

Guild at a Glance

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

June's Meeting – Lost in the Annals of Time

It seems June's meeting was a long, long time ago – I guess this summer was long enough after all ☺. I remember a pot-luck supper and hearing about what folks were up to. Time has dimmed the details – and no one was able to write it up so we'll all just have to wonder – and possibly remember. Unfortunately, there aren't any photos either – nothing to prompt the editor's (ageing) memory.

Clay Connects – Our Annual SHOW & SALE



The SVIPG annual show and sale, Clay Connects, was held June 13th inside and outside the Gary Oak Room at the Fairfield Community Hall (next to the Moss Street Market).

As usual, the event was well attended – and also a great success! Everyone who worked so very hard deserves to feel rewarded.

We already have the date for the 2016 show and sale. Nancy Fraser tells us it will be held June 11th. Look forward to more news in the months ahead.



Our next meeting will be
TUESDAY
October 13th 2015
We meet at 7:30 pm at
St. Michael's
Anglican Church
4733 West Saanich Road

Don't forget the RAFFLE!



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Thanks to one of our members (Patti P.) we became aware of the Victoria Tool Library this summer. Originally, this effort was described in a Victoria News article (<http://www.vicnews.com/community/298823231.html>) and since then much has happened.

While still in its organizing phase, the Victoria Tool Library has become incorporated as a non-profit society in BC, developed a great web site (see above) and is in the process of building a Board of Directors. For more information, go to their web site (<http://victoriatoollibrary.org>).

As you likely know, pottery tools are expensive to buy new and may be useful to others too. Our members include folks of a 'certain' age who may be downsizing and find they cannot use pottery tools (such as kilns, wheels, slab rollers etc) or even smaller tools (such as hand tools, chemicals for mixing glazes etc).

SVIPG members may also be the kind of folks who would happily borrow or share tools, or who would have (or who's spouses may have) woodworking or other tools to sell cheap or donate. As Laura, one of the coordinators, explains:

“ We have been and are continuing to gather information from the community about what kind of tools they'd like in the Victoria Tool Library and how the organization can most benefit the community of Greater Victoria. I encourage you to fill out [our survey](#) and share it with others who you think would like to have a say in the tool library's shape. ... So far we have certainly heard that art tools are of interest to the community and when the time comes to build our catalogue, it would be excellent to have connections with organizations like the pottery guild to make sure we are including the right kinds of things!”

If you are interested – please let your voice be heard. Complete the survey at <http://victoriatoollibrary.org>, ask for the newsletter to come to your inbox, or consider volunteering as a Board Member.



Bill (William Donald) Rennie

January 13, 1953 - May 29, 2015

Sadly we announce the passing of Bill Rennie, age 62. Bill was a talented Vancouver artist loved by many. Predeceased by his parents Fred (Dick), and Juanita Rennie. Survived by his sister, Marigrace, two aunts, many cousins and several wonderful friends.

Bill's friends were the mainstay of his life. They loved and supported him throughout his illness during the past 9 years, and particularly through his final battle with cancer. Their caring was unprecedented and very appreciated by his sister. Many thanks to the staff at May's Place Hospice, who cared for Bill in his final days.

Bill was a graduate of the UBC Art Education Program, and Emily Carr School of Art. Bill's medium was clay, and the ceramic sculptures he created were shown throughout Vancouver and North America. Bill was also a founding member of C.O.R.E., an artist live-work coop in Vancouver.

Always Loved and Always Remembered.

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SVIPG Members

Raku



In June, a group of SVIPG members (including Rosemary, Belle, Roger & Pam herself) met at Pam's house to use her 'new' Raku kiln.

Clay Hub Fall Classes

ADULT CLASSES

Wheel Throwing (8 weeks beginning the week of Sept. 14)

Monday 6 – 8:30

Wednesday 9:30-12

Thursday 6 – 8:30

Hand Building (4 weeks beginning the week of Oct. 27)

Tuesday 6 – 8:30

Sculpting and Decorating (8 weeks beginning the week of Sept. 23)

Wednesday 6 – 8:30

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Age 4 – 7 (6 weeks beginning the week of Sept. 14)

Thursday 3:15 – 4:45

Age 8 – 12 (8 weeks beginning the week of Sept. 14)

Wednesday 3:15 – 4:45

WORKSHOPS

Pumpkin Tealight 3 hour workshop 9 – 12

For all ages Saturday Oct. 3 or Saturday October 10

For more information www.theclayhubcollective.weebly.com

or **The Clay Hub** facebook page



If you're going to be in the Cobble Hill area (AKA 'north of the Malahat') check out one (or more) of these - Ed.

*The Clay Hub is to be found at:
2375 Koksilah Road*

*Email
theclayhubcollective@gmail.com
with any questions*

On the Web

This month we're trying something new. The web is full of pottery sites – some great, some not so great. We'll post sites members send us – sites you've found interesting, challenging, or just plain fun. So please do send the Editor (eartharts@shaw.ca) the address of sites you like.

Below are some sites from around the globe:

Terroir - Clay & Wine

Do you like wine? We know you love clay! Check this out.

<http://johnnullinger.com/home/terroir-clay-and-wine/>

The Pottery Studio

Based in Britain, as this site says *"the Pottery Studio is a knowledge base for lovers of studio pottery, art pottery, craft pottery, and just about any other kind of pottery."*

<http://www.studiopottery.com/cgi-bin/about.cgi>

The Crafts Study Centre

From Britain again, this time a more broad site about craft.

<http://www.csc.ucreative.ac.uk/index.cfm?articleid=18756>

Australian Pottery

Mostly book reviews – interesting though.

<http://www.aussiepottery.com>

the National Museum of Australian Pottery

Have you ever been to Holbrook New South Wales?

<http://www.australianpottery.net.au>

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

It is published monthly, September through June, and is available at meetings and online 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, at [eartharts@shaw.ca](mailto:eartarts@shaw.ca)

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS NOON
THE FIRST MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

The earlier submissions are received, the more likely there will be room to include them. Be kind to the editor, please send items for inclusion *before* the deadline.

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Here is a list of my favorite pottery tools, glazes and things. Dan

All available at Victoria Clay Art

Mud Tool Ribs
Amaco PC-20 Blue Rutile [cone 6]
Alphabet Stamp Set
2" Goat Hair Fan Brush
Magic Water
Stroke & Coat SC-74 Hot Tomale [cone 08-10]
MKM Finger Rollers
Xiem Telescoping Sponge on a Stick
Mud Tool Blue Sponge
Amaco Velvet Underglaze V-361 Jet Black
Aardvark Cone 5 BEE-Mix
Mud Tool Clay Cutting Wire [green handle]
MKM Wood Stamps
Paper Clay cone 06, 6, or 10

**Come in and look around, we're open
10:00am to 5:00pm Mon-Sat**

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REMEMBER – among others, 2 great benefits to being in the South Vancouver Island Potters Guild are:

- 1) the library
- 2) access to the BC Potter's Guild newsletter online. Betty B. sends us the username and password each month.

So ... check them out! They're worth using!

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**Our Library welcomes your
suggestions –
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