

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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Tuesday Oct. 12 was movie night at the guild meeting. Louise gave us three choices to vote on. The majority of members wanted to see "Hot Damn! Pottree" featuring Don Ellis and Randy Brodnax. Randy is well known for his summer courses at MISSA.

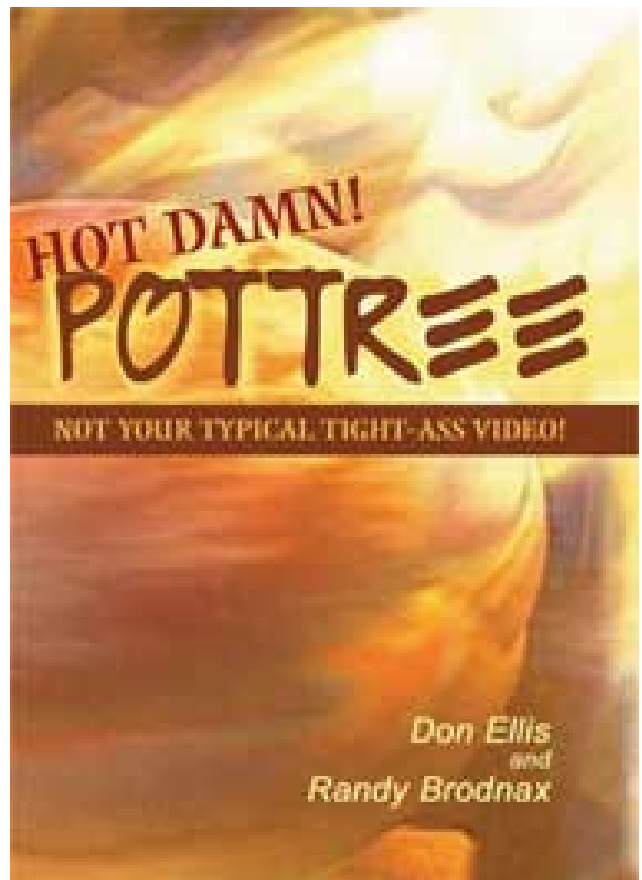
Here is a short run of the video content:

Part 1: Using a heat gun while stretching the pot from the inside with the hand and/or flexible rib. The result is a very thin wall.

Part 2: Using Sodium Silicate on the dry pot after pulling it up as demonstrated (see above - heat gun outside, rib inside). Iron Oxide + Sodium Silicate + slurry are mixed to a creamy consistency. The mixture is brushed on to the pot, which is still really hot from the heat gun. Then the pot is dried again with the heat gun. Randy used a rubber nipple tool to draw through the Sodium Silicate layer. Then he stretched the pot again from the inside, which altered the drawn on design.

Part 3: Animal Time

Don and Randy demonstrated how to create an animal form by throwing a pot on the wheel, then altering the shape, i.e. throwing a neck, folding and closing it on top. Then they added "features" to turn the pot into a cat. By turning the pot onto its side and adding a head, the pot can become a turtle. Don and Randy made it look suspiciously easy, but I suspect it takes more than 20 minutes of video watching to create something so interesting and appealing.



Don't Forget The Raffle!

Next Guild Meeting is
Monday, December 13, 2010
7:30 p.m. at St. Michaels Hall

Thank you, Louise for a fun evening!

P.S. The promised popcorn never materialized, or was it just a ruse to lure the members to the meeting the day after Thanksgiving?

Heidi

A BIG THANK YOU

to Ann Semple, Cindy Gibson and Tony Mochizuki for lending their plinths to the "Eighty Sticky Fingers" sculpting group, and to Muriel Sibley and Linda Vigliotti for offering theirs. Those plinths were vital to the display of our sculptures.

