



# Fraser Valley Potters' Guild Newsletter

December 2011

## REFRESHMENTS

DEC. - Christmas Potluck

JAN.12 - Kazue Okuchi, Dorothy Warwicker, Carol Stanton

FEB. 9 - Helga Krem, Dan DeMontreuil, Arlene McGowan

MAR. 8 - Jenny Ross, Shirley Inuoye, Caole Schindler

APR. 12 - Loren Lo, Arlene Skelton, Heather Northam

MAY 10 - Diane Petersen, Vivian McMillan, Karen Byle

JUNE - Potluck

**Next meeting: 8 December, 6:30 p.m. Potluck**

### Christmas Party and meeting at Laurel Vlieg's

The address is 16721 78 Ave, Surrey. 604-575-3715.

It is a pot-luck and gift exchange.

The gift is preferably a pot of around \$20 that should be wrapped. If you don't have one that you made, then think about chocolate instead. 😊

Laurel will supply non-alcoholic beverages.

Also, we will collect food or an unwrapped toy for a

Christmas Hamper.



*Photo from Fort Langley show—  
Earth Formed, Water Rendered  
Pieces by Vallalee Hoffman  
see more photos on page 4*

## Meetings: (see change of venue for December—above)

Usually, meetings are in the Ceramics Lab, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey Campus. Parking is \$3.50  
Unless otherwise stated the meetings start at 7.15pm, normally on the second Thursday of the month.



### Guild Information

Website  
[www.members.shaw.ca/fraservalleypotters/index.htm](http://www.members.shaw.ca/fraservalleypotters/index.htm)

President: Pat Schendel  
 Vice President: David Lloyd  
 Secretary: Linda Ward  
 Guest Arrangements:  
 Carolyn MacLaren  
 Treasurer: Cheryl Stapleton

Juried Show:  
 Kay Bonathan and Pat Schendel

Membership: Sara Zindler  
 9660 Seacote Rd. Richmond, B.C.  
 V7A-4A4.

Annual Membership  
 \$30.00 per person  
 (\$40.00 per family, \$15 per student)  
 and 20 critters for Campbell Valley  
 or 5 beautiful bowls for the Empty Bowl sale.

Digital Photo Collection:  
 Linda Ward

Book and video Library:  
 Diane West  
 Books and videos are available  
 prior to meetings.

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 Laurel Vlieg

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 (September to June).  
 The deadline for submissions is the  
 third Monday of the previous month.

*A past Christmas  
 party—Fraser Valley  
 Potters Guild*



### Mary Fox Workshop - at Kwantlen

Saturday, Jan 14th, from 10am-4pm

Mary is a renowned ceramic artist living in Ladysmith. Whether creating decorative vessels, sculptures or functional pottery, Mary says her work focuses on "expressing the beauty and strength of pure form".

This workshop offers a unique "hands on" component where Mary will spend time in the afternoon working with each participant. We have 12 wheels and tables for handbuilding. This session will be limited to 12 people to give time to each person in problem solving or working out new techniques. Handles may be pulled and refined and an optional non-threatening critique of your work will be offered - bring a few pieces you like and a few that you're not happy with. We can all learn from this.

The morning session is open to everyone and will have different offerings from the evening presentation of the Fri. meeting. Mary will discuss style and design and will possibly present a slide show of her work, and a video of her throwing a large vessel in 2 stages (that's what I'm excited to see!)

Cost: Morning session \$15. All day - \$40. Costs subject to full enrollment. Bring your own clay that you want to work with, or buy from David H435 for \$10/bag. Potluck lunch.

Register with Pat Schendel - [patschendel@shaw.ca](mailto:patschendel@shaw.ca) or ph: 604-594-0470.  
 Cheers, Pat

## Fraser Valley Potter's Guild

### Minutes of Meeting held November 10, 2011

We had our **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas sale** at the Newton Culture Centre which went very well, almost \$6000 in sales. There was a request made to discuss pricing next year as some people find it difficult to price their work. Next year we should invite the paper to come take pictures. CBC Radio is an advertising site and will read your ad on the radio. Lucille is maintaining the phone list so if anyone has changes please pass to her. Thanks to Lucille, Dorothy and Giovanna's husband (he did our posters).

Laurel has offered her place for our **Christmas Party** and meeting next month. Her address is 16721 78 Ave, Surrey. 575-3715. It is a pot-luck and gift exchange. The gift is preferably a pot of around \$20 that should be wrapped. If you don't have one that you made, then think about chocolate instead. ☺ The date is December 8/11 at 6:30. Laurel will supply non-alcoholic beverages. Also, we will collect food or an unwrapped toy for a Christmas Hamper.

