

# Clay Notes

MAY 2009

Clay Notes, the monthly *Triangle Potters Guild* newsletter, and the TPG membership form are now available at [www.trianglepotters.org](http://www.trianglepotters.org). To get your announcements and news in the newsletter, send to: [trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com](mailto:trianglepottersguild@yahoo.com) 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, 100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh, NC.

Visitors are welcome!

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Thompson Hall Craft Center

## NEXT TPG MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** NCSU Craft Center,  
Thompson Hall, NCSU,  
100 Jensen Dr, Raleigh, at  
7:30pm.

## TPG MEETING AGENDA

**I. Welcome** returning members,  
new members, and visitors.

### II. Old Business

- A. Apr 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: Donna Kanich
- E. Election of TPG Officers for 2009-2010: Neal O'Briant, Chair of Nominating Committee
- F. ClayFest 2009: Alice DeLisle
  - a. September 19, 9-4
  - b. Sign-up sheets
- G. Artspllosure 2009: Martin Stankus
- H. TPG demo procedures update: Cheryl Weisz

### III. New Business

- A. May. refreshments

**IV. Promptly at 8 pm: The Main Event:**

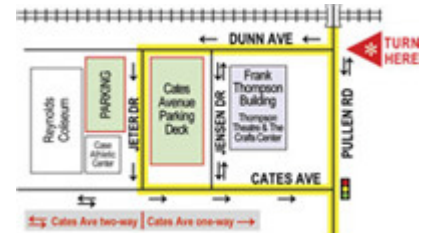
## CRAFT CENTER TOUR

Beginning in May, the TPG meeting location returns to The Crafts Center in Thompson Hall on the NCSU campus. Our

program for the May 5 meeting will be a tour of the newly renovated Crafts Center and University Theatre in Thompson Hall. Afterwards, members are asked to spend a little time helping to unpack and set up the pottery studio. For recent members who are not familiar with the Thompson Hall location, a map & directions are provided at

<http://www.ncsu.edu/arts/maps/anddirections.html>

Parking is available in the parking deck directly across from The Crafts Center entrance. Do not park on the street as those spaces are for student permits only and others may be ticketed or towed.



## MINUTES APR MTG

### I. Old Business

- A. March meeting minutes approved and accepted.
- B. Library. Nancy Schecter thanked everyone for taking out books so they will not need to be moved. Pack-up and moving the Library will take place on 4/10@11:00. She will move the Library herself, and anyone interested may help.
- C. Finance committee. Carol gave a treasury total, since this is the end of our budget year. The Guild has adequate funds to cover budgeted items, plus a surplus. There was an \$80 request for clay expenses at Planet Earth and Artspllosure events, which was voted on and approved.
- D. Urban Ministries tile project. Donna Kanich reported that the tiles for the mural are set on the boards. Grouting will be Tuesday 4/14@10:00 at her house. The work will then be finished and ready to hang.
- E. Nominating Committee. 2009-2010 officer candidates were

announced by Neal O'Bryant: Alice DeLisle-President; JoEllen Westmoreland-Vice president; Linda Blackmon-Treasurer; Ray Weeks-Corresponding Secretary; Jayne Cluggish-Recording Secretary; Nancy Schecter-Library. **These will be voted on at the May meeting.**

F. Sertoma Display. This ends May 30th. There are 18 pieces in the show and it looks good.

G. ClayFest 2009. The 2nd Annual ClayFest will be held Sept. 19, 9-4pm at the Farmer's Market in Raleigh. Alice put out sign-up sheets for sales, demo's, work tasks and team leaders. All who participate are expected to work.

H. Planet Earth Celebration. This will be on April 18 in downtown Raleigh. Martin Stankus has a list of interested members.

I. Artplosure 2009 will be held May 16 & 17. Martin will hold a drawing for the 24 spaces, as there are more people signed up than there are spaces. This will happen after the meeting.

