



clay notes

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This month

- January meeting:
Colored porcelain
- December meeting minutes
- For sale, wanted to buy
- Opportunities to sell and learn
- Artsposure information

January meeting

The next TPG meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 3 at 7:30 pm** at The Crafts Center. It is located in the Thompson Building, corner of Jensen and Dunn on the NC State campus. For directions visit www.fis.ncsu.edu/Crafts_Center/about/maphours.html or call (919) 515-2457.

Meeting agenda: Colored porcelain with Chris Campbell

Chris Campbell will present her techniques for working with colored porcelain. Chris has been a studio potter in Raleigh, NC since 1991. She worked in oils and watercolors until 1987 when she discovered pottery. In 1991, she attended a colored porcelain workshop taught by Jane Pieser, a renowned North Carolina colored porcelain artist. She was captivated by the process and has spent her studio time experimenting with patterns and defining her own style. She works exclusively with Southern Ice Porcelain, a brilliant white translucent clay body imported from Australia. Since the clay is a clear white body, she is able to produce vibrant color palettes for her exotic murrini patterns.

Over the years, Chris has studied design theory, surface treatments, and firing techniques with such well-known clay artists as Kathy Triplett, Rimas VisGirdia, Linda Arbuckle, Steve Howell, Ben Owen III, Lana Wilson, Pete Pinell and Cynthia Bringle. Her beautiful artwork is sold in fine galleries across the United States, Hawaii, Canada, and the Caribbean. Pieces of her work are included in the collections of the SAS Institute and The North Carolina State University.

Announcements and member news

December meeting minutes

- Melody thanked us all for our kindness during Thanksgiving.
- Neal reported two new books: *Art of Crystalline Glaze* and *The Potters Eye*.
- Donna Kanich reported that the guild made over 300 bowls and \$18,000 for Urban Ministries. She mentioned that perhaps we should make them early for next year. Suggested labels on bottoms of bowls so buyer could contact potters about more pieces.
- Ashleigh asked that if you have paid your dues and not receiving the newsletter please let her or Audry know ASAP so we can get you on the books and make sure you get the newsletter.
- Our condolences to the Redman family over the loss of their lovely daughter. If you'd like to help the family out with expenses, please send donations to 2033 Wait Avenue, Wake Forest, N.C. 27587. Make checks payable to Trisha Bell. Jim or Trisha can also be reached by phone at 556-7864.
- Welcome visitors:
- Member list handed out. 87 active members.
- We had a very successful mug exchange and potluck supper with beautiful pieces and delicious food! A lot of people participated, so thanks to you all.
- Checks for the NC State Fair sales have been sent out; please contact us if you have not received yours.

For sale and wanted to buy

Used pottery equipment for sale

Free electric Skutt kiln, model 231 – Roberta Black is willing to give this 7-cubic-foot kiln away to a deserving person! She says it will go to cone 8. You can call her at 919-967-6059, or email her at black-burr@bellsouth.net.

Electric Skutt 1027 – This comes with LKT-3 kiln sitter, plus 3 full and 4 half shelves, furniture, instruction booklet and cones for \$900.00. Excellent condition. Contact Jean Thomas at 286-0779 at work Monday - Thursday. Home is 848-2332 (Raleigh). E-mail address is jsthenas10@bellsouth.net.

Brent SRC slab roller – Jean Thomas is asking \$300 for this 50" x 25" model. Excellent condition. Contact Jean Thomas at 286-0779 at work Monday - Thursday. Home is 848-2332 (Raleigh). E-mail address is jsthenas10@bellsouth.net. (Both Jean's kiln and slab roller are in Monica Hunter's garage in Durham and can be seen there if anyone is interested. Get contact information and directions to Monica's after you talk with Jean.)

Home and pottery studio for sale

Secluded house and studio with Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill on your doorstep. 3-bedroom, 2-bath, 1800-square-foot home on 10 private acres of mature hardwood forest. Located in Pittsboro, NC 15 miles south of Chapel Hill. Property has separate 600-square-foot pottery studio with gas and electric kilns. \$290,000. Contact owner at pittsboropottery@mindspring.com or 919-542-6197.

Used wooden display

Three display "ladders" and fifteen shelves. The folding ladders are 5 feet tall by 1 ½ feet wide with leveling adjusters on the bottom. The shelves are 12" by 48". Ladders and shelves are painted black and need some touch-up. \$100. Call John Garland or Mary Paul at 919.266.5496 or email paulml51@nc.rr.com.

Wanted: Brown trimming tool

Michelle Brooks, former member of TPG, is looking for an older Brown trimming tool, in any color. She will pay the going rate or will trade. The newer Brown trimming tool is different and her blades only fit the older version. It's made out of metal with detachable blades and is open only on one end. The newer version is opened on both ends. Please contact Michelle if you have one you want to sell/trade at mbstudios@earthlink.net. She will also pay for shipping.

Education and opportunities

Artsposure 2006

A two-day arts celebration that happens around Moore Square in downtown Raleigh on the 3rd weekend of May. The TPG shares one large tent that holds 20 exhibitors. We also share one central table for sales, provide a kid's clay table and demonstrate throwing techniques. The participating exhibitors share responsibility in running these three activities – 2 hour shifts each day. The registration fee is \$15 with checks made out to Artsposure. The tent rental is about \$40 each. A sign up sheet and registration cards will be available at the January TPG meeting.

