

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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Sue Hara

The guild would like to thank Sue Hara for April's presentation of her personal journey beyond clay. She is now exploring mixed media with her "Memory Boxes" containing found objects from nature.



Don't Forget The Raffle!

Next Guild Meeting is
Monday, June 14, 2010
7:30 p.m. at St. Michaels Hall

The crack that led to new adventures.

GETTING THE RIGHT MASK FOR PROTECTION IN THE STUDIO and WHEN FIRING

Working with clay, chemicals and other "powdery" stuff often requires a mask that is designed and rated for the appropriate hazard. A paper dust mask is ineffective and gives you a false sense of security. There are some 4-point (two rubber straps to hold it on) paper masks that are better but the key is to find one that has a NIOSH rating of P100. A 4-point harness, fitted rubber face mask with P100 rated filter cartridges is what you need. A minimum rating of P100 is required for chemical dusts (silica, oxides, etc.) They are available from 3M and North at many hardware stores or any safety equipment store at reasonable cost.

The North P100 cartridges are purple and are designed to filter out 99.9% of very small particles. You should get the right size mask to fit your face. A clean shaven face is also necessary to ensure an airtight fit and proper functioning. For folks doing raku, cartridges are also available to eliminate the smoke, vapours and fumes from the post firing process. Check the labels or ask for assistance. Practice safe potting and firing and enjoy yourselves and your health.

- - - written by Don Jung and taken from BC Potters Guild newsletter, June, 2004.....Advice that is just as relevant today.

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Artwork by Vince Pitelka

Coloured Clays: Form & Surface

Vince Pitelka, head of the Clay Program at Tennessee Technological University's Appalachian Center for Crafts, introduces patterned-loaf coloured clay techniques.

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Taxes not included.

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or register online: burnaby.ca/webreg



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Kiln sitter Wanted

Does anyone have a kiln sitter for a kiln with 5" walls (old sitter is Dawson model LT3, kaput) that's in good shape and reasonable? My email is wolter-spots@shaw.ca

Thanks very much,
Jane Wolters

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Mary Fox Pottery - Potters Discussion Group

Hello fellow potters, I am starting up a discussion group at my pottery in Ladysmith on Vancouver Island. It will be held every second month on the first Sunday of the month starting June 6th at 1pm. Everyone is welcome, beginners to professionals, and there is no charge. The idea is for a free flow of discussion covering whatever areas people may be having problems with. I personally like to help with problems around finding your style and the creative process but am happy to help in other areas too if I can.

Mary Fox Pottery is located at 321 Third Ave. Ladysmith 250- 245- 3778, maryfox@shaw.ca
An email or phone call to let me know you are planning on attending is welcome but not a requirement.

Looking forward, Mary Fox

Salt Spring Potters Guild Spring Show 2010

Your guild members are warmly invited to the Salt Spring Potters Guild - Spring Show 2010. Our once-a-year sale features more than 20 Gulf Island potters displaying their best new work. This year's feature artist is internationally recognized Korean sculptor Byung-Joo Suh. For a sneak preview of his work, check out www.goodyyssey.com

Your members are especially welcome to our opening reception on Friday, May 7th from 5 - 8pm where you can mingle with our guild members. The show continues on Saturday, May 8 from 10am - 4pm. The event takes place at Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Rd in the heart of Ganges village on Salt Spring Island.

If you come on Saturday you can also enjoy the Saturday Market. We would greatly appreciate it if you would circulate this invitation to your guild members and anyone else who might be interested.

For more information please check out our website: www.saltspringpottersguild.com



E. J. Feller



Byung-Joo Suh



Karen Reiss

The Pottery Store

Invitation to Our Guest Artist Program

The Pottery Store is a successful high-traffic gallery-style retail outlet with a prime location in Chemainus, the busiest tourist town on Vancouver Island. In its fourteen years of operation, The Pottery Store has established a sizeable clientele from all over the world who make it a point to visit the store regularly, either in person or online. Traditionally, the Pottery Store has only sold pottery created by its owners. Now we are pleased to announce our new Guest Artist Program, which is a sales opportunity open to all Vancouver Island and Gulf Island potters.

Guest Artist Program

The Guest Artist Program is open to Vancouver Island and Gulf Island potters who would be interested in access to an established retail outlet in a dynamic market. It is also an opportunity for The Pottery Store to work with new artists and to offer a greater diversity of ceramic art to its customers.

Each selected Guest Artist will be showcased in a dedicated sales display in The Pottery Store for a two-month period. The Pottery Store will host an opening reception and provide invitations and advertising. There will be three Guest Artists in 2010, starting in July, and six in 2011.

If you are interested, please follow the submission criteria below.

