

# Guild at a Glance

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

## May's Meeting – Alan Burgess

Renowned potter, **Alan Burgess**, provided both a brief historical perspective of his work and points of practical interest to Guild members when he presented in May.

Introduced by 'our own' Meira M., Alan went on to show us many of his wood fired and reduced pieces.

Members may remember that Alan taught at MISSA a few years ago.

We owe him many thanks for presenting. He remains a kindhearted and patient teacher and shared his considerable knowledge with us.

THANK YOU ALAN



**Our next meeting will be  
IN EARLY SEPTEMBER**

**Have a GREAT SUMMER!**

**We meet at 7:30 pm at  
St. Michael's  
Anglican Church  
4733 West Saanich Road**

***Don't forget the RAFFLE!***

Photos submitted by Kris J. and Roger C.



## THIS MONTH WE LOST 'OUR BETTY'

One of our most active and well-loved members, **Betty Burroughs**, died in May.

Although we each face our own troubles (sometimes with amazing fortitude) the Editor was only one of many greatly affected by this loss.

Many in the potter's guild will remember her as the person who stood up each month and passed around attendance sheet. Do we recognize that Betty was instrumental in starting our guild?

... I didn't Louise P.

### Betty Margaret Burroughs

#### Obituary



**BURROUGHS,** Betty Margaret Betty passed away peacefully at home on May 7, 2016 in Victoria, BC with her children, Lynn and Neil, by her side. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed. Betty was born in Burnaby, BC October 12, 1935 to Leonard and Netta Thom. She taught

Grade One at Tolmie School in Victoria from 1956 to 1959, and again in 1962. In between she taught at Cranberry Lake School in Powell River. She met her husband Bill in Victoria and they married in 1963. He predeceased her in 1981. Together they had two children, Lynn and Neil Burroughs. Always dabbling in Arts and Crafts, she found her passion in pottery. She was a founder of Esquimalt Arts and Crafts, South Vancouver Island Potters Guild, and Garden City Potters. She was a devoted student, and later a board member at Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts held at Pearson College in Metchosin. Lynn and Neil would like to thank all of Betty's wonderful friends who supported her through her illness. It was a great gift to know that she had so many good friends. A celebration of Betty's life will be held at McCall's Floral Chapel, Johnson at Vancouver streets on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 11am with a reception to follow. No flowers please. If so desired, a donation to BC Cancer Agency, or to [MISSA.ca](http://MISSA.ca) would be much appreciated. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.mccallbros.com](http://www.mccallbros.com)



## BETTY BURROUGHS

Almost 40 years ago I was busing it up to Malaspina College. The clay symposium was taking place and as a new and very vulnerable potter, I was excited but very nervous to be going. I was sitting by myself and within 10 minutes of the trip, up comes Betty and introduces herself and insists I come and sit with her and friends. That was my first contact with Betty.

Over the past many years our friendship grew. She encouraged me to do the show with the Esquimalt Arts and Craft group that she was very involved in and then the Pacific Rim Potters. Betty was never just a member, she was an active worker helping out on so many levels. Betty attended a MISSA course and seeing how chaotic and busy the front registration desk was, without batting an eye she was instantly in the midst, helping me out and having so much fun. I had recently accepted the role of Executive Director for MISSA and one of my first recommendations was that Betty join the MISSA board. Betty joined the Board and shortly after she was put in charge of the Friends of MISSA – it couldn't have fit her better. The relationship with MISSA and Betty grew over the past 25 plus years. Students, feeling exactly as I had on my first trip to a clay event, were welcomed with open arms and warm reassurances. How could you complain or fuss about anything when you had a Betty answering all your questions with a smile and laugh. When students think MISSA, they immediately relate it to Betty. She was MISSA's biggest supporter and she absolutely loved every part of the school. It was the two "b"'s Betty and Barb - summer camp.

I can't remember Betty ever missing a meeting and she was always the first to support your ideas and the first to volunteer her time. Betty was also the printer of signs.... She had the best hand writing ever. She had been a grade one school teacher. I have often thought over the years of the lucky school children who got to be in her class. She was so kind and so caring.

