

Clay Notes

February 2015

Clay Notes, the monthly *Triangle Potters Guild* newsletter, and the TPG membership forms are available on our website at www.trianglepotters.org.

Submissions to Clay Notes: 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 7:00 pm.

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Next TPG Business Meeting

Date: February 3, 2015

Location: NCSU Crafts Center, 100 Jensen Dr., Raleigh

Time: 7:00 pm

Parking is available in the parking deck directly across from the Crafts Center entrance. You may be ticketed or towed if you park on the street—this is student parking only.

February Program:

Linda Lambertson, Vice President

Jeff Brown has been making pottery since high school art class in 1977, and has been working professionally since 1981...20 years as a production pottery for hire, and 13 years as a studio potter, and teaching pottery for 8 years at the New Hampshire Institute of Art . His life as a gypsy potter has taken him from Central North Carolina to the NC coast, to New Hampshire, and back again. Michele Hastings enrolled in a pottery class at the NH Institute of Art in 2002 after years of wanting to get back to the potters wheel, having worked with clay in her high school art class. Jeff teamed up with Michele and in 2010 they moved from New Hampshire back to Jeff's home state, to set up a shop in Seagrove, NC on Pottery Highway 705. Seagrove is an historic pottery village in the center of North Carolina, and has been the ancestral home of potters and their families since the 1700s . Jeff says that he became a functional potter because of a high school art class field trip to Seagrove potteries in the 1970's.

" I am drawn to the natural earth qualities of clay: the smell, the look, the feel of its granular surface as it's stretched by the pressure of my fingertips. My fascination with texture and the pliable nature of clay leads me to examine not just the outside, or on the skin, but inside, below the surface. The firing process has become as elemental in my work as the forms and textures I use. The controlled chaos of the wood firing process enhances the surfaces of my pottery in a way that I cannot do in the glazing process alone. Imagining how flame and ash will leave their mark on my work, caressing the textures as they wrap around the forms, affects the way I think of my work in the studio."

Websites:

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[www Gypsypotters.net](http://www.Gypsypotters.net)



Minutes from January 2015

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Recorded by: Lauren Brockman

Randy Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 on Jan 6, 2015 and welcomed new members.

The new food policy of having food available ½ hour in advance of the meeting was announced.

November Meeting Minutes approved.

Kathy Rogers gave the treasurers report. We have 123 members - 27 are new! Awesome! New members can still join – forms are in box by nametags. Bank Balance is \$6,793.

Joanne Wood gave the Librarian's Report. We got two new books. *Mid-Range Glazes* and *In the Potter's Kitchen*! Website is updated with Library list. Procedures for book check out were reviewed.

Theresa Glisson gave the Webmaster Report – still 75 members that don't have info on website – send info in! She needs 10-12 pictures, and an artist photo and a bio. Each potter has a page! She also added pictures from the Raku party at Dan Finch's.

Announcements:

Nancy Schecter gave an apron update – first batch a bust but new ones on their way – better price and much better quality. Should arrive this week. All one size. Will now be \$5 instead of \$10! No need to return the old ones!! Ordered 100. See Nancy to pay or get a refund if needed. Will email when they arrive and they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Lou Ray Nichol gave an update on the Sandi Pierantozzi Workshop March 14/15 – 13 places left. If you want to come, get registration in now. Registration is open to the public.

Carolyn Wyland announced that Jackie Allen is very ill at Wake Med – in Cardiac ICU. No flowers or visitors please but cards at Wake Med are welcome. Husband Jerry will read them to her. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Raku Party a great success. Lots of nice pieces and a lot of fun.

Glaze Class by Carolyn Wyland and Martin Stankus was absolutely fantastic. Carolyn offered to do it again in the future.

