



clay notes

Triangle Potters Guild

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This month

- March meeting: group discussion of craft sales
- February meeting minutes
- Time to choose new board members
- Artsposure meeting
- Upcoming workshops and opportunities

March meeting

The next TPG meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 7 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: Discussion group—Everything you ever wanted to know about craft sales

Have you made more pottery than you can display in your home or office? Are friends and relatives hinting that you should sell your clay works? You're in luck! With warmer weather, a new spring season of arts and crafts shows could help you reduce your number of pots and put some clay money in your pockets. Reuben York will lead a group discussion about participating in shows. Topics will include types of venues, displays, pricing, quality of work, customers and other pertinent subjects. Hopefully, with the TPG's members' vast experiences, we'll all learn some new insights into reducing our pottery inventories — and increasing our incomes.

Announcements and member news

February meeting minutes

- Winners of drawing for two tickets to the *Potters Eye* museum show: Gail Lawson, Jim Howard.
- Charles Joyner gave a wonderful, enlightening slide presentation on the pottery of Northern Ghana and the lifestyles of the potters. He even offered to take a TPG group over. Anyone?
- Treasurers report: 2 more members paid; 4 new members joined.
- TPG t-shirts are still available in all sizes.
- Donna Kanich proposed that \$175 be made available for clay to make bowls for Urban Ministries. It was seconded and passed without any objections.
- NC Pottery Collectors meet at The Crafts Center March 3. Chris Luther will be there. This is a group of collectors that meet to discuss a wide range of topics, including pottery, potters, potteries throughout the world.
- NCCG show update (deadline was extended to Feb 11) and Artsposure update (see page 2).
- Shelving: Several members have volunteered to help build new shelves. We will be working on new designs and getting prices on cost before we move forward.
- Susan Luster gave update on Sanford Pottery Festival: Larger tent; may have to double up some of the booths; new activities; handbuilding table for adults and children; request to make raku pots as a guild; DK clay will pay the guild for making pots.
- New books in the library:
 - *What Every Potter Should Know* by Jeff Zamek
 - *Setting Up Your Ceramic Studio: Ideas and Plans from Working Artists (A Lark Ceramics Book)* by Virginia Scotchie
 - *Creative Pottery: A Step-by-Step Guide and Showcase* by Michelle Coakes
 - *Mary Wondrausch on Slipware*
 - *Ceramic Painting Color Workshop: Paints, Palettes, and Patterns for 20 Projects* by Doreen Mastandrea and Livia McRee
 - *Soda Glazing* by Ruthanne Tudball
 - *Clay in the Classroom* by Peter Clough

Announcements and member news (cont'd)

- NC Museum of Art *Potters Eye* field trip: Neal reported that 17 people attended, the Owens' spoke, fun was had by all.
- Edge Barnes brought in some freebies. Thanks Edge!
- Carolyn Wyland mentioned that just east of Knightdale, Dan Rockett (412-2333) has 3,000 new refractory bricks available.
- Elise asked for a volunteer to fill in on snacks for the April meeting.

All a-board!

C'mon, support your TPG! It's time to select a nominating committee to seek new board officers. All positions are open except treasurer. If you're interested in being on the nominating committee or in being a candidate for one of the officer positions, please let one of the current board members know. (Remember, board members get free membership during the year(s) they serve.)

March bowl-throwing sessions for Urban Ministries

The TPG is helping Urban Ministries raise money again by contributing handmade bowls to their fund-raising event. Please consider contributing your talents to the cause by attending one of the throwing sessions: Monday, March 6 from 6:30pm - 9:30pm and Tuesday, March 7 from 10am-1pm.

Cheryl Weisz's teapots on display

Teapots by Cheryl L. Weisz will be on display in the Pullen Arts Center Gallery for the month of April. You are cordially invited to an artist's opening reception at Pullen Arts Center on Thursday, April 6 from 6pm-8pm. Come chat, see her latest works, hug the artist, and enjoy the refreshments.

Artsplasure

An Artsplasure coordination meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 7 (TPG meeting date) at the NCSU Craft Center. All those signed up or interested should attend for discussion of details and opportunities. Artsplasure is May 20th and 21st. The sign-up list is full (24 booths). Registration forms will be available at the meeting. \$15 checks made out to Artsplasure are due. We also need volunteers sign up for helping at the kid's clay table, demo area and payment table.

