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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

BY PAUL ANDREW WANDLESS, VICE PRESIDENT OF POTTERS COUNCIL AND CHAIR OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Here is a list of initiatives that came out of the brainstorming session held during the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) conference plus a few that I have added. All of these potential member benefits will have their own challenges some will be more difficult to complete than others so we need to prioritize them.

Current list of ideas for Membership Committee

- Online Mentoring Program
- Apprentice Program
- Adding Student Representation on the Potters Council Board
- Develop a student program
- Reach out to educators

- Manufactures Rebate program
- Awards & Recognitions of artistic excellence at select exhibitions
- Recognition of excellence of K-12 clay educators
- Recognition of excellence of Higher Education clay educators
- Recognition of excellence of (you fill in the blank)

This is where you, the members, come in. Make your voices heard help the committee decide where to focus our energy. Please take a moment to complete the Membership Committee Punch List survey. (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=X1nk1Yu5Z3b9j_2 b4PZDQgOw_3d_3d) This is your opportunity to help us by giving us feedback on what is important to you. You can also recommend new initiatives that you would like the committee to consider as well. Member benefits are first and foremost driven by the membership, so the more ideas the better. I hope you see the current list as a starting point , and that the list grows after input from everyone.

Realistically, we won't be able to initiate everything that is on the list this year. Some of the ideas may not be feasible or end up being long-term. Your participation in the survey will enable the committee and Potters Council to better serve you this upcoming year in assuring we address the topics that interest you the most. Results of the survey will be shared in the next issue along with new ideas provided by the membership.

If you have ideas to share and want to work towards implementing them, you are invited to join the Membership Committee by simply emailing me at paul@studio3artcompany.com. I would like to thank you in advance for volunteering your time, energy and expertise to be on the Membership Committee this upcoming year.

The Potters Council Membership Committee (March 2009-March 2010)

- Paul Andrew Wandless Committee Chair & Vice President of Potters Council
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2009

HANDMADE TILE & MOSAICS POTTERS COUNCIL REGIONAL CONFERENCE HOSTED BY HANDMADE TILE ASSOCIATION

Conquering the Challenges

This conference will bring together a diverse group of presenters and artists to discuss issues relevant to contemporary handmade tiles and mosaics. As the tile community becomes a national community, we have a need to continue to engage each other and help cultivate interest in the field from new talent. The tile conference will focus on the main challenges many tile artists face in developing their art, as well as developing new skills.

SPACE IS LIMITED

Featured Artists:

Carol Rose Dean, Barbara Keith, Karin Kraemer, Shelia Menzies, Carrie Anne Parks, Joe Taylor, and Louis and Allen Voigt

Get Your Questions Answered by the Experts

There will be so much to learn and take back to your studio or classroom. Have you wanted to learn how to plan budget, design and implement tile projects, discover how to paint with in-glaze maiolica stains, or understand the basic steps of installing ceramic tile? Then this conference is for you. Be sure to read all the details on the web.

Register early and SAVE \$50 at www.ceramicartsdaily.org/education/ or call (866) 721-3322 or (240) 646-7054.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

DON'T BE SHY!

CHRIS CAMPBELL, POTTERS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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I am pleased to announce that The Potters Council has extended the deadline for the "FILL-adelphia" Show to September 1, 2009.

We had received emails from many members asking us to extend the deadline. Fortunately, we had built in a generous time buffer and were able to do so. We've been told the summer months are a very productive time for both teachers and students, so we hope many more of you will be able to submit an entry. And, speaking of having some breathing room and extra time to submit an entry ... how about YOU?

It is only natural to be hesitant about submitting your work for a juried show. Totally understandable to worry about saying, "This is my pottery and I think it's pretty special". It's somewhat like building up your nerve to take your pottery into a gallery for the first time. Who hasn't imagined the owner laughing out loud and sending you away? I've imagined them not only hating my work but telling me not to come back in again either.

In reality, this does not happen because a smart Gallery knows they need you. The lifeblood of galleries is showing what's NEW. New work from new artists means excitement and sales. Same thing goes for the NCECA "FILL-adelphia" show. Our excitement is all about YOU. It only takes a few minutes of browsing through our online Members Gallery to recognize that Potters Council Members are a most talented and creative group.

YOU excel in every area of pottery from strictly functional to abstract sculptural. YOU embrace every firing process from wood to pit firing. YOU explore glazes, surfaces, textures, and styles. YOU are the ones pushing into new frontiers of forming and finishing.

