of 40 and 42. If interested, please contact: Beau Williams at ncpotteryexpo@gmail.com.

Western Wake Farmers Market

is looking for local potters to sell at our farmers market in NW Cary. For information, contact: Mia South
Organizing Committee
919 380-4035

TPG EVENTS

Planet Earth Celebration

will take place on Saturday, April 18th at the Bicentennial Plaza in Downtown Raleigh from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. We will share the Guild shelves for pottery sales and provide hand building and wheel demonstrations. A sign up sheet and more info will be provided at the March TPG meeting. Because this is a 'green' festival – operational practices that are environmentally friendly are encouraged. Each exhibitor is asked to sign a 'green pledge' agreeing to follow the event guidelines. It is strongly encouraged that the exhibitors operate energy-free; traditional power sources are discouraged.

Artspllosure

will take place on May 16 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 M and May 17 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM in downtown Raleigh. Sign up sheets for display space and sales/demo volunteer hours will be available at the March TPG meeting. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the payment table, kids clay table and wheel demonstrations. Registration fee of \$25 (checks made out to Artspllosure) and release forms must be paid/signed to participate. Additional info will be provided at the meeting and a coordinating meeting scheduled in April.

OTHER EVENTS



On April 4th, a group of Seagrove potters will gather at the North Carolina Pottery Center (www.ncpotterycenter.com) to jointly fire the double chambered wood kiln. This will offer visitors an opportunity to watch the process, as well as view potters demonstrating the process of creating pieces of work.

The experience doesn't end on the 4th though. On the 18th and 19th of April, Seagrove potters are planning kiln openings and special events in their shops. The Celebration of Seagrove Potters web site www.celebrationofseagrovepotters.com and the Seagrove Area Potters Association web site www.discoverseagrove.com will showcase all the events taking place in Seagrove over this weekend, aptly dubbed the Celebration of Spring in Seagrove, which quite aptly coincides with Earth Day!

WORKSHOPS

Po-Wen Liu

is going to provide a couple of workshops in Greensboro area:

1) Two **slab building tea pot workshops** at Sawtooth School for Visual Art on Saturday February 21, 10:00am - 4:00pm and on Friday February 27, 10:00am - 4:00pm. These 2 hands-on workshops will utilize traditional Chinese Yixing tea pot making techniques to create contemporary tea pot.

2) **Slab building workshop** at Art Alliance of Greensboro on February 28, 10am - 4:00pm. This hands-on workshop will utilize cardboard templates and Yixing pottery techniques to create geometrical functional ceramics.

3) **Wheel throwing workshop** at Art Alliance of Greensboro on March 14, 10am - 4:00pm. This workshop will focus on various Asian style wheel throwing techniques and learn how to apply texture and alter wheel-thrown piece directly on potters wheel. Trimming and surface decoration will also be covered.

For detailed workshop information please contact Sawtooth School for visual Art at 336-723-7395 and Art Alliance of Greensboro at 336-373-2725.

Under the Tuscan soot with Malcolm Davis

A two week residential workshop about carbon trapping September 20 – October 3, 2009 A congenial meeting ground where to gain inspiration from the stimulating land of Roman culture and Renaissance splendour, Mediterranean food and great wines.
www.lameridiana.fi.it

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Mid Michigan Renaissance Festival

I know that you are asking yourself, "What does this have to do with me and my company?" Your reputation precedes you. We have heard of what a wonderful product that you have available for purchase and would

love to have your Merchant booth at Mid Michigan Renaissance Festival.

Renaissance Festivals, like Frankenmuth, are an attraction to people all over the United States and Canada. The other Renaissance Festivals in Michigan pull several tens of thousands of patrons from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Canada every year. Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly Michigan has 15,000 – 25,000 patrons that walk through their gate every day. Even the smaller festivals like Mayfair in Marshall Michigan have 1500 – 2500 patrons that walk through their gate in any single day. Information and applications online at our website www.midmichiganrenfest.com

Exhibitor 2009 Artisans for 4-H

Dates: Saturday, March 21st from 10am until 6pm
Location: Wilson County Agricultural Center
Address: 1806 S. Goldsboro Street Wilson, NC 27893
Show Contact: Debbie Skinner
Telephone: 252-237-0113

MEMBER NEWS

Cynthia Aldrich

has several of her sculptures in a show entitled "Artist Reaction to War" at Salem College, Winston-Salem.

FOR SALE

Edge Barnes has these items for sale. 919-832-7013 e-mail is potsedge@earthlink.net

Bailey Power (Air operated) Extruder

M500-024 EXB Die Kit
M500-023 Standard Die Kit
M500-025 Die Adapter
M500-9K 9" Clay Barrel
M500-7 4" Barrel
M500-6 System 3 Power Drive Frame
M500-14 Cutting/Removal Stand (Includes 1 each - parting

platform & cutting guide)
PLUS...

5 1/4" Hexagonal hollow die - homemade from sheet plastic
Homemade removal tray to work with the parting platform.

All of the above totals to a list price of \$2170, currently on sale for \$1735. \$1400 for it all. If you're interested, I can send photos (which I haven't gotten around to taking, but the dies were all purchased new when I got it a couple of years ago, some are unused). DOES NOT INCLUDE AN AIR COMPRESSOR

Bluebird Model 650S pug mill – 4" barrel - non-de-airing - This is a wheeled unit similar to the current model 675 non-de-airing machine. Was purchased used some years ago and re-fitted with a new gearbox. Pictures upon request. \$900

Bluebird Model 12 Clay mixer with optional rolling stand. Stainless steel construction. Excellent condition. \$1200 (List price – new \$2077)

Slab Roller - Bailey 30" Maxi-roller (1986) - on home-made rolling cart with rolling studio table and out feed platform. Pictures on request. \$300

2 Amaco Model 15 pottery wheels. Cone drive variable speed operation, attached foot pedal, splash pan, 12" wheel head with 10" center bat pins, 1/3 hp motor. Excellent condition. \$425 each. (List price – \$1295 new) Below is from Amaco Brent 2006 catalog.

Special Features of the 15 Wheel

_ Sturdy construction — steel frame, cast iron foot pedal and non-corrosive cast aluminum worktable combine to offer years of service

_ Cast aluminum 12" head — marked with concentric circles for ease in centering and two bat pins

_ 1/3 hp, 10 amp constant

torque motor — with power equal to most 1/2 hp wheels, the No. 15 easily handles 50 lbs. of clay

_ Foot pedal — designed at an angle for maximum comfort and a hand lever provides complete control

while throwing

_ Dependable ring cone drive system — delivers smooth, reliable, quiet power _

Reversible — motor reverses at the flip of a switch for both right and left-handed potters

_ Splash pan included

*Model 15 Wheel
22664C 110V AC*

.....\$1295.00

SSU=1, Shipping Weight 119 lbs.

LINKS

The Crafts Center

www.ncsu.edu/crafts

(919) 515-2457

Sertoma Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

(919) 420-2329

Pullen Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

(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