Education and opportunities

Cynthia Bringle workshop

Cynthia Bringle is returning to Sertoma Arts Center March 4 & 5, 9:30am-4:30pm for an exciting 2-day demonstration workshop! She'll be highlighting a variety of forms, including conversations on how to make a living as a potter. \$175 (Raleigh residents), \$182 (non-residents). Call (919) 420-2329.

Meet the Potters II at the NC Museum of Art

Featured potters: Mark Hewitt, Kim Ellington, David Stuempfle. March 4, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in NC Museum of Art auditorium in Raleigh, NC. Moderated discussion with audience Q&A and artist demonstrations. Visit <http://www.ncartmuseum.org/buytickets.shtml> or call (919) 839-6262 for more information.

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)

Salt-Kiln Building Workshop with Shane Mickey

March 12-23, 2006. Penland School of Crafts presents a salt kiln-building workshop with potter/kiln builder Shane Mickey. This 12-day workshop will cover the materials and techniques for building kilns and the steps needed to create a successful kiln in a ceramic community. The class will include daily lectures followed by full days of working on the new kiln. At the end, we will load and fire bisqueware brought by the students. While the kiln is cooling, the class will tour local pottery studios and their kilns. Tuition: \$672; dorm housing and meals: \$545. Space is limited; applications processed on a first-come, first-served basis. To register visit www.penland.org. For more information, call 828-765-2359 or contact Lyman Edwards, clay coordinator, at clay@penland.org. Shane Mickey has been building kilns for over ten years and is a full-time potter in Bakersville, NC, where he owns and operates a community wood-fired kiln. Most recently Shane has built kilns at Frostburg State University, Central Piedmont Community College, and for Linda McFarling.

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.

Call for entries — Juried art exhibition, Rocky Mount, NC

The 49th Annual National Juried Art Exhibition will be held at the Arts Center at the Imperial Centre in Rocky Mount, NC. Exhibition dates are April 7 - June 28, 2006. Walk-in entries accepted Mar. 24-26. Monetary prizes. Downloadable prospectus at www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us/artscenter, or call 252 972-1163.

Claymakers workshops

5-day hands-on workshops — Held at Claymakers the weeks of June 12th and June 19th. Workshop presenters will be Marty Fielding on June 12-16th and Bernadette Curran on June 19-23rd. Many of you know Marty from his time teaching at Claymakers and at the Pullen Arts Center. His work has been featured in national shows and publications since he left the area, and he'll have much to share. Bernadette makes wonderful vessels with birds and other animal forms dimensionally built on them, and utilizing a brightly colored palette of glazes. Complete details of our workshops, including images of the artists' work, will be at www.claymakers.com. Cost of the 5-day workshops is \$365.00, plus a lab/materials fee of \$40. Space for each will be limited to 15 participants, so don't hesitate if you want to attend.

Claymakers' upcoming classes — and special discount for returning students and their friends

Enrolling students for winter-into-spring session that starts Feb. 27-Mar.4. If you want to take a class, it's not too late to sign up. At present there is some space in all classes, but they are filling quickly so don't hesitate to call! Here are the possibilities:

- Beginning Wheel
 - Monday evenings with Ronan Peterson
 - Wednesday evenings with Chris Davenport
- Continuing Wheel, Tuesday mornings with Deborah Harris
- Possibilities of ceramic Surface, Monday evenings with Meredith Brickell
- Glazes and Glazing, Tuesday evenings with Leonora Coleman
- Garden Art, Wednesday mornings with Jo Ellen Westmoreland
- Exploring Raku, Saturday mornings with Barbara McKenzie
- Combining Thrown Forms, Thursday evenings with Ronan Peterson
- Clay Sculpture, Saturday mornings with Joanne Andrews

If you are a returning student, and you can recruit a new student to a class, both you and your recruited friend will receive a discount of \$10.00 off your class fee. Both of you need to let Claymakers know, when you register, that you have this relationship with each other in order to claim the discount.

Save the date — Claymakers fall workshop with Nick Joerling

Fall dates are set for a weekend demonstration workshop with Nick Joerling! He's coming the weekend of October 14th, so put that date on your calendar and be on the lookout for more details. This will be an exciting experience for all who attend.

The Crafts Center
www.ncsu.edu/crafts
(919) 515-2457

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

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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