Gay Smith workshop: "Working Soft"

Gay will demonstrate altering freshly thrown forms. March 25 & 26, 2006, 9AM to 5PM daily. Demonstration only, limited to 15 participants. The \$135 fee includes lunch both days. For more information, see www.whiteoakartworks.com. To register, contact Julie Olsen at 919-309-4747 or workshops@whiteoakartworks.com.

NCECA 2006 — 40th Annual Conference

Explorations and Navigations: The Resonance of Place. Portland, Oregon, Oregon Convention Center, March 8-11, 2006. More information at <http://www.nceca.net/conference/2006/index.html>.

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, e-mail TPG@emailaccount.com (preferred) or mail to Triangle Potters Guild Attn: Corresponding Secretary P.O. Box 10161 Raleigh, NC 27605 by the 15th of each month. (Clay Notes is not published in July and August.)

Education and opportunities (cont'd)

Opportunity to exhibit/sell—no commission taken

Barbara Mull, a local broker, has a gallery associated with her real estate firm, and for the past year has been featuring Orange County artists, one per month. They are seeking artists who might wish to exhibit in 2006. They take no commission on works sold and have been successful in obtaining local newspaper publicity for each artist. Any interested person should contact Barbara at 919-732-1855 (office), 919-357-1111 (mobile) or barbmull@churtonstreetgallery.com for a copy of the guidelines and scheduling.

New HGTV show looking for artistic home-design do-it-yourselfers

The Home and Garden Network (HGTV) is producing a new show called "Look What I Did!" They are searching for artists and other people who have done creative things to their homes. "Look What I Did!" is a fast-paced, upbeat, 30-minute show premiering on HGTV in the first quarter of 2006. It profiles creative, outgoing and fun individuals who have done something amazing, unique and artistic to their home environment without hiring professionals to do the work. This show will focus on do-it-yourself people who have transformed a room in their house from an ordinary space to an extraordinary one. If any artist is featured on the show, they and their organization (TPG in our case) will have the opportunity to have their contact information posted on HGTV's Web site.

They are currently looking for candidates to profile for the first season and are currently taping all over the country. Candidates must be high energy and be comfortable showing their home and telling how they made the transformation. They encourage those interested to submit as soon as possible, since their shoot dates are coming up (they are planning to shoot in NC around January or February). If interested, apply by e-mailing a description of the project (with pictures) of the area you've improved, and your contact info to Alana Kerbein, Segment Producer, HGTV's "Look What I Did!", Weller-Grossman Productions, at (818) 755-4800 x242 or akerbein@wellergrossman.com.

Call for artists for 2006-2007—Durham Arts Council

If you want to have an exhibit at the Durham Art Guild or the Durham Arts Council, go to http://www.durhamartguild.org/images/Call_for_Artists_2006_2007a.pdf for a submission form and instructions. Contact person is Jennifer Collins, Artist Services Associate, 919-560-2719, jcollins@durhamarts.org. Deadline is January 30.

Upcoming classes for Spring at CCCC

Glaze Formulation--Learn why your glazes misbehave, and how to fix them! We use computer software to assist us in this process, utilizing both Insight and Glazemaster software packages. Course begins in January and runs through May. Class meets Tues and Thurs mornings, 10-12. Class meets in Siler City. Call or email Dan Rhode for more info at drhode@cccc.edu or 919-742-4156.

Clay Casting--Learn the intricacies of creating molds and making castings. Class will cover numerous materials for creating both simple and complex molds. Cast objects will be made from clay as well as various other materials suited for indoor and outdoor environments. Class meets Tues and Thurs mornings, 8-10. Course begins in January and runs through May. Susan Draughon, Instructor. Class meets in Siler City. Call or email Dan Rhode for more info at drhode@cccc.edu or 919-742-4156.

Writing a Small Business Plan--Take your ideas for creating great artwork and create a plan to help you develop your art business. Class meets Wed afternoons from 2-6. Course begins in January and runs through May. Class meets in Pittsboro. Call or email Dan Rhode for more info at drhode@cccc.edu or 919-742-4156.

You can check out all upcoming classes offered at http://www.cccc.edu/Resources/PDFs/Schedules/SP06_ClassOff.pdf.

Claymakers workshop: *Playing with Fire*

Making Pots and Firing the Wood Kiln, A Hands-on Workshop with Mark Peters at Claymakers' studio Jan. 3-6, 2006. Firing at Cedar Creek Pottery Feb. 25-28, 2006. The workshop will be limited to 12 participants, with intermediate to advanced throwing skills, and a passion for the firing process. Cost for the workshop will be \$400.00, plus a \$35.00 lab and materials fee. Get more information at <http://claymakers.com/>.

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Claymakers
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(919) 530-8355

Duke Craft Center
www.duke.edu/web/duu/craftcenter.htm
(919) 684-2532

Sertoma Arts Center
(919) 420-2329

Durham Arts Council
www.durhamarts.org
(919) 560-2726

Jordan Hall Arts Center
www.townofcary.org/depts/prdept/facilities/jhachome.htm
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