

Guild at a Glance

South Vancouver Island Potters' Guild meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4733 West Saanich Road, Victoria

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June's Meeting – 'Show & Tell'



The next Guild Meeting is
TUESDAY
October 11th
7:30 St. Michael's
Anglican Church
4733 West Saanich Road

*Don't forget the
Raffle !*

Our last meeting was June 13th –three months ago. But three months can feel like a lifetime.

I remember very clearly enjoying the Show & Tell presentation given by numerous members, but can't remember who all did so. Rather than leaving any deserving people out, I'll just abjectly apologize and leave you to enjoy the photo. ... Editor (photo, Helen P.)

CLAY CONNECTS – Our Annual Sale – June 18. 2011

Saturday June 18th was a bit damp, but members displayed no lack of spirit as we conducted our annual sale – and neither did the manv folks who attended. This year the sale was held in and outside the Garv Oak Room in Fairfield.

We prepared ...



... and prepared some more ...



... finally we were ready ...



... and folks came !!!



Many thanks to Joan K. and her organizing committee.

Clay Connects Follow-up

Our 2011 sale was a great success! Much of this was due to the hard work of Joan Kagan and her committee, but it was clear that everyone who participated had both labored mightily preparing the work they brought to sell and had arrived with the intention of sharing a good time with whoever attended. Our presence may have come as a bit of a surprise to some who came to the Moss Street Market, but our work was appreciated by all who looked at it.

A total of 40 members participated, over twice as many as had the previous year. Holding our sale next to the Moss Street market worked very well. We were visited, partly by accident, by hundreds of people – despite the damp and grey day. After the sale participants completed a survey requesting feedback and voted enthusiastically to have our next sale in Fairfield.

Linda will be including sale figures in her financial report tonight. A more detailed follow-up report on the sale and responses to the post-sale survey will be presented by Joan at the October meeting.

The sale committee will be re-forming in October to plan and refine arrangements based on observations and comments regarding this year's sale. Please let Joan Kagan (joan@joankaganpottery.com) know if you wish to be on the committee and/or take on a certain task for the 2012 sale.

Notes from our past:

Minutes of the South Vancouver Island Potters' Guild Meeting Sept. 13, 1999 (our first year)

(President) Eric Roberts welcomed three new members. Tonight's agenda included payment of membership fees, election of officers and show and tell re summer workshops. Helen Hughes attended as a guest and conducted the elections.

Election of Officers for 1999-2000 one-year term:

President: Eric Roberts

Vice-President: Meira Mathison

Treasurer: Katie Luckhurst

Secretary: Diana Battie

Responsibilities:

Membership: Wendy Neilson

Raffle and Photo Album: Rachel Coward and Barb Lovick

Kitchen: Peggy Elmes

Program: Angela Straub, Joanne Payne, Debbie Malof, Diane Young

Publicity: Betty Burroughs (interim)

Note Helen's involvement and the 'interim' aspect of Betty's responsibility. Its interesting that as much as some things change, others remain the same.

Editor



I noticed at the Sooke Fine Arts Show several familiar names, all belonging to the Potters' Guild:

Sharon Grove

Judi Dyelle

Alice McLean

Muriel Sibley

Tobias Tomlinson

Pamela Truscott-White

It was wonderful to see so many potters represented at this prestigious show.

Heidi R.

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... is the newsletter for the South Vancouver Island Potters Guild.

It is published monthly, September through June, and is available on line at:

www.victoriapotters.ca

Articles and items of interest to members are welcome and will be included as space permits.

Items for inclusion are best emailed to the editor, Louise P, at: eartharts@me.com

Hello fellow potters,

A reminder that our next discussion group is coming up Sept. 18th at 1pm...looking forward...fox that pots.... Mary Fox Pottery 250-245-3778, 321 Third Ave. Box 35, Ladysmith BC Canada, V9G 1A1

<http://www.maryfoxpottery.ca/> <http://www.facebook.com/MaryFoxPottery>

UPCOMING EVENTS

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

I will be a resident artist at the Laurel Point Inn for 6 weeks starting Sept 13. That means I will be painting and sometimes doing clay work there every day during that time. They also have a small gift shop where I can show and sell my pottery and perhaps some small paintings (if I can make myself paint small).

Cheers

Sophia Morrison



Seventh Annual James Bay Art Walk

Saturday, September 17 &

Sunday, September 18

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Studio tours and sales

www.jamesbayartwalk.ca



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Judith Fischer

Reinventing Ritual

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featuring the work of:

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Sunday September 18th at 2:30 p.m.

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at Walker (Lochside)

Community Arts Council of the Saanich Peninsula

SO ... WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

In many ways, September marks the beginning of a new year. At *Guild at a Glance* we're starting this new year off with a new feature. Each month we will present a proposition that fits two criteria: (1) that is of interest to our members and (2) that is somewhat controversial. The intention of this feature is to generate thoughts and discussion among members and to share these with the Guild as a whole. Member's reactions (credited or anonymous at the choice of the author) will be published in the following month's *Guild at a Glance*.

THIS MONTH – Proposed: *Nothing that has a function can be considered art – therefore, potters who make work that is usable cannot be artists.*

This month's statement is drawn from a book review submitted by Belle L. "*Thrown: British Columbia's Apprentices of Bernard Leach and their Contemporaries*". The article can be found at:

http://theyee.ca/Books/2011/08/11/BCPottery/?utm_source=mondayheadlines&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=150811



John Reeve
Photo by Sally Michener,
courtesy of Ron Vallis.

So ... What DO you think? Do you agree? ... disagree? ... care at all?

Is being considered an 'artist' important to what motivates you to make pots?
... to your ability to sell your work? ... to the prices you can ask for your work?
Do you consider yourself an 'artist'? ... an 'artisan'? ... a 'craftsperson'? ... something else?
Does the label used to describe you and your work matter to you? Why?

Please think about this, talk about it to others (within and beyond the guild) then email your response to the Editor, Guild at a Glance eartharts@me.com

Is there an issue that meets our criteria and that you would like discussed by the Guild?
Send your idea to the Editor, Guild at a Glance eartharts@me.com

One of the strong mandates of our guild is to foster the growth of our members.
Two keys to growing are an open mind and the willingness to participate.

SOUPER BOWLS OF HOPE

The Souper Bowls of Hope will be held in the Fairmont Empress on Tuesday, November 8 . Through the sale of bowls and other pottery items, the Youth Empowerment Society is able to continue to fund programs for at-risk youth so they can get the help they need to change their lifestyle, reconcile with parents, etc. so they can look forward to a better future.

So if you can bring extra pots or have other items in your studio, please bring them to the next meeting in October which will be the last meeting before the Event! Or you can phone Helen Hughes 250 – 361 – 1291 or email hh456@shaw.ca for pick up.

The Guild members make a HUGE difference to the success of Souper Bowls of Hope!! Thank you!!

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