In 1999 Victoria still did not have a clay guild. It was a topic that came up often. When we finally put the idea out for discussion, Betty was on it immediately. As a founding member she helped out and continued with the role of membership and communications.

We have had a few names for Betty over the years. She became one of the Muddy Women – we were a small group of women who got together once a week for many years (I am thinking it is now close to 20). We laughed more than we potted. But we actually did get lots of projects done. I watched Betty take on some very abstract challenging ideas and create very beautiful refined pots. Her enthusiasm was infectious - I can still hear her Ohhing and Awing as she got so excited about a break through. Birthdays were big – wine, birthday cake and silly cards that we signed with post-it notes so you could re-gift.

When I started teaching workshops in Cabo, Mexico – Betty was first to sign up – she loved to travel and traveling with clay involved was an invitation never turned down. In Mexico Betty discovered margaritas, she also discovered that margaritas go down very smoothly and so "Margarita Betty" was her new handle. I still would call her Margarita Betty just to get a laugh, and she would say what a good time we all had.

The name used most for Betty was "OUR" Betty. And she was – all of ours.... She made a point of getting to know you, caring about you and generous with her time and affection. Her friends were friends for life – on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday there were not just a few friends to celebrate, the house was packed. Our Betty will be terribly missed.

Meira Mathison

*My biggest birthday present surprise ever was a brand new top of the line slab roller, fully assembled, ready to use. Now how did Cam know where and what to buy? And assemble it all too?*

*He was in cahoots with Betty! He'd consulted with her, 'cause he knew she knew all about slab rollers!*

*Joy F.*



For 18 years Betty made big plates for Celebrities visiting Victoria to sign, which were then Auctioned off at the Souper Bowl Events. Betty made the plates and then after the signing would decorate them to match the Celebrity, and glaze them.

They were beautiful. A huge job for so many years, she kept a supply of plates damp and still in green stage ready for Helen Hughes to pick up at a moment's notice!

Rachel C.



*I am very saddened with our loss of Betty. To me she was one of the sweetest people I have met. She always was encouraging and made me feel welcomed to the guild in my early years there. She was a big part of the heartbeat of both the guild and MISSA. All will feel her absence, and I will miss her smiley face and upbeat personality. May she rest in peace.*

Kris J.

*Photos submitted by Rachel C. & Rosemary N.  
Text submitted as attributed.*

## Our Place Society needs potters!



Choices is a transitional housing facility that we opened to house 50 homeless campers from tent city in February 2016: <https://www.ourplacesociety.com/choices-transitional-home>

Tent city campers are offered a choice to be indoors or outdoors. It is a secure and stable shelter with access to food, hot showers, laundry and programs.

It also has a fully equipped art room with two pottery wheels and a kiln.

We're looking for volunteers with enthusiasm and pottery skills to come into Choices to use the art room and teach interested residents pottery. It can be once a week for a couple of hours at a time - or less often - depending on your schedule.

Please contact Patricia, the Our Place Community Engagement Program Coordinator, if you have any questions or might be interested in volunteering. Patricia O'Byrne 250-388-7112, #263 or [patriciao@ourplacesociety.com](mailto:patriciao@ourplacesociety.com)

Submitted by Pat O'B.

## Free Kilns Available !

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FREE: Olympic Kiln – Model 2327H (23" x 31" inside), Older but in relatively good shape and still firing to Cone 6 with no problems. Free to a good home.

FREE: Small, square kiln – (inside 15"x15"x15") not sure of make or model as it was purchased second-hand many years ago and the logos were long gone. She fires really well to Cone 6 and was handy for small loads. She will need new elements but other than that she is good for many more years of firing. She comes with square shelves – no posts. I hate let her go but I am down-sizing my studio and she needs a good home.

Also free – a variety of boxes of Cones large and small.

Submitted by Nora L.

Call Nora at 250 383-4734 or email [noralewin@shaw.ca](mailto:noralewin@shaw.ca)

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## W. DEXTER'S Home and Clay Equipment Available !