Business Meeting was adjourned and Linda Lambertson introduced our presenter – Potter Rachel Smith

Member News

From Tracy Dreyer

At the Pullen Pottery

I have some exciting news to share with you regarding the A. Blair Clemo Workshop coming up on February 7th here at the Pullen Arts Center! Due to the generosity and support of the Office of Raleigh Arts, we are now able to offer this workshop to more people as well as offer it at a lower rate! The cost will now be \$65 for Raleigh residents and \$80 for non-residents. This price will be good until Saturday, January 31st. Remember, if you cannot make the workshop itself, Blair will be presenting a powerpoint on his work on Friday night, Feb. 6th from 7:00pm-8:30pm. That presentation will be free and open to the public.

If you had even considered signing up for this workshop - you now have no excuse! Come in today and save your seat! This workshop promises new techniques and tips for handbuilders and wheel throwers alike. See Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XA-OLhReKto>

Pullen Pottery Studio Social

Vintage Pot Night and Potluck! Thursday, Feb. 12th from 7-9pm Come to our Vintage Pot Night and bring one of the first pots you ever made! Make sure it's wrapped so no one can see it! We will be putting all the pots out on display for everyone to guess whose pot is whose! Bring a dish or snack to share. Studio Socials are free to Pullen members and current students.

From Theresa Glisson

Send in your Bio and Pics for the TPG Web Site to:

taglisson@gmail.com

Sad news:

Jackie Allen passed away the evening of Wednesday, January 7th. A memorial service is being planned, however there is no date, or location at the present time.

Jackie was a long time member of the Triangle Potters Guild and a Past President. She had served most recently as an advisor to the nominating committee last year. She also served on Stone Soup.

Condolences can be sent to the home address: 8306 Penny Rd. Raleigh, NC 27606

Sandi Pierantozzi Workshop

The workshop with Sandi Pierantozzi is now set for Saturday 14 and Sunday March 15 and with a free slide show and talk on Friday evening March 13. The price for the 2 day workshop is \$75. Registration form attached.

Special Requests

This is our second Founders Day celebration and this will be an annual event for our town. The celebration is sponsored by the Town of Apex and the Downtown Business Association (ADBA). We have a 10K race in the early morning and speakers will be doing presentations in the auditorium of the Halle Cultural Arts Center. Out side in the large parking lot across from the police station and behind the Halle we currently have scheduled a antique tractor club, Tarwheel-A's (a Model-A club), a couple electric cars, vintage police and fire fighting equipment, Civil War reenactors and encampment, blacksmith with another dozen groups we are waiting on their commitment for outside and doing a program in the Halle.

At this time we have a weaving group returning and will be down stairs in the Halle. Your group would be down stairs in the Halle as well.

Founders Day focus on "Today and Yesteryear". Things from our past like a chuck wagon, Model A's and a couple electric cars from NCSU engineer department.

Pottery has been such a part of the human existence it stands to reason to have a demonstration/presentation of pottery.

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Lauren Brockman:

I have an older, handmade KICK Wheel to sell. \$50 OBO.

Bought it last year from Mark Gordon thinking I would use it as a banding/glazing wheel but there is just not room for it in my studio.

Base weighting is brick held together by a steel band.

Buyer will have to come pick it up – no delivery. Dimensions are 39x35x35 (LxWxH). It will fit in the back of a small pickup truck. Will take two people to load into your vehicle.

If you are interested, email me at ltbrockman@hotmail.com! I live in North Raleigh.

Other News

Cedar Creek Gallery showing now.

Celebrating the daily ritual “CUP ful”

Featuring over 400 mugs and cups handcrafted by artist all over the United States. Focusing on the variety of ways artists explore contemporary ceramics and glass through the most familiar vessel, the cup.

Links

The Crafts Center

www.ncsu.edu/crafts

919-515-2457

Sertoma Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

919-996-2329

Pullen Arts Center

www.raleighnc.gov

919-831-6126

Central Carolina

Community College

www.cccc.edu

Finch Pottery

www.danfinch.com

252-235-4664

Litmus Gallery

www.litmusgallery.com

919-571-3605

Claymakers

www.claymakers.com

919-530-8355

Durham Arts Council

www.durhamarts.org

919-560-2726

Cary Arts Center

www.townofcary.org

919-469-4069

Raleigh Arts Calendar

www.visitraleigharts.com