Your work is wonderful, so don't let the technical requirements for submission stop you either. At first reading they seem daunting, especially if you have never done this before. No one likes filling in forms, so we've made it as quick as possible. Just like any other pottery project, break it down and take it one step at a time.

Be it from old roots, young roots, academic roots, workshop roots, community college roots, or self taught roots ... we want to see your pottery. Say yes to success and submit your artwork. It will be an honor to showcase YOU in Philadelphia.





Chris Campbell President

In a related vein, we have found a fabulous venue for the Potters Council Show at NCECA 2011 in Tampa.

Yes, we have a gallery committed and our show is in the planning stage.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2009



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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 23-25, 2009 EXPRESSIVE SURFACES

Hosted by Red Star Studios redstarstudios.wordpress.org

Inspiring Surfaces

Are you driven to learn new ceramic techniques to take your work to the next level? Push the limits and immerse yourself in the clay surface with two of America's well-known artists, Lorna Meaden and Mark Peters. This conference will show how the collaboration between the artist, the clay, and the fire come together to make pots both ornamental and practical. Whether you're an avid amateur, passionate professional or an educator, this workshop is for you. Space is limited to 40 for this top-notch conference. To learn more visit www.ceramicartsdaily.org/education. More information coming soon!

Featured Artists: Lorna Meaden and Mark Peters.

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DO WE HAVE YOUR POTTER'S MARK?

Potters Council has been compiling an archive of potters' marks, like those used in *Potters' Pages*. This collection is available online at www.ceramicartsdaily.org/galleries/

Preserve pottery history by submitting your mark/signature today at cdorr@ceramics.org or mail to Carolyn Dorr, 600 N. Cleveland Ave, Suite 210, Westerville, OH 43082.













NEWS FROM MEMBERS

CONTRIBUTE. Advertise a workshop or exhibition, share ideas, suggestions or comments. Get involved and submit your information today! Member participation is key to the success of *Potters' Pages*. Please send information to cdorr@ceramics.org and share your news with 2500 members.

Deadline for the next Potters' Pages is August 12, 2009.

Alkali Flux

A Poem by Chic Lotz | Potters Council Member www.potterypoet.com

With a variety of fluxes that help glazes melt, knowing which kind will certainly help.

We have alkali fluxes and alkaline earths and some additional fluxes that have extra worth.

The "alkali" oxides are more alkaline than alkaline earths so they make glazes shine.

Alkali oxides are stronger you know. They react rather quickly and really can GO!

Of the alkali oxides, we do have three: lithia, soda and potash as you can see.

Glossy and runny and bright colors too, these are the things they can bring to you.

"Where do I find them?" you might ask. In feldspars, frits, carbonates and soda ash.

But soda ash, pearl ash and lithium carbonate are "soluble" ingredients which isn't too great.

So get lithia, soda and potash too from feldspars and frits . . . less soluble for you.

But soda and potash can make a glaze craze. Their high expansion rates aren't always good for a glaze.

To get the right ratio is an important goal if you don't like crazing inside of your bowl.

Small amounts of lithia can be just great, since it reduces crazing with its low expansion rate.

You get crazing and running with too much alkali flux. Finding the right ratio is really the crux.

> High alkaline glazes with lots of alkali, create certain colors, so give them a try!

WORLD-MAP OF WOODFIRE KILNS

Potters Council member Rimas VisGirdas ran across this gem of a website that is posting a world-map of woodfire kilns: http://www.woodfire.com/worldmap.

This map was created by Simon Levin with help from Josh Harmony. Josh is a recent BFA graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, he is finding ways to make his work while living in Philadelphia. This map was also created with the generous donation of information from each and every person listed when you click the pins on the map.

PATZ FOWLE CERAMIC SCULPTURE SELECTED FOR TRAVELING EXHIBITION

Potters Council member Patz Fowle's ceramic sculpture titled, "Vinny Van Goat...uncut" has been selected as part of the June 2009—February 2010 South Carolina Palmetto Hands Traveling Exhibition. This traveling exhibit of exceptional works is presented by the City of North Charleston Cultural Arts Department and the South Carolina State Museum. For additional information visit http://patzfowle.com or call the City of North Charleston Cultural Arts Department at 843-745-1087



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FOR MAY AND JUNE 2009

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- Online gallery promoting members' work to the public
- Online directory of members and member studios
- Online discussions at ClayArt
- Potters' Pages, a membership newsletter
- One free ad in Potters' Pages newsletter (restrictions apply)

