

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

September's Meeting – Show & Tell

As usual, September's meeting was a time for members to let each other know what they'd been up to this summer – with an emphasis on what people learned at the Metchosin Summer School of the Arts (MISSA). This month the editor did take decent notes (good) but didn't bring her camera (bad) – so there aren't any photographs (sorry).

Linda V. & Daniel C. both took Ellen Shankin's *'Altered Forms / Design Decisions'* workshop (June 29 to July 3, 2015) but focused their presentations on quite different aspects of that course (with no conversations about that in advance)– going to show how different people can learn different things from the same class.

Linda had taken Ellen's class before and was quite impressed with her altered thrown work. By marking the piece into 4ths and then using one's fingers inside on ½ of each 4th, she created wonderful pieces that followed the oval bottom of each piece.

Daniel focused on bottle forms, faceting then altering them. Of note were his soya bottles, delicate (thin) spouts that were quite sculptural in shape. The editor remembers Daniel speaking of looking at a form to be altered, liking it and not really wanting to change its shape – something many of us face.

Daniel also took Angela Pisruicci's class on bas relief sculpture the weekend before (*Fine Art Tiles* June 20th & 21st, 2015). He brought a tile of a bird that he created in that class, making false his statement that he just couldn't draw. His presentation (and enthusiasm) gave each of us hope, especially those of us who don't think drawing will ever be part of our repertoire.

Heidi R. took Pat Webber's class *'Story Animal Sculptures'* (June 27th & 28th, 2015). Heidi is herself an accomplished sculptor so she followed Pat's instructions even though (she said) her own style tended to take over. By making pieces a bit larger and using her own sculpture clay, Heidi was able to learn and enjoy.

Derek K. took Bob Kingsmill's *'Handbuilding Masks and More'* (June 22nd to 26th, 2015). He said the focus of what he learned was that 'a wok is your friend'. In this class, Derek built on and inside a wok, giving form to his pieces. Although not yet glazed, he said he'd likely use some kind of transparent glaze to highlight texture.

Geoff H. was our last presenter of the evening. He has been working at Cedar Hill, particularly participating in the firing of their 'new' gas kiln. A variety of effects are possible depending on the thickness of reduced copper glaze. Some had either barium or strontium added and resulted in a lovely matt turquoise.

Many THANKS to all who brought their work to show us - in October we expect to see additional 'Show & Tell' presentations

Our next meeting will be

MONDAY

November 9th 2015

We meet at 7:30 pm at

St. Michael's

Anglican Church

4733 West Saanich Road

Don't forget the RAFFLE!

Souper Bowls of Hope 2015

This is the 18th year that the South Vancouver Island Potters' Guild has been so involved with the event! It would not be possible to have a successful Souper Bowls of Hope without the SVIPG!

Souper Bowls of Hope will be held at the Inn at Laurel Point on Tuesday, November 10 from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. With the Live Auction at 12:15.

Donations of Bowls or any pottery plus other items for the Guild table and auctions would be appreciated so much. A tax receipt for the value of your donation can be given. Please include your full name (plus middle initial) , address, phone number and email address and value in the box holding the donation. Each guest (about 500) chooses a bowl made by potters to take home.

WHY is the Souper Bowls of Hope held? 99% of the funds raised go to provide programs at the Youth Empowerment Society which helps young people aged 12 – 18 who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and they begin to trust the staff members who are available 24/7 to assist with the requests they have for help. Some examples of the programs are mental health, detox, Kiwanis Emergency Youth Shelter, life skills, Alliance Club (downtown meal and computer use, games, Shower and laundry) and family problem resolution and general counselling.

Tickets are \$30 and include bottomless soup made by chefs from the Union Club, Cheryl's Gourmet Pantry, and The Inn at Laurel Point, bread, cakes, coffee and tea. These are served by celebrities. There is a Silent Auction and a Live Auction. Come and do your Christmas shopping early and support a youth and facilitate young people to experience the respect, support and a sense of being valued which are necessary for making healthy choices for a better future.

November's meeting is on the night of the Souper Bowls set up. So You can bring your donation between 7 and 7:30 PM to the St Michaels Hall on November 9 or phone me at 250 – 361 – 1291 and I will be pleased to pick it up. Or if you wish to email me at hh456@shaw.ca we can arrange for the pick up at your convenience.

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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

**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

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- 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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