## Guild at a Gance

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

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#### May's Meeting – Facing Challenges (Solving Problems)

no photos this month – sorry - Editor

Instead of a demonstration members got a chance to present problems they've encountered in hope of answers from the audience. It was also an opportunity to show some new work. Given that we all have a show/sale in 6 weeks, this was a timely exercise.

The "problems" identified occurred at nearly every stage of our work – from forming to decorating and glazing, as examples:

- Muriel would love to know why her Randi's Red isn't if you know, please tell us!
- Rosemary would love to ensure that grog or sand STAYS on her tiles.
- Jennifer wonders why her teapot has efflorescence on its outside even though it appears to be water tight.

Some suggestions, tips or remedies from folks in the audience included:

- warping? Maybe the thickness of the clay is uneven try VERY slow drying
- to keep tiles flat, dry on drywall, weigh down with sandbag, do NOT score the back
- one way to possibly make grog 'stick' on finished work is to mix it with underglaze and paint it on early in the
  process of making
- when working with soft slabs, stability and texture will be maintained if the slab is put onto plastic wrap (texture side down)
- another slab hint is that scoring the slab wherever it is intended to bend to a corner by cutting a 'V' on the inside will make corners neat
- when making a piece intended to be installed in a shadow box, choose the shadow box first and make the piece to fit shadow boxes come in limited sizes

#### HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

The next Guild Meeting is

## Monday September 9th

7:30 St. Michael's
Anglican Church
4733 West Saanich Road
Don't forget the
Raffle!

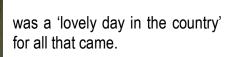
• use soap as a release for plaster molds

New works were also presented:

- Angela showed us two of the newest tiles in her lines on one, the tree trunk and its roots were gorgeous!
- Daniel brought us a fishing creel with fish tail sticking out and a real leather belt. His attention to detail (like the texture of the basket) was astonishing!
- Belle brought mugs with new images and a historical selection of previous images on mugs – all were beautiful!
- Derek showed us a handbuilt teapot that was amazing!
- Gordon was not only successful using Randi's Red, he brought a selection of basic shapes decorated with wax resist
- Joy brought a set of molds she'd made from nesting bowls ingenious!

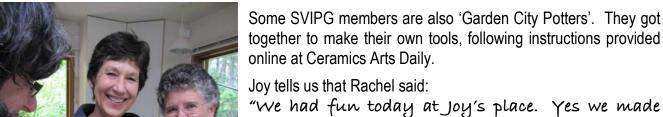
#### **Member's Activities**

Mother's Day weekend (May 11 & 12) was a special one - the West Saanich Studio Tour. Nine SVIPG members (Joy, Heidi, Pam, Daniel, Roger, Esther, Nancy A., Rosemary, and Louise) showed and sold their work in two idyllic forest environments. It really



Although a bit chilly, those participating found it to be a great weekend, full of pleasant company and interesting conversation – a success all around!

#### **Garden City Potters Are Making Tools**



"We had fun today at Joy's place. Yes we made tools....and yes, grey squirrel tail brushes too"

One of the benefits of doing this work in a group is that often more than two hands are needed to tie the hairs into a brush.

From their results it is obvious that this group not only had fun, but created some great new tools!

#### Winter Cree Pottery 2013 Summer Workshops with Muriel Sibley

Pottery Boot Camp throwing -4 days Thursday - Sunday

Level 1

"Concentrating on the Cup" August 1 - 4, 10am-4pm \$300

Level 2

"Taming the Teapot"

August 8 - 11, 10am-4pm \$300

#### **Paperclay** Sculpture Play

4 days

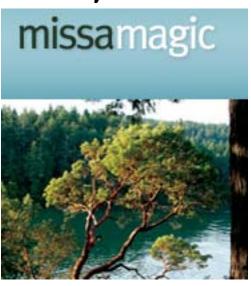
August 22 – 25 Thursday - Sunday 10am - 4pm \$300

For more information, phone Muriel Sibley at:

**250 - 652 - 5434** 

178 Ross Durrance Road, Victoria V9E 2A3

#### You can still be part of



There is room in the following CLAY courses at **Metchosin Int'l Summer School of the Arts** (MISSA)

Sculptural Relief Angela Pistrucci

June 29-30 Innovative Handbuilding Lana Wilson July 1-5 & July 8-12

**Architectural Ceramics Angela Pistrucci** 

**July 1-5** 

Clay Sculpture Sampler Debra Sloan

July 1-5

Exploring Print & Clay Cathy Terepocki July 6-7

Form & Surface with Colour

Vince Pitelka July 8-12

Check the website for details: missa.ca

If there is a course you would prefer that is currently filled, you can have your name added to a waiting list.