Thank you so much for helping us in times of need,
Fern and Heidi, your non potting members



Group photo of the "Eighty Sticky Fingers". Two - actually twenty - of the fingers should look familiar to you. They belong to Fern and Heidi. The other group members are Gwen Greenwood, Maureen Woodward, John Woods, Donna Thompson and Gayle Millbank. If you see only seventy fingers, you are right! We were short ten!

Photo credit: by Kate Cino for artopenings.ca



Eighty Sticky Fingers

"Sculptures in Clay"

October 14 - 24
Opening Reception
Sat. Oct 16, 2 to 4 pm
with live music by Cookeilidh


Coast Collective Gallery
at Havenwood at Esquimalt Lagoon
3221 Heatherbell Road, Colwood
250.391.5522 - www.coastcollective.ca
Gallery Hours: Thurs. to Sun. - Noon to 5:00 PM

Ingredients Become Oxides In Fired Glazes

Ingredients become oxides
in a fired glaze.

Learn where to find them
and you'll be amazed.

Feldspar, whiting,
quartz and kaolin
are some of the ingredients
that do go in.

But during firing
when they get hot,
ingredients become oxides
on a fired pot.

Quartz becomes silica
which is **SiO₂**.
It makes the glass,
that's what it will do.

Kaolin becomes
Al₂O₃ • 2SiO₂
For each alumina molecule . . .
the silica counts 2.

Whiting becomes calcia.
That's what it will do.
And dolomite becomes calcia
plus magnesia too.

Feldspars are
much more complex.
Let's take a look
at that group next.

Feldspars become silica
plus alumina too,
plus alkali flux oxides.
Now that's quite a brew!

After firing you have
ingredients no more,
but plenty of oxides
you will have galore!

♥ 2005 Chic Lotz
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Christmas at the Lake Craft Fair



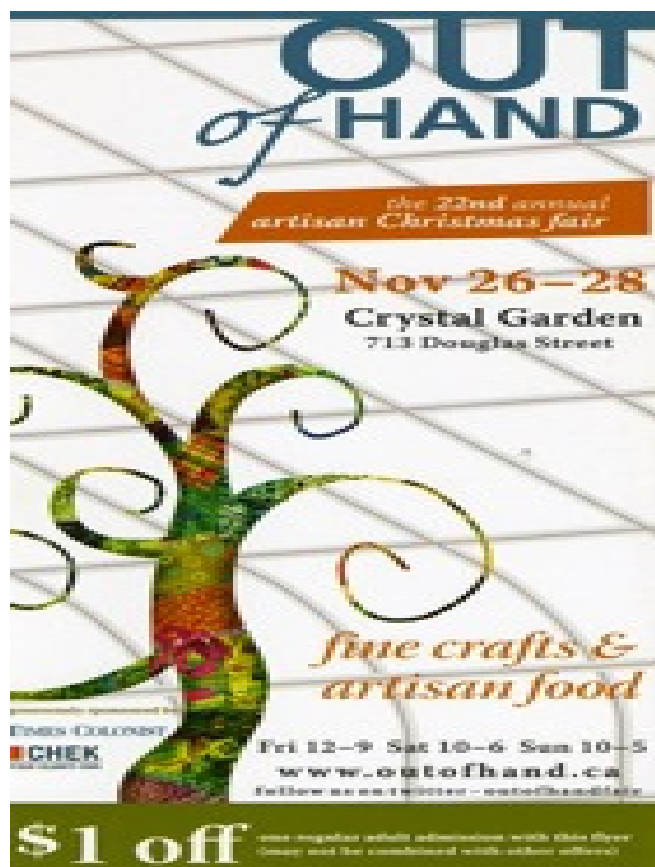
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Subject: UP-
COMING
SHOWS

Hello,
Here are two
shows I'm in this
pre -Christmas
busy season,
both filled with
wonderful things
to see and buy.