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2009 EVENTS/EXHIBITIONS

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PITTSBURGH, PA, MAY 1—AUGUST 29

Ovidio Giberga will exhibit his sculptural vessels at the Society for Contemporary Craft in Pittsburgh, in an exhibition titled "Beyond Shared Language: Contemporary Art and the Latin American Experience." The exhibition includes works by contemporary artists of Latin American descent (from North, Central and South America), explores issues relating to cultural identity, ethnicity, religion, and both the fragility and fluidity of their visual language. A free, public reception is planned for Friday, May 1, from

NEW YORK CITY, NY, MAY 7—JULY 31

'Wall Works" is an exhibition of ceramic wall pieces by Potters Council Member Sheryl Zacharia and Susanne Greene. Opening reception on Thursday, May 7, from 6—8:30pm. Location: Chelsea Eye Gallery 157 W. 19th Street.

WINDHAM, NY, MAY 30—JULY 18

"Journeys in Clay- Contemporary Ceramics 2009." Exhibit is curated by Ruth Sachs. Featuring works of art by Katherine Battles, Susan Beecher, MaryBeth Bishop, Stephen Fabrico, Frank Georgine, Shoshana Snow, Ruth Sachs, and Joan Snyder. Opening reception: May 30, 2—4 PM. Located at the GCCA Mountaintop Gallery, Main Street, Windham. (518) 734-3104.

FORT MEYERS, FL, JUNE 4—AUGUST 7

Potters Council member Gail Jones of Full Circle Potter will be in the 2D-3D juried show Alliance For the Arts Fort Myers. For more information contact arts@artinlee.org or Gail at rakulady7@aol.com or www.rakuladyjones.blogspot.com.

PACHUCA CITY, HIDALGO, Mexico, JULY 9—AUGUST 20

Potters Council Member David Zimbron announces his exhibition "Made of Clay and Paper." This exhibition is at Escuela de Arte, in the beautiful Mine City of Pachuca, Hidalgo State (North of Mexico City). For more information contact David at dzimerck@att.net.mx.

LA MESA, CA, JULY 18

Hands-on workshop with Lisa Harnish is presented by Clay Artists of San Diego at Get Centered Clay Studio; Located at 8186 Center Street, La Mesa, CA 91942. Topic: Sgraffito in Terra Sigillata. Cost: \$55. For more information go to www. clayartistsofsandiego.org or call (858) 270-3828



RED DEER, ALBERTA, CANADA, JULY 20—24

Marcia Selsor will be teaching "Cone 6 Reduction Firing" workshop at Red Deer College. The workshop will focus on mid-range reduction firing and tweaking favorite glazes. For further information contact Candace Barnes, Continuing Education, Red Deer College, 100 College Boulevard; (403) 342-3504.

GHOST RANCH, NM, JULY 27—AUGUST 2
Ghost Ranch presents: "Susan Filley, Sculpting in Porcelain." Beautiful home of Georgia O'Keefe and now the Ghost Kanch Conference Center offers summer and fall ceramic art workshops in the newly upgraded ceramic art facilities. Be in surroundings that have inspired artists for decades and work with master artists. Stay at the ranch, choosing from a variety of housing options, and bring the whole family with family members engaging in a variety of activities. Go to www.ghostranch.org for more information and to register.

NEVADA CITY, CA, AUGUST 3—7

'What Makes A Glaze: Altering Recipes and Line Blends" is a hands-on workshop for those who want to design their own glazes. Chic Lotz organized all of the ingredients into a color-coded chart so you can see how varying the ratios of three major glaze components affects stability, color, firing temperature, glaze fit and glaze surface. Learn to analyze a glaze recipe, the function of each ingredient, and the difference between recipe percent, the weight percent, and the unity molecular formula. Work in teams to calculate glazes on the computer and mix line blends to create glazes with the characteristics that you desire! Contact the MudHut Ceramics Center; www. mudhutclay.com or Chic@PotteryPoet.com.

