

Clay Notes

October 2007

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Triangle Potters Guild
Attn: Corresponding Secretary
P.O. Box 10161.
Raleigh, NC 27605
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 are currently meeting at 516 Brickhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC. Visitors are welcome!

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NEXT TPG MEETING

October 2, 2007 7:30 pm

Meeting Location:
516 Brickhaven Drive, Raleigh, NC.

TPG MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2007

- It was announced that the Board of Directors will be meeting 30 minutes prior to each Guild meeting. Any member is welcome to attend.
 - A special thanks to the NCSU Craft Center for hosting our monthly meeting at their temporary space while the center is being renovated. Please refer to their website for hours of operation.
 - JoEllen Westermoreland asked that anyone interested in participating in the Craft Center's holiday sale please sign up. The sale will be held at the Brickhaven location.
 - Bill Schmitz reported that the library is up and available to members during the Craft Centers' hours of operation. A key has been left with the staff, but call first to make sure someone is at the Center to hand out the key.
 - Our new treasurer, Carol Clark, reported that we are starting the year with a balance of \$2,344.00. She reminded everyone that dues are now owed, and members need to pay by the November meeting or their information will be removed from the website. The membership form is available to download off our website.
 - Charlene Poisel announced that the January meeting will be held January 8th, the second Tuesday of the month. She reminded everyone that bowls are needed for the Urban Ministries fundraiser and are being collected by Donna Kanich. Bowls can be dropped off at the Craft Center. Members who donate five bowls will be eligible for a \$100 gift certificate to Highwater Clay.
 - Martin Stankus will be chairing the State Fair this year. Members were asked to review the requirements and sign up if they are interested.
 - Audry Heatwole has contacted the staff of the Craft Center regarding a TPG installation when the renovation is completed. The staff is very interested in the idea and Audry will continue with plans and ideas for the Center.
 - Alice DeLisle and Elise Stiles are chairing the "Seconds Sale" at the fairgrounds on Sept. 22 & 23. The event is to raise money to help with the renovations of the Craft Center. Members can drop off their seconds at the Craft Center and are encouraged to help with the sale.
 - Gail Lawson outlined our goals for this coming year: have a workshop for members that would be partly subsidized by TPG; establish an annual TPG show for members only; and develop a community project and apply for a matching grant. Members were asked to sign up for committee's that would be formed to work toward these goals.
 - Catherine Thornton was our speaker for the night.
 - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
- Respectfully submitted, Charlene Poisel



FLEA MARKET SALES HELP WANTED

Dear TPG, Thanks so much for the support from potters and the TPG members in donating seconds pots for the Flea Market Sale to support renovations of the Frank Thompson Building Fund. Your response has been overwhelming. While donations from other craft groups continue to flow in, potters have, far and above, been the greatest supporters of this effort. We will continue to welcome donations for this sale through the end of next week at the Crafts Center temporary location. The sale will take place (weather permitting - and why shouldn't it? It hasn't rained all summer!!!) on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 22-23 at the NC State Fairgrounds. We (Elise Stiles, JoEllen Westermoreland, and myself) would still appreciate any help that you would be willing to give us during the sale itself. As mentioned, we will be selling on Sept 22-23. Please show your (additional) support for this effort by volunteering to help too during the Flea Market sale. You can contact me anytime by email or phone: wanderland@att.net 919-210-5299 or Elise stilesel@aol.com 919-782-5508 Thanks, and Happy Potting, With kindest regards, Alice DeLisle



BOWLS FOR URBAN MINISTRIES

Please submit bowls for Urban Ministries Stone Soup dinner. This is a major fund raiser for Urban Ministries and

provides money for them to give the elderly and poor free healthcare, food and help with utility bills. Please find it in your heart to give bowls for this event. 300 bowls are needed by November 5th and we are only 1/3 of the way there. For every 5 bowls you donate you get 1 chance for a \$100 gift certificate to Highwater Clay. Thanks for

your help. Any bowls you wish to donate may be dropped off at the NCSU Craft Center's temporary location of 516 Brickhaven Drive or contact Donna Kanich at dkanich@earthlink.net.

MEMBER NEWS

Joanne Wood

I am so very proud of my new gas fired reduction catenary kiln (and myself for thinking of this) ... She fired up to cone 10 on Sunday, September 2... and gave me some very interesting results ... a fabulous experience ... Edge Barnes was the genius behind the sweat and toil needed to bring this project to completion ... we celebrated when the arch stood by itself with no support ...



I learned that mortar is like icing a cake ... Edge thinks he is going to rebuild his kiln to take advantage of all of his good (no GREAT) ideas that were put in Baby, and I cheered the first time my Big Bertha burners were lit (you know the reason of course ... FIRE!)



I hereby give a public **Thanks and much praise to Edge** for his patience and expertise in construction and instruction ... now it's time to tweek this baby's mama so I can get those REDS!

