

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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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
 - 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!

**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 !*

West Saanich Studio Tour

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

Member's Activities



was a 'lovely day in the country' for all that came.

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



Some SVIPG members are also 'Garden City Potters'. They got together to make their own tools, following instructions provided online at Ceramics Arts Daily.

Joy tells us that Rachel said:

"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:

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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 June 29-30	Angela Pistrucci
Innovative Handbuilding July 1-5 & July 8-12	Lana Wilson
Architectural Ceramics July 1-5	Angela Pistrucci
Clay Sculpture Sampler July 1-5	Debra Sloan
Exploring Print & Clay July 6-7	Cathy Terepocki
Form & Surface with Colour July 8-12	Vince Pitelka

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
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free
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Functional
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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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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 ljutras@shaw.ca

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!

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contact editor at:

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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@shaw.ca

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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