## II. New Business

A. Volunteer Demonstrations. Cheryl Weisz presented a format for dealing with requests to the Guild for volunteer demo's. She has a list for people who are interested in doing demo's to sign up and state their talent. It was suggested that the charge to groups be \$50, paid to the presenter, or to the Guild if they choose. There were many questions and thoughts about her proposal. Cheryl will create a list of these, to be discussed by the Board. She volunteered to coordinate the effort for one year.

B. May meeting refreshments - Jean Manickam volunteered to supply them.

C. May meeting. JoEllen announced that the May meeting is planned to be held in the new Crafts Center space, if the moving process goes according to schedule. The Guild will have a tour of the new center space and the theater upstairs, and if needed, we will help them unpack boxes and organize.

D. The meeting was adjourned. Alice DeLisle was the presenter..

## DEMONSTRATORS WANTED

If you would like to be included on the list of demonstrators and could not attend the last meeting of the TPG Guild, please email Cheryl Weisz at:

[cweisz@nc.rr.com](mailto:cweisz@nc.rr.com) with your name, email address, geographic area where you live, and if you do wheel or hand-building or both and what your famous for or your expertise.

## TPG EVENTS

### Artplosure 2009

An organizational and information meeting will be held at 6:30 prior to the May 5 TPG meeting. We will finalize organization of the 3 stations; Payment table, Demonstration area, and Kids clay table and discuss display space arrangement and set up.

### Triangle Potter's Guild Highlighted at Sertoma Arts Center

Here is a picture of the TPG showcase at Sertoma Arts Center.



## VIDEO

Check out Ceramic Arts Daily. [www.ceramicartsdaily.org](http://www.ceramicartsdaily.org)



### Macho Schmacho: How to Throw Hefty Pots on the Pottery Wheel Without Much Muscle

<http://ceramicartsdaily.net/video/macho2.htm>

- Nancy Schecter, Librarian

## OTHER EVENTS

### Four Solo Exhibits Opening at Durham Art Guild

Friday, April 17, 5 – 7 pm



Works by Rachel Campbell, Alice DeLisle, Mark Elliott, and Tama Hochbaum.

Exhibit dates: **April 13–May 17**

Alice DeLisle: Garden Party – A Teapot Show. Alice DeLisle has worked in clay for over 20 years. Originally trained as a Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biologist, she is now a full-time ceramic artist. "I have always felt that any scientist worth her salt has an artistic bent." As a clay artist, Alice makes use of the clay's texture, contrast and color to create multiple design elements to form anything from teapots to birdhouses that are aesthetically pleasing and whimsical. The teapots in this exhibit were inspired by the attire women traditionally wear to garden parties, particularly hats, as well as theatrical poses and movements that might be observed at such an event. "Sometimes my art stops just short of kitsch, sometimes not, and it frequently leaves the observer wondering if the object is really made of clay."

### Dan Finch And The Finch Studio Potters

at the NC Potter Center in Seagrove, NC. Opening reception on May 7 5:00pm - 8:00pm. The reception on May 7 is free to the public. Show runs from April the 30 - August 1. There is a \$2.00 admission fee to the Center. For info. contact the NC Pottery Center at



www.ncpotterycenter.com

### **Wayne County Potter's Show**

May 16th , 9:00- 5:00 at Casey's Garden Center on Hwy. 70 West Goldsboro, NC. For info. call Theresa or George Glisson at 919-731-2789

### **Millstock Music & Arts Faire**

Put June 6 on the calendar for a full day of music and art in downtown Clayton. The Ninth Annual Millstock Music & Arts Faire will take place from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm featuring live music from several bands behind The Coffee Mill & The Flipside Restaurant, and thirty to forty artists along S Lombard and Main streets. Ted Kuehne will be demoing and showing his work.

### **Peterson & Parke Show**

Ronan Peterson has a show with Gillian Parke at Mudfire Gallery in Decatur, GA, May 9-30, with an opening reception on May 9. [www.mudfire.com/parke-peterson.htm](http://www.mudfire.com/parke-peterson.htm)

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Empty Bowl Event**

Jan Harris is organizing a bowl drive for Orange County. They will have their first Empty Bowl Event in October. I have a goal of collecting 100 bowls for this event.