1. Include your bio, ceramic resumé, a CD with photographs of at least 6 examples of your work, descriptions and sizes of each piece, as well as any process information that you deem relevant.
2. Send your submission to: The Pottery Store, 9745 Willow Street, PO Box 406, Chemainus BC V0R 1K6, Attention: Peggy Grigor. Deadline for submission June 15, 2010.
3. Selected finalists will be notified before June 30, 2010. Upon selection, we will set up a personal interview to meet you and view your work prior to final selection.
4. If you are selected, your work will be featured in The Pottery Store for a designated two month period. You will be asked to provide a photograph of yourself and one of a featured piece of your art for promotional purposes.
5. Selected participants will be asked to sign The Pottery Store's standard consignment agreement which offers a 45/55% split.
6. The Pottery Store provides full insurance and security for all consignment items.
7. All applications will be kept on file for possible future consideration.

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Joy Finlay, Fern Walker and Muriel Sibley at the opening of Clay Connects, South Vancouver Island Potters' Guild 10th anniversary show at the Martin Batchelor Gallery. Photos Kris Jeffrey.



Cherry Point Artists Spring Show and Sale

Penny Jones and I (plus 3 other Cowichan Valley Potters) were invited by Cherry Point Painters to be a part of their painting show held April 30 and May 1 at St Peter's church hall in Duncan. We enjoyed a steady crowd of art enthusiasts and thought you might like to see the photos.

Susan C. Whitham



CLAY CONNECTS

South Vancouver Island Potters Guild 10th Anniversary Show, Martin Batchelor Gallery

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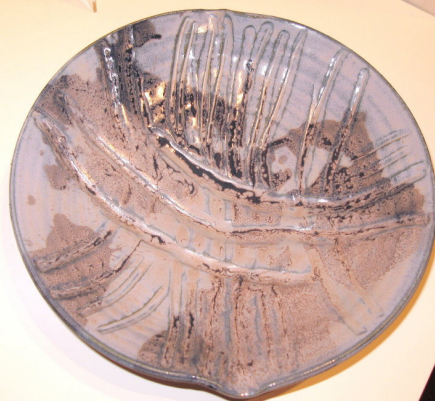
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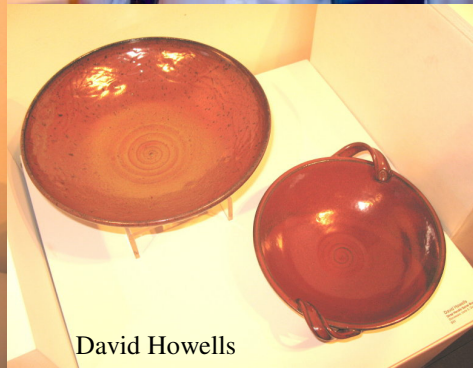
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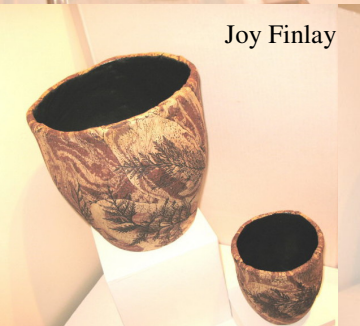
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Betty Burroughs



Cathi Jefferson

For the Birds

The Wild Birds Unlimited shop at 3631 Shelbourne St. (in Cedar Hill Cross Rd. strip mall) might be interested in purchasing pottery items related to birds. They said that images could be sent to them, but would like any product made to be "easily cleaned".

Phone: 250-595-3595, or email: wbuvtoria@shaw.ca

Souper Bowls of Hope

This event is held in the fall at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Through the sale of bowls and other pottery items, the Youth Empowerment Society is able to continue to fund programs for youth-at-risk so they can get the help they need to change their lifestyle and/or reconnect with their family, and have a better future. So if you have extra pots or other items in your studio (even seconds), please bring them to the next meeting or phone Helen Hughes 250 - 361 - 1291 for pick up.

Your assistance is VERY much appreciated!

Gordon Hutchens Anagama Firing

Here are some image links for the anagama wood firing of April 23 at Gordon's Hutchens on Denman Island, and the Opening of the kiln on May 1st. They were created by Dee & Larry Aguilar. Great Fun. Cheers Tobias



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXmozhkRl4> YouTube link to see an photo diary of the anagama firing with gordon hutchens 2010

Link to Anagama firing 2010 with Gordon Hutchens. 2 folders with pictures of Firing and post firing! Amazing results from amazing potters!

<http://picasaweb.google.com/108489298791953360667>



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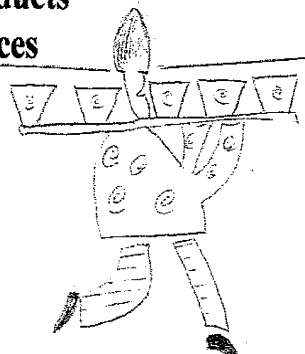
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