**Website** – Myrta Hayes and Linda Lewis were considered for designing and creating our new website. Linda Lewis uses Word Press which we can learn to maintain. Carolyn has offered to maintain it to start with and emails generated from the site will go to her. It was voted on and Linda Lewis was chosen. We need really high resolution images for the website. Carolyn will let us know the resolution needed.

**January meeting** – will be Friday Jan13<sup>th</sup> and **Mary Fox** is our guest presenter. She is doing a workshop on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> too. The morning presentation is \$15 and everyone can come. The afternoon is a hands-on work shop and can only accommodate 12 people. It will be \$50 for the day and includes 1 bag of clay H435. (\$40 if you bring your own). Bring pieces for critique – every level can learn from this. Prices may vary if we don't get 13 people extra for Sat. morning. We need to cover our costs. Pot luck lunch.

**NCECA** – in Seattle this year March 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration on line.

**Lana Wilson** – May 2012 workshop, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri and Sat), looking into booking with Kwantlen. She will then Jury our Show on May 7<sup>th</sup> (Mon) also at Kwantlen. The pieces will be moved to Chilliwack Gallery following at some point, and then on to Richmond if all goes well.

**Finances** – In the bank \$12,140. Less \$2,898.00 from sale.

**DVD's** - Beverly suggested we add some to our library.

Varying opinions, someone said they scratch too easy. Check out prices, names of videos and maybe we can add a couple per year.

**Guest Presenter** – Vin Arora.

## CHRISTMAS SALES

Semiahmoo – Dec. 3&4 at Ocean Park community hall, White Rock. 128<sup>th</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup>

Richmond – Nov. 25,26 & 27 with Spinners and Weavers, at Richmond Cultural Centre on Minoru.

North Delta – 25, 26 & 27 at Firehall N. Delta 114<sup>th</sup> & 84<sup>th</sup>

East Side Culture Crawl Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Burnaby - Capital Hill Hall 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, Hastings & Howard.

Laurel's Sale Dec. 1,2,& 3 at her place, "The Pottery Shed", 16721 – 78<sup>th</sup> Ave. Surrey

### From the President:

Memberships are overdue now. If you have not yet paid, please bring your cheque of \$30, or \$15 for students, \$40 for families, to the Christmas Party Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, or mail to Sara Zindler – 9660 Seacoate Rd. Richmond V7A- 4A4. Make them out to FVPGA. Thank you.

## From the President:

Our Ft. Langley Show “*Earth Formed, Water Rendered*” in conjunction with the Fraser Valley Watercolour Society will be ending on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> after almost a 4 month run. We have had a lot of good comments on it. The People’s Choice Awards go to (I’m embarrassed to say) potter Pat Schendel for her “Crystalline Bowls”, and to painter Pat Maertz for “My Woodland Garden.”

Work must be picked up on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-4pm. If you can’t make it, please make arrangements with myself or others who exhibited there and send boxes along for them.

David and I attended a recent Kwantlen Scholarships and Awards Dinner. We extend a big congratulations to the students of David’s classes who won awards. They are: Lydia Rasmusens – for the Francis H. Holliger Award that we contribute money to from our guild; Alana Williams for the Kybor Dancer Memorial Award; and Emma Bryce for the LaVerne Brooks Memorial Award donated by the Delta Potters Guild. We can be very proud of them.

*Pat Schendel*



*More photos from Earth Formed, Water Rendered*

### COURSES & WORKSHOPS – Winter

Surrey Art Gallery, 13750 – 88 Avenue

It’s easy to register! 604-501-5100

| [www.surrey.ca/register](http://www.surrey.ca/register)

Please register no later than 7 days in advance.

#### Weekend Pottery

Finally, a weekend pottery class! You can register with your teenager or a friend, even if they don’t have pottery experience, as this class is for all skill levels and a wider age range (16 yrs+). Fee includes one bag of clay, glazes, and firing. *Instructor and full-time potter Murray Sanders has taught at the Surrey Art Gallery for nineteen years, and is also the ceramics studio technician. He holds diplomas in Fine Arts and Adult Education.*

Jan 21, 1–3:30pm

8 sessions \$143.50

Course #4268518

Surrey Arts Centre / Surrey Art Gallery

13750 - 88 Ave, Surrey, BC, Canada V3W 3L1

T 604.501.5100 | [www.surrey.ca/arts](http://www.surrey.ca/arts)

#### Raku Workshop

Enhance your pottery with beautiful crackle or iridescent glazes, and the smoky textures of Raku. Fee includes one bag of clay, one studio drop-in visit, bisque firing, and Raku glazes.

*Instructor Cheryl Stapleton is an artist, educator, and pottery studio technician and manager. She holds a BFA from Emily Carr University of Art + Design, and has been teaching ceramics for more than fifteen years.*

Jan 31, 7:30–8:30pm (info session)

Mar 25, 9am–4pm (Raku firing)

2 sessions \$103

Course #4273543

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