### **Pink at the Village**

Stone Creek Village Shopping Center at the intersection of High House Rd. and Davis Dr., Cary, has teamed up with the Charlotte Avon Walk for Breast Cancer to plan a Craft Show and Fun Day, called Pink at the Village, to benefit the Walk and its Walkers. This outdoor event will take place on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 10am-3pm at Stone Creek Village at the intersection of High House Rd. and Davis Drive in Cary, NC. The day will include crafts, face painting, and entertainment with a portion of proceeds going to

the Avon Foundation for Women.

If you might be interested in showcasing your items at this event, please contact Elisa Smith at [elisa.charlotte@avonwalk.org](mailto:elisa.charlotte@avonwalk.org) for more information.

### **Tile of Artists**

An artist in Argentina is making huge murals made out of tiles donated by ceramists from around the world. Check out details at the following web page: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=72043502612&ref=ts>

## **CALL FOR ENTRIES**

### **Charity Craft Show**

Sunday, October 18, 2009  
C.C. Jones Building  
309 Holleman Street  
Apex, N.C.

Our craft show will be held Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Setup will begin at 8:00 A.M. The deadline for entries is Monday, September 21, 2009. We recommend registering early. Fee: \$25 per space plus \$10% of gross sales. One 6 foot table per space and chairs will be provided. Discount for multiple tables. For additional information, contact Marge McMahon, 919-388-0995 or Faye Morin, 919-567-1296

## **MEMBER NEWS**

### **Chris Campbell**

Chris Campbell has been elected President of the Potters Council. She took office during the NCECA Conference in Phoenix. <http://www.ceramicartsdaily.org/potterscouncil/>

The Potters Council is a nonprofit subsidiary of The American Ceramic Society. (Ceramics Monthly & Pottery Making Illustrated, Ceramic Arts Daily)

It is a community of potters and ceramic artists from around the world.

Our mission is to meet the needs of studio potters and ceramic artists by providing a place for knowledge exchange and professional enhancement. We also sponsor Regional Workshops across the country.

She urges Guild Members to visit the website to learn all the benefits of being a member including Health Insurance and an online gallery of members work.

We are also sponsoring a juried show of Members' work for NCECA 2010 in Philadelphia. Become a member and submit a piece for jurying!

### **Cynthia Aldrich**

Cynthia Aldrich will be exhibiting her installation "Bearing Witness: Women Victims of War" at the Shenandoah Valley Arts Center, Waynesboro, VA, May 3-June 2.

## **FOR SALE**

Edge Barnes still has the Bailey Power extruder for sale. He is asking \$1400 for it, but is negotiable.

[potsedge@earthlink.net](mailto: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

## 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

## PIEDMONT LAUREATE APRIL POEM OF THE MONTH

### parched lips for a legless dancer by Jaki Shelton Green

give thanks for the divinity i offer a body swept clean by hungry  
ghosts no manna beneath this rock of flesh so sharp the horizon  
slices open i grow two icy hearts for the torn pleasure that  
promises attack hidden lotus flower mango scented fingers  
lick and receive this night flowering appendage of would be  
flesh left over dreams of war fossilized childhood vague white  
prayer worms nibble stretch my dusty hips into a path winding  
through starless valleys old women gather in a kitchen pray for  
rain one less lynching one less daughter breeding in the weeds of  
acres their hands cannot claim acres that name their bones  
another winter in this land of cain where scars are bright rules  
whip across your back where galvanized tin mirrors flatter the  
bruises like the dishonest souls smirking tearing at it's own  
likeness forgive us for we do not know how to kneel the wind  
speaks that too is prayer my grandmother stands with old  
women on a porch stained by shackled innocence she works  
through the night building coffins listening to the hymns of tiny  
devils she wolves dance beyond the dark hair wet alive merges  
with the wood her fur-winged lover chants a wrenching  
wounded hosanna sings praises to a legless moon whore  
becomes forbidden night shapes feasts on scissor-handed  
scorpions steals the lovely song of kindness.

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