Possible workshops for next year were briefly discussed at the last meeting. Linda V. told us that we might be able to have **Bob Kingsmill** come. Any of you who didn't go to the Clay Symposium in Burnaby this spring missed a fabulous workshop on handbuilding and texturing. If we're lucky enough to book Bob, register – it will be well worth whatever the price – guaranteed!

This Month – See the 'Poem of the Month' online

#### ... and Members are Showing / Selling

- Sue McLeod will be at the Filberg Festival August 2-5. See her work at www.mycloudcreations.com or check out the festival itself at http://filbergfestival.com
- Tobias Tomlinson will be very busy this summer. He'll be at:

#### **Excellence in Craft Store**

Second Floor @ the Bay Centre downtown daily mall hours

#### Moss St. Paint In

600 block of Moss St. Saturday July 20, 2013

#### **Bowker Creek Brush Up Outdoor Art Show and Sale**

Sunday, August 11th, 2013

11:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Hampshire Rd between Oak Bay Ave and Cranmore St., Oak Bay

 Rosemary Neering, Louise Parsons (and likely other SVIPG members) will be participating in Cordova Bay Day, Saturday June 22, 11-4 at St David by the Sea Anglican Church, 5182 Cordova Bay Road

#### ... and

Many of Us Will Be at Our Guild Show & Sale

# CLAY SATURDAY JUNE 15th / 10am-3pm CONNECTS

# POTTERY SHOW SALE South Vancouver Island Potters Guild 1335 Thurlow rd. next to Moss st. Market



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#### **Upcoming Opportunities – to See**

Fanciful Banko – Japanese Ceramics Victoria Art Gallery June 21 - September 22, 2013 Curated by Barry Till





Steppin' Out – a Shoe Project Gallery of BC Ceramics June 6 - July 1, 2013 Shelley Holmes Exhibition

#### **Upcoming Opportunities – to Sell / Show**

#### **Acres of Art**



Coast Collective Grounds, Esquimalt Sunday, July 7, 2013 For Information & Registration: http://www.coastcollective.ca/events.html

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#### **Pottery Studio Supplies**

Dry Chemicals, Raw Materials, Kiln Shelves, Batts, Firing Supplies, Raku Equipment, Hard Briks See website for more details -

Contact Mary Ulrich (Ladysmith) by phone at 250.245.8760 or email urcontact@rocketmail.com for purchase.

#### **Wanted - Studio Space**

Libby Jutras is thinking of moving to Victoria from Saltspring Island (where she has worked on her own for a couple years) and is looking to join a co-op type group.

She has a small kiln, a wheel, a slab roller, a pug mill and an extruder and is looking to put them in a space where she and others (with her supervision) can use them.

Contact Libby at <u>ljutras@shaw.ca</u>

#### A Summer's Wish from Your Editor:

"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

— F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

... may it be so for all of you!

#### **ADVERTIZING RATES**

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#### **FREE**

contact editor at: eartharts@me.com



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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: <a href="mailto:eartharts@shaw.ca">eartharts@shaw.ca</a>

#### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The earlier submissions are received, the more likely there will be room to include them. Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month. Be kind to the editor, please send items for inclusion *before* the

#### FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

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We're now stocking heavy duty canvas from Pakistan. Great for making wareboards or wedging tables. \$8.95 per yard.

Custom wareboards are available as well, call for details

Dirty Girl pottery tools available including foot fetish, wiggle wire and oak angle wood tools. These make great stocking stuffers.

We have tea pot handles from England, finest quality cane sized from 3" to 8". Great selection, priced from \$5.75 to \$12.95 each.

Great new items in stock for texture on clay such as: Amaco rollers, Mayco designer stamps, wooden rollers, star cutters, ribs, haxe tool, paddles, alphabet and number stamps, rasps, slip trailers, etc.



