



Fraser Valley Potters Guild Newsletter

February 2012

REFRESHMENTS

FEB. 9 - Helga Krem, Arlene McGowan, Carol Anne Wong-Chu

MAR. 8 - Jenny Ross, Shirley Inouye, Carole Schindler, Dan DeMontreuil

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

MAY 10 - Diane Petersen, Vivian McMillan, Karen Byle

JUNE - Potluck

Next meeting: 9 February, 7:15 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Linda Ward

Linda Ward is an avid potter currently taking her Ceramics 4th semester at Kwantlen University. She has participated in many workshops in the past few years on sculpting, glaze application and techniques, wood and soda firing, hand building, and throwing. Her presentation will be an overview of MISSA (Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts) 2011's week long workshop on Glazes – with Steven Hill and Pete Pinnell. There will be a slide presentation covering glaze spraying and color testing and a few pictures of the overall "MISSA experience".



Shadbolt Winter Arts Guide:

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
shadboltcentre.com

<http://burnaby.ca/flipbook/Shadbolt%20Arts%20Guide/#/8/>

Sharon Reay at 604-205-3012 or sharon.reay@burnaby.ca

Meetings:

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

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

5990 Victoria Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V5P 3X2

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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(September to June).

The deadline for submissions is the
third Monday of the previous month.

Mary Fox Workshop report:

Mary was our guest presenter at the January meeting, and presented a slide show that covered her career as a potter, focussing on the development of her personal style. It was interesting to see how this has evolved over the years, and very encouraging to learn that it took Mary about 20 years to have a clear idea of her personal direction—there's hope for me yet!



Aquious Glory, Mary Fox

www.maryfoxpottery.ca

For the Saturday workshop, Mary showed a DVD of her creating large vases thrown in two sections. After that, we all participated in a "show and tell" critique, for which Guild members brought pieces they are happy with, and some which didn't work as well, for feedback and suggestions.

Many interesting pieces were presented, and we got some great advice on solving specific problems: "Be bold; don't over-work the clay to the point it has no energy left; pay attention to detail."

After a great Pot Luck lunch, Mary spent time demonstrating on the wheel, throwing some tall cylinders, and showing how she creates her collared vessels. She also showed how she pulls handles from a plug of clay. Then we all went to work, alternating on pulling handles or working on the wheel; Mary circulated and offered advice to individuals—she was kept hopping all afternoon.

This was an inspiring day, and I think we were all able to take home some new insights and inspiration! Thank you Mary.

Deb Greenfield



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Minutes of Meeting held January 13, 2012

NCECA National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) conference March 28-31 in Seattle and early bird registration ends Jan. 18 2012. BC Potters Guild newsletter noted a meeting to discuss rides and accommodation would be held at the Gallery of Ceramics on Jan 12. The official website is at: http://nceca.net/static/conference_home.php.

February meeting **Refreshments** – Dan needs to switch to March. Carol Anne said she will do February.

Lana Wilson Workshop - May 4 & 5, Friday and Saturday at Kwantlen Ceramics Rm. Lana will also be jurying our work for "Clay 2012" on May 7. Members must drop off their pots at Kwantlen between 10am and 12 noon that day. The work will be moved to Chilliwack later for a show in June.

We are checking with the **Richmond Art Council** to see if there is an opportunity to use the "Clay 2012" pieces for a show there in July.

Winnie has a show with two other artists at Place Des Arts – running until the end of the month. Congratulations Winnie!

Carolyn announced that **Les Manning – a well known Alberta potter/teacher** has been awarded the Order of Canada.

Carolyn needs images for the new **Website**, some of us did not get the new instructions for uploading pictures so she will resend them. Can have up to 10 pictures per person, could have a picture of yourself and/or your artist statement. Talked about doing a photo workshop to photograph work or have someone come in to take professional photos for us.

Scholarships – Lydia Rasmusens is the recipient of the Francis Hollinger Award, and the Kybor Dancer Memorial Award was presented to Alana Williams.

Finances – In the bank \$8,904.46.

Guest Speaker – Mary Fox. Mary will continue in the morning with more slides and then work hands-on with participants in the afternoon workshop on throwing or handbuilding.

MAJOLICA WORKSHOP

Featuring
POSEY BACOPOULOS
March 24 & 25, 2012
9:30 am – 5:00pm
Ferndale, Washington



Fee \$200.00 (includes materials)
Contact AnnMarie DeCollibus;
DeCo Ceramics 360-380-6709



Register now for Winter Classes!
Register on-line at www.placedesarts.ca
by phone at 604-664-1636
or in person at Place des Arts!

The Bowled and the Beautiful: Pottery workshop with D'Arcy Margesson

Ever since D'Arcy Margesson's first workshop at Place des Arts in 2008, he has inspired students to improve their skill levels and push their craft to new personal heights. In this two-session workshop, D'Arcy will revisit the subtleties and nuances of the bowl form. Students will work through a number of exercises to make and improve bowls and have an opportunity to try new variations and techniques. Some basic wheel throw-

ing skills are required, although new students are encouraged to register.

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6:00PM – 9:00PM •
\$81 + TAX

Place des Arts is also currently accepting proposals for the **2013 exhibition season**; the current main show features teapots and ceramic wall pieces by (Winnie) Kwai Sang Wong.

Michelle Chan, Fine & Performing Arts Programmer, notes three-dimensional work is popular with visitors and students from all disciplines, helps to increase the profile of pottery in the Tri-Cities, and expands the traditional concept of art beyond paintings. Interested artists can visit the website at www.placedesarts.ca for more information and to download the proposal document.

The deadline for submission is extended to **Mar 2, 2012**.