Cheers
Joan

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Island Artisans Association Presents:
Gifts for myself and others

**Fri Nov. 12, Noon - 8pm
Sat Nov. 13, 10am - 6pm
Sun Nov. 14, 11am - 5pm**
**da Vinci Centre
195 Bay Street, Victoria**

**event pass \$4.
\$1 off with foodbank item**

Wheel For Sale

The attached photos are of an industrial/professional model potter's wheel that I would like to sell. I am relocating, and have become interested in photography, therefore I will not be doing any more pottery. That being said, I would like to sell this fantastic piece of machinery. I am a novice potter, and you being a professional, I am sure you can capture the value in this potter's wheel. If this wheel appears like something that you, or any member of your guild could use, I would appreciate hearing from you. I have listed the characteristics of the wheel below. I have viewed the wheels that you are offering on your website, and I feel that the price I am asking for this excellent piece of equipment is a mere pittance. The worm gear drive (no belts) on this unit produces a very strong torque. The extremely quiet 2 speed, 1 horsepower motor, is relentless in delivering durability, and longevity. The motor is waterproof, and the lack of belts means less maintenance, and more consistent torque.

Please feel free to contact me if this unit interests you, or if you require further information. I live in the downtown area of Victoria. 250-858-1638

Selling price: \$350.00

Noiseless..... Motor size: 1 HP, 120 volt, Speed: 2 speed, Wheel size: 12 inch., Drive: Worm gear drive.

Construction: Cast iron, Wheel carrying weight: easy 40 kilos.

Regards, Patrick

**Custom Work**

My name is Kaitlin and I am a recent graduate trying to start up a small furniture design company here in Victoria. I am in need of a ceramic artist to make a prototype for me and I have hit somewhat of a wall as far as contacts go - then I stumbled upon the link to your guild! I was wondering if there are any local ceramic artisans who would be interested in working with me to make some prototypes of lamps and/or vases or if anyone can suggest any artists in the Victoria area who do custom work? Any information would be greatly appreciated!

Regards, Kaitlin Martin kaitlin.martin1@gmail.com

250-857-6502

Hello to all,

You are invited to participate in the last Tozan firing of 2010. The Tozan will be loaded Friday morning December 10, 2010 and starting the firing that afternoon. Firing instructions will follow closer to this date. Please contact Flora Walton at point3@shaw.ca so that she can organize the work parties necessary to make this firing a successful one. Firing shifts need to be planned to ensure that we have enough people and pots to go ahead with the firing. Please reply as soon as possible.

The following formation is requested:

Name and phone number:

Approx. number of your pots: example 1 cu. ft.

Do you want to be fire chief? Yes/no

What shift(s) would you like to work? Morning/afternoon/evening/night

How many hours do you consider a shift? 5/6/8

We are planning to fire a Dogi only Chamber 1 will be considered if there is sufficient participation. Firing will commence late on the 10th, Saturday and Sunday... into Monday should Chamber 1 be fired.

Again, please respond as soon as possible, call me if you wish. Thank you, Flora Walton 250-760-1040

1st Annual

4 MAKERS FINE DESIGN SALE

Rachel Jo | Stefanie Denz | Julie MacKinnon | Jane Mackenzie



Body | Wall | Table
Adornment

Opening Reception: Friday, November 19th | 5:30 - 9pm
Show: Saturday, November 20th | 10am - 7:30pm

Location: Fernwood Coffee Company Roastery
5 - 1115 North Park (off Cook St.) Victoria

Entrance: behind the parsonage cafe in the alley. Look for the signs on cook street

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in the Guild newsletter.**

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\$75. for 10 issues.

1/4 page ad: \$20. per issue, \$150. for 10 issues.

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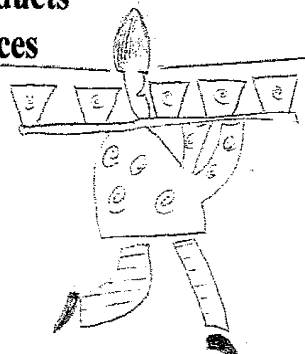
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