Jayne Cluggish

Jayne Cluggish's works are now at the Cary Gallery of Artists. This is a co-op gallery in Downtown Cary featuring 20 plus artists,

behind Ashworth Drugs. Everyone is invited to stop by the Gallery at **Ashworth Village** in downtown Cary, corner of Chatham and Academy!

Carole Honeycutt and Ging McCay

Duke Raleigh Hospital: Health, Art and Healing

At Duke Raleigh Hospital on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, Carole Honeycutt and Ging McCay gave a hand demonstration in the Same Day Surgery waiting area for the patients, family and staff. This was the first time this had been done and it was well received by all who came by to observe. Some had never touched clay and were fascinated, others loved pottery and started their Christmas shopping, and some wanted to know where they could take lessons. The same team will do the demonstration again in September to finish getting the 'kinks' out. It was well worth their time and felt they had helped the families through a tough time. One husband and wife were there from set up to take down and were still there when it was over waiting for their daughter to have her third back surgery. They even helped take the display down! and were very appreciative to have spent the day watching. All the pieces that were hand-built made it home perfectly and are drying now. Not too much of a mess was made and no one had to lug in a wheel! Please consider donating a day over the next year to help some one through a tough experience. Please contact Ging McCay 567-0065 or rgmccay11@yahoo.com. It will be a day you will long remember.



JURY HELP NEEDED

My name is Lesley Richmond, and I work for the Town of Holly Springs, as the office

administrator. October 27, were putting on our annual HollyFest, and are in need of some artists for our crafters jury, to help choose quality crafters for our fair. If you or anyone you know might be interested please contact me. We're looking to have our meeting September 25 at 6pm. Thank you for your time. Lesley Richmond
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OPPORTUNITES

Saggar Fire Sat., Oct. 13th

I am planning a saggar fire Saturday on October the 13th from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM (no, I'm not superstitious.) Fee is \$60. I will provide all materials & we will get in two firings in my big kiln, making up any stragglers in my little one. There will be an opportunity to come & prepare pots on Friday afternoon from 1:00 PM until dark. That will allow me to get a load going first thing in the morning (before you arrive) so we won't run so late. We will do a pot luck for lunch. Let me know if you want to attend & I will reserve a space. I am limiting the group to 10 people. Edge Barnes at potsedge@earthlink.net

State Fair- Oct. 12th -21st

...is a wonderful opportunity for thousands of people to see and buy your pottery! TPG has participated in the NC Pottery Tent Sale and will do so again for 10 days at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh this year. It doesn't matter how many or how few pots you have to sell, we'd love for you to participate with the TPG. Mandatory meeting of all those interested will meet at the 516 Brickhaven Drive (temporary NCSU Craft Center) at 6:30 pm on October 2nd prior to the membership meeting on the same evening. Martin Stankus will be chairing this event. If you could help move the shelving needed to display at the fairgrounds by volunteering the use of your truck, please contact Martin at: tinroofpot@bellsouth.net.

Pit Firing Sat., Oct. 6th

Walter Shearin, and Theresa and George Glisson will be sponsoring a pit firing on October 6 . It will be held at the home of Theresa and George. The cost is \$10. This will cover a barbeque meal and the cost of all chemicals and materials to pit fire one pot. Be here at 2:00 to start decorating your pot. The firing will start at 4:30 and the meal at 5:00. Deadline for signing up is September 27. For further information, email Theresa Glisson at glissong@bellsouth.net or call 919-731-2789. We have a flyer and instruction sheet that we can send or email anyone that is interested. Hope to See you here.

...more OPPORTUNITES

City Market

Saturdays, Downtown Raleigh. **Free** booths around the old Greenshields (Brewery) Building in City Market. Set-up any time on Saturdays and take down any time. Best location is as close to Big Ed's Restaurant as possible. (Next to the parking lot where TPG is located during Artsposure.) Good traffic area in AM. Twenty booths available each Saturday. First come - first served.

Prototype Help

I am looking for a small pottery firm to make some switch plate cover prototypes and perhaps some production. I would also be interested in any potters living in the NYC area. If you would be interested or can help put me in touch with someone in NYC, please contact Mark Lancman marklancman@yahoo.com for more details.

FOR SALE

Kiln equipment:

ACI Pyrometer with 18" of lead wire and a 12" thermocouple and mounting bracket.
(See Highwater Clay catalog, Page 102 for image and description)

Never Used. \$40.00 and

Used Raku equipment:

Face Protector \$10,
Aluminized Apron \$30
Elbow length raku gloves \$25
Venturi Single Burner System \$80
3 pairs raku tongs \$15
If interested, please contact:
Chris Campbell - 919-6767-4853

LINKS

The Crafts Center

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

Sertoma Arts Center

(919) 420-2329

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

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