



# Fraser Valley Potters Guild Newsletter

January 2012

**Next meeting: Friday, January 13—7:15 p.m.**

## REFRESHMENTS

JAN.13 - Kazue Okuchi, Dorothy Warwicker, Carol Stanton

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

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

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

MAY 10 - Diane Petersen, Vivian McMillan, Karen Byle

JUNE - Potluck

## MARY FOX

*Mary Fox was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick in 1959 and moved with her family to Victoria, British Columbia in 1966. A self-taught ceramic artist, Mary first encountered clay at age 13 and knew very quickly this was to be her life's work and pleasure. She has worked solely as a potter since age 19 and exhibits regularly nationally and internationally. Her innovative creations have established her reputation as a dedicated and exacting craftsperson in her field. She delights in the challenge of creating contemporary works based on classic lines. Mary lives and works in Ladysmith, British Columbia, Canada.*

## Workshop with Mary Fox:

### Friday Evening:

Power Point presentation: discussing my work over the years, showing the develop-

ment of my personal style and exploring creativity.

### Saturday:

#### 10-12

Watch DVD of me creating 2 large vases thrown in 2 sections. This will be followed by a chat about the DVD, a discussion on creativity and the road blocks we encounter along the way.

#### 12-1pm Lunch

#### 1-4pm

Throwing clinic, participants are going to be throwing for me, this will enable me to quickly find the areas where they are having problems and help correct them. We will also spend some time on handles as this is a common problem area for many potters. Participants are encouraged to bring pieces they are having trouble with to work on during the workshop. For example, if you are struggling with Tea Pots, come with all the parts ready to put together. Bring me your problems and we'll work on them together.

I would also like to spend some time critiquing work if participants wish. This can be a bit scary for some people but I have found that if participants can get past that a lot can be learned. Please bring at least 2 pieces for this, one that you love and another that you are less than happy with.

Thank you for inviting me to come and help you all, I am looking forward to our time together.

Potterly yours, Mary Fox



## Meetings: Note— for January only, the meeting will be on Friday evening.

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.

*January meeting is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! a lucky day for us since we have Mary Fox of Ladysmith, presenting for us that evening. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be there! You won't want to miss her.*

### **From the President**

I want to take this opportunity to thank Laurel Vlieg and her family for hosting a truly memorable Christmas party in Dec. in place of our meeting. The gift exchange managed by Lucille was great fun and we all walked away with a handmade piece of pottery for our collections – or chocolate. ☺  
It was a great start to the Christmas season. The food and drink were fabulous! Thank you all.

I can't believe we're nearly into January, so Happy New Year everyone! We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead of potting, workshops and shows.

To start off with, our very own **Kwai Sang Wong's** (Winnie) Show opens **Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** with a reception 7-9pm at Place des Arts, 1120 Brunette Ave, Coquitlam, and runs until Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. PH: 604-664-1636. Congratulations Winnie! Let's go and show our support.

Then we have **Mary Fox** of Ladysmith, giving us a **One Day Workshop** on **Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>** in the Ceramics Rm. at Kwantlen from 10-4pm. The morning session is \$15 for a talk, pictures and video of Mary working. Everyone welcome—the more the merrier! It will be different than the evening meeting presentation, so come to both if you can. Plan to bring a pot luck item and stay for lunch. \*\*The afternoon session with hands-on guidance to work through problem areas is limited to 12 people and is

full. I will be contacting those people with further info. Please pay in advance this week if possible, or at the door if not. Cheques made out to FVPGA and send to Pat Schendel at 13356 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. Surrey B.C. V3W-1X9.

Carolyn has organized exciting **guests for Feb., March, April and May** meetings.

In the Spring, we have been requested to teach pottery classes with a Raku at the Abbotsford School of Integrated Arts. More about that as spring comes.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** is **Lana Wilson's Workshop** (Fri. and Sat.) at Kwantlen Ceramics Rm. – Demo style, throwing altering, stamping etc.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** Lana will Jury our Annual Exhibition that is to be held in Chilliwack's new Cultural Center Gallery. It won't be installed there until June 5<sup>th</sup>, but will run until July 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope to use this work in a show in Richmond also - either before, or after the Chilliwack show. More about this pending a grant approval for the Arts Council of Richmond.

**June** will be our Woodfiring – date to be determined

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** we are asked once more to do a Raku for Canada Days at Coquitlam Evergreen Centre.

That looks like enough to keep us all busy for the first half of the year. Make lots of beautiful pots!

*Happy potting,*

*Cheers, Pat*

### **\*\* Note to Mary Fox Workshop participants:**

*please contact Pat to confirm your position in the workshop, since there is a wait list.  
Phone 604-594-0470 or e-mail patschendel@shaw.ca.*

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(\$40.00 per family, \$15 per student)

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