



clay notes

Triangle Potters Guild

May 2006

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This month

- May meeting: Gail Lawson demonstrates her sculptural platters
- April meeting minutes
- Election of new board members
- Summer classes and workshops
- Sales opportunity

May meeting

The next TPG meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 2 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.

Guest speaker: Gail Lawson—sculptural platter demo

Gail Lawson will demo her techniques for making sculptural platter/wall hanging pieces. Although Gail has been producing clay work just over three years, she's been a portrait artist for about 30 years. This has greatly influenced her finished artwork. She thanks Dan Finch for introducing her to the intricacies of working with clay and his constant input into her work. Gail grew up in Wake County and has witnessed many changes during the past 50 years. Working with clay takes her back to childhood when life was free of today's hectic pace. She feels that pottery making is the ultimate medium of expression. She says she is always aware that God is the great potter and that she is a clay vessel created by His hands.

Announcements and member news

April meeting minutes

- Reuben led the meeting in Melody's absence.
- Neal reminded everyone who has library books out to please return them. Also, John Wilkes generously donated Jean Wilkes' books to the TPG.
- Jo Ellen updated everyone about the NCCG show and asked for volunteers.
- Congratulations to Jo Ellen who assumed the position of assistant director of The Crafts Center.
- Susan Luster made announcements about the Sanford Pottery Festival, May 6-7: 22 potters are signed up; come volunteer if you can; tent is 50% larger this year; we'll have a demo table; motion was passed to ask for money for air dry clay for the demo table; Kenneth Neilson showed prototypes of the postcards being printed.
- Shelving used in the NCCG show needs to be retuned for use at the Sanford show. Then they need to be returned for use at Artspllosure. The shelving committee is making progress!
- New brochures are printed and available for shows.
- Chris Campbell is looking into using local clay.
- Al Headon suggested that we should always adhere to the bylaws in nominating new officers and form a nominating committee. Most agreed, so a committee was quickly formed, met and approved nominations to the open offices. The committee consisted of Al Headon, Cheryl Weisz and Kim Lehmann.
- Nominated officers are: Gail Lawson—president; Mary Ann Purser—VP; Janet Cain—corresponding secretary; Charlene Poisel—recording secretary; Bill Schmitz—librarian. (Audry Heatwole will remain treasurer.)

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.)

Announcements and member news (cont'd)

- There was a misunderstanding concerning the mailing list for the TPG. We want to pool together *your* customer lists collected from shows to create a guild list to be used to send post-cards for future guild events. If you can participate, please e-mail your customer list to Janet Cain at jain14@nc.rr.com.
- Thanks to Jen Bireline for her insights into Jean Wilkes' work. The show at The Crafts Center was beautiful and inspiring to say the least!

Artspllosure announcement

Artspllosure is May 20-21. There will be a final coordinating meeting held at The Crafts Center at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 2 prior to the regular TPG meeting.

Spring pottery studio sale

There will be a spring pottery studio sale May 6 & 7, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., hosted by Molly Pasca. For more information, go to www.abcpplace.com/pascapottery or e-mail mpasca@nc.rr.com.

Education and opportunities

Sales opportunity

The Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, NC is interested in showing and selling hand-made crafts. If you are interested please contact Lynn Brower, General Manager, N.C. Museum of History, P.O. Box 25937, 5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27611, 919-807-7835, fax 919-733-8495, email lynn.brower@ncmail.net. Please do not contact or drop samples at the museum because they won't be accepted there unless arranged by Lynn Brower, Buyer.

Summer and fall Central Carolina Community College classes

For information about any of these classes, contact Dan Rhode at drhode@ccc.edu or 919-742-4156.

- *History of pottery*. Learn how clay shaped human society from the very beginning. Many slides of early pots from around the world. Interesting guest speakers and field trips. College credit available. Tues and Thursdays from 11-11:40am. 10 week class starts May 23rd. \$56.50.
- *Independent study*. For students looking for workspace this summer, come take this open class in Siler City. College credit available. Class meets 8am to 11am Tues and Thurs for ten weeks, beginning May 23rd. \$96.00.
- *Marketing for artists*. Design your business' look online and on paper. Determine your market, price your items, and get ready to improve your sales. Class meets Tues and Thurs mornings from 8am to 10am starting August 22nd.
- *Kiln design and construction*. This fall we will be building a small wood fired kiln and a catenary arch gas fired reduction kiln. We'll cover the basics of kiln construction and you'll get a chance to design your own kiln. College credit available. Class starts August 25th. Fridays 8am to 12noon. 16 week class. \$96.00.
- *Intro to design*. A 2D design class taught with clay and metal artists in mind. Offered both day-time in Siler City and evenings in Pittsboro. Call for schedule. 16 week class begins week of August 21st. College credit available. \$96.00.

Education and opportunities (cont'd)

Classes and workshops at The Crafts Center

Check out the summer classes to be held at The Crafts Center at http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/Crafts_Center/classes/clay.html. There will also be a workshop called "Whistlin' Critters" given by Leah Friedman, Saturday, June 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. More information at http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/Crafts_Center/classes/clay.html.

Claymakers' summer classes and workshops

Summer classes are now available for registration! Upcoming workshops at Claymakers: Hybrid Vessels: Construction and Surface with Marty Fielding, June 12-16, 2006 and The Danger in Playing with Animals with Bernadette Curran, June 19-23, 2006. Go to www.claymakers.com for details.

Classes and workshops at Finch Pottery

Summer 2006 classes: July 6 - September 28. Classes meet each Thursday during the quarter. There are two sessions:

- Day (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM), Fee: \$50.00/quarter
- Evening (7:00 PM - 10:00 PM), Fee: \$40.00/quarter

Potters of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced, are welcome to attend.

Workshop: Cynthia Bringle and Bill van Gilder, "Form and Function," November 4-5, 2006.

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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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