GHOST RANCH, NM, AUGUST 3—AUGUST 9

Ghost Ranch presents: "Arthur Gonzalez, Sculpting the Dynamics of Complex Facial Expressions." Beautiful home of Georgia O'Keefe and now the Ghost Ranch Conference Center offers summer and fall ceramic art workshops in the newly upgraded ceramic art facilities. Be in surroundings that have inspired artists for decades and work with master artists. Stay at the ranch, choosing from a variety of housing options, and bring the whole family with family members engaging in a variety of activities. Go to www. ghostranch.org for more information and to register.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO, AUGUST 8

Potters Council member Nancy Zoller will be presenting: For the Birds-Handbuilt Clay Birdhouses. The event is hosted by Steamboat Arts and Crafts Gym. For more information go to www.steamboatartsandcraftsgym.com.

FABER, VA, AUGUST 8—9

Summer workshops with Nan Rothwell; "Teapots." All workshops take place in Nelson County, Virginia. For information call (434) 263-4023 or www.NanRothwellPottery.

GHOST RANCH, NM, AUGUST 28—30

Mexico Potters and Clay Artists annual weekend workshop, guest artist is Pabla Talavera from Mata Ortiz, Mexico. For more information and to register for this workshop, go to www.nmpotters.org. Beautiful home of Georgia O'Keefe and now the Ghost Ranch Conference Center offers summer and fall ceramic art workshops in the newly upgraded ceramic art facilities. Be in surroundings that have inspired artists for decades and work with master artists. Stay at the ranch, choosing from a variety of housing options, and bring the whole family with family members engaging in a variety of activities. Go to www.ghostranch.org for more information and to register.

GHOST RANCH, NM, AUGUST 10—AUGUST 4

Ghost Ranch presents: "James Tanner, Hunting Intuition, A Sculpting Class." Beautiful home of Georgia O'Keefe and now the Ghost Ranch Conference Center offers summer and fall ceramic art workshops in the newly upgraded ceramic art facilities. Be in surroundings that have inspired artists for decades and work with master artists. Stay at the ranch, choosing from a variety of housing options, and bring the whole family with family members engaging in a variety of activities. Go to www.ghostranch.org for more information and to register.

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FRONT ROYAL, VA, OCTOBER 1-4

"The 8th Biennial Mid-Atlantic Clay Conference" will be held at the 4-H Conference Center in Front Royal, Virginia. Registration will begin in March 2009. The conference will feature simultaneous demonstrations, mini-workshops, slide shows, ceramic industry vendors, entertainment and guest potters considered to be the best at their craft. Featured presenters are Suze Lindsay, Gay Smith and Frank Giorgini. For more information visit www.theclayconnection.org or email conference@theclayconnection.org.

WATER MILL, NY, OCTOBER 17—18

Potters Council member Hayne Bayless will be conducting a workshop entitled "Happiness is a Warm Extruder" at Clay Art Guild of the Hamptons. We'll investigate extrusion and slab techniques as they apply to functional stoneware, using unconventional forming methods and unusual approaches to surface decoration, including stencils, slip inlay and stretched slabs. For more information visit www.hamptonsclayart.org or contact Hayne at (860) 767-3141 or www.sidewaysstudio.com.

WARRENVILLE, IL, OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Call to Entry: "Clay3 National Juried Ceramics Exhibit." Open to functional and sculptural ceramic art that fits within one cubic foot. Juried from digital. Fee \$25 for 2 entries, each additional image \$5. Juror: Mary Kay Botkins. Contact: ClaySpace, 28W210 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville, IL 60555; info@clayspace.net, www.clayspace.net; (630) 393-2529.

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BLOOMINGTON, IN, SEPTEMBER 12—13

Stoney Creek Pottery will be hosting "Naked Raku and Saggar Workshop." Cost is \$175 and includes lunch and all materials except bisque ware. For more information contact Allyson May at amay4@msn.com and allysonmay@stoneycreekpottery.com; website: www.stoneycreekpottery.com

LOTHIAN, MD, SEPTEMBER 12—13

The Potters Guild of Annapolis presents a two-day demonstration and workshop with Mitch Lyons. Located at Goose at the Door Potters, 320 Frank Moreland Place, Lothian, MD 21711. For more information contact Kim Tyssowski at ktyssowski@comcast.net, (410) 977-0401 or www.pottersguildofannapolis.com.

GLEN SPEY, NY, SEPTEMBER 26

Hands on with David Greenbaum. Hosted by Bluestone Pottery Studio. Take your pots to the next level with master potter David Greenbaum! With over 35 years of experience, David will provide in-depth coverage of specific throwing techniques while focusing on individual needs for building skill, efficiency, and personal direction. To register call (845) 856-7398.

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Artist: Mark Peters

Artist: Lorna Meaden

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