One year ago we lost legendary ceramic artist Walter Dexter. His family have been getting the house sorted and it will be ready to go on the market soon. If you know a potter or are a potter that would like to live in a beautiful home and studio in Victoria this place would be perfect!

The studio has some equipment that is in great shape and needs to find good homes. There is a 30 cu. ft. gas kiln, 14" x 14" kiln shelves, posts, welded frame, 6 burners and piping for \$2,000 obo: There is a front loading MacLennan kiln approx. 20" x 24", hard wired, kiln sitter: model 808-7, serial #088, volts 230, watts 10,000. There is a Crucible Electric high fire kiln with an Orton auto fire computer, hard wired, in great shape, 240 volts, 48 amps, 11,000 watts. \$700 obo There is a Brent Slab Roller in excellent condition \$500 obo. Finally, there is a Venco pug mill: SEW-Eurodrive R40FA. This pug mill is not so big so, would sit on a table easily and has a de-airing attachment.

**If you are interested please contact Michael at [mhaddon@telus.net](mailto:mhaddon@telus.net).**



Photos and text submitted by Cathi J.



## FIRED UP 2016

2016 was yet another good year for Fired Up. The editor had a great time and hopes the presenters had sales to match.

Many SVIPG members participated, volunteered and attended the event.

Metchosin has come a very long way from the backwater that required a major sale (such as Fired Up) to bring folks from the 'far distant' Victoria.

It is still lovely to go – making new friends, seeing how longer time friends have developed and changed their work.



Photos submitted by Roger C.  
Text by Louise P.



## UPCOMING

# ASSOCIATIONS



- exhibition -  
**June 1 - 26, 2016**  
- opening & artists reception -  
**Friday, June 3, 2016 at 7:30 pm**

**COAST COLLECTIVE**  
103 - 318 Wale Road, Colwood, BC V9B 0J8  
250.391.5522 • Open Wed - Sun, 11am-5pm

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JUNE 19  
DOUGLAS ST.

SECOND ANNUAL  
CAR FREE YYJ

LAST YEAR VS THIS YEAR

3 STAGES	4 STAGES
1 BEER GARDEN	3 BEER GARDENS

**237 Vendors**

Application for  
**240+ Spaces**

**6 Blocks**  
**9 Blocks**

Car Free Day also  
Aboriginal Day

June 19th, Downtown Victoria  
on Douglas St. and  
Centennial Square.

Website: <http://downtownvictoria.ca/carfree2015abo>

Submitted by Tobias T.

Submitted by Belle L. & Pam T.-W.



**Moss St. Piant in Saturday July 16th** along Moss St. starting  
at the Art Gallery, and continuing to Dallas Rd.

Submitted by Tobias T.





## 2016 Sooke Fine Arts Show

*Submitted by Sooke Fine Arts Society*



**Gorge on Art July 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Gorge waterway between Tillicum Rd. and Admirals Rd.

*Submitted by Tobias T.*



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\$10 per issue

or

\$75 for 10 issues

Quarter page ad (3 1/2" x 4 3/4")

\$20 per issue

or

\$150 for 10 issues

Sales announcements, events, classified ads:

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contact the *At a Glance* editor

## Guild at a Glance

... 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](http://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

**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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## Victoria Clay Art

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vcart@shaw.ca

*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**

## VIPS HAS MOVED

Hello to all our valued customers,

This is notice that VIPS has moved.

Our new address is:

515 Stanford Avenue E.  
Parksville, BC  
V9T 6V6

We will have the same phone number and website address. We have a new email address.

Cheers, Donna

Ph: 1-250-248-2314

E-Mail: [sales@vipottersupply.com](mailto:sales@vipottersupply.com)  
(new email address!!)

Web: [www.vipottersupply.com](http://www.vipottersupply.com)

**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!

*... When you shop – please mention to our advertisers that you learned about them in the Guild Newsletter.*

## DISCOVERY ART TRAVEL



Prehistoric Pottery



Majolica Painter



Hand painted clay tile, Caltagirone Ceramics Museum



Roman mosaics, Piazza Armerina

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