

HANDS IN CLAY

March 2005

GUILD INFORMATION

GUILD MEETINGS

OGP next meetings:

Since the March 7th meeting was postponed to March 24th, there will not be one in April. Our NEXT meeting will be

Friday, May 6

7:30 to 9:30 pm at NVAC,
Nepean Visual Arts Centre
(Woodroffe and Hunt Club)

Before the monthly meetings:
Library opens at 6:30 pm.

Our **Executive meeting**
open to any one, also at 6:30 pm.

OGP Help line

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Cynthia O'Brien has her Exhibition "Come Closer"
At Centre d'expositoin l'Imagier 9, rue Front -Aylmer
Open until March 27th.
Beautiful work, do visit!

OUR MEETINGS

If weather conditions require the cancellation of a Guild meeting, the information will be posted on the Guild 'Message Minder' after 4 p.m. the day of the scheduled meeting. Please call 230-2446 to access info.



A NOTE FROM CHANDLER

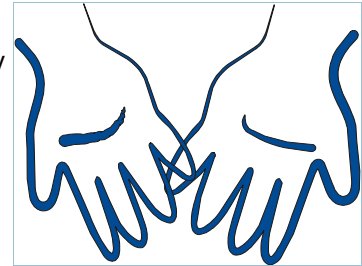
Dear Potters, I seem to have become a bit of a weather jinx. In December I went to Florida to visit my mother only to have the hot temperatures there plummet the day we arrived to chilly "jacket weather". Then we organized ourselves to get to our winter refuge on the Gulf Islands in B.C. only to find a blanket of traffic-stopping snow had paralyzed the west coast and the first day there we shoveled the drive way. Jeeze. The weather got amazingly May-like by the time we left last Monday only for us to arrive home Monday night to a blizzard. The ice is still not thawed in my studio as I write this. I am getting paranoid and must apologize for the continued cold weather, Sorry.

Anyway I was disappointed that I was going to miss the March meeting by flying in too late on Monday night but now of course I will see all your shining faces **Thursday March 24th**. The bowl exhibition entries have been extended to March 20th so get those applications in to Marie Hennessey. I am looking forward to a huge response to this very fun initiative by Lisa Marie in conjunction with the **GREAT BOWLS OF FIRE!** event. The guild has never had an event where we get together socially and give back to our community in such a creative way. I am really looking forward to this and am making it a priority on my crammed (well, sort of slightly booked: OK, OK, pretty much empty) social calendar. It will be a great success if we all put our best energy into it. Just remember a community like Ottawa serves 37,000 people per month through food programs supplied by The Food Bank; . 40 % of those receiving food assistance are children. We have the opportunity to contribute with a positive, fun event that many of our members under Lisa Marie's guidance have been working hard to organize.

Congratulations to Rosario on her beautiful, touching exhibition at the University of Mexico in Hull in honour of women killed as a result of war and poverty. Many guild members attended the full-house opening reception, Bravo Rosario!!

Big thanks to Art for holding the fort,
Cheerio and see you March 25th,

Chandler



Membership News

Membership renewals will be due on or before May 31st. The new membership fees are \$30.00 for a single membership and \$40.00 for a family. There will be a renewal form in the April Newsletter that members can complete and return to me together with their cheques for the appropriate amount.

WHO IS WHO IN THE GUILD OF POTTERS

<i>President</i>	Chandler Swain	<i>Exhibition Convener</i>	Caroline Fitzpatrick
<i>Vice President</i>	Art Petch	<i>Members Album and Mentors Committee</i>	Cathy Payne
<i>Past President</i>	Vickie Salinas	<i>Sales Committee</i>	Lis Allison
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jean Jaffe		Klara Bruehlmann
<i>Newsletter</i>	Rosario Umaña		Heidi Garets
			Pat Jessop
			Veronika Von Nostitz
<i>Librarian</i>	Linda Taylor	<i>Refreshment Convener</i>	Helen Stone
<i>Secretary</i>	Doris McIlroy	<i>Website Manager</i>	Bruce Jones
<i>Membership</i>	Penny Donaldson	<i>Standards and Education</i>	Carolynne Pynn-Trudeau
<i>Outside Workshops</i>	Allison Usher		Vickie Salinas
<i>Member Workshops</i>	Louise Simonson		Anne Chambers
			Julien Couture
			Lynda Northey
			Glen Dunning
			Saskia Praamsma
			Rita Redner

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

To view and download the Newsletter go to
<http://www.ottawaguilddofpotters.ca/march05.pdf>
 Visit our our website at www.ottawaguilddofpotters.ca
 Please continue sending your comments and contributions to our email:
Newsletter@ottawaguilddofpotters.ca

Classified ads

Studio Space Ceramic artist in Wakefield is looking to find a studio space to share nearby. She has a kiln that can be set up in the spring but not the space to work. Please call: (819) 459-1703 Anne

Kiln for Sale by Cathy Payne:

I bought a brand new kiln so my trusty old one is for sale. Well maintained by Jim Donaldson, it is a 6 to 7 cubic foot, cone 8 SKUTT kiln that is ready to do good work for all your bisque firing. If you have Jim move it and install it for you he will guarantee it for 30 days. Feel free to talk to Jim about it's firing history, then give me, Cathy Payne, a call at 819-827-3504, or fishart@magma.ca if you are interested. Price \$250.00.

Duncan Kiln For Sale - . "Teacher Model 820" Firing Chamber measurments 17.5" W X 19.75" D
 Maximum temperature 2300 F Override switch for manual firing Low hours. Perfect Condition
 Shelves, posts, cones etc. included \$750.00
 824-8938 Orleans area or e-mail to: normandiane@rogers.com

Raku Kiln for Sale For any member who is interested in Raku firing, I have a Dedell custom-made propane burner for sale in excellent condition. Asking \$250.00.

Penny Donaldson

Woodlawn Kiln Services. (613) 832-4903 or e-mail at wpottery@iqs.net.

Small Test Kiln for Sale: Paragon Model A 62, 115 volt 24 amps fires to cone 9.
 Meassures 13"h x 12 3/4" w. For appointment to see phone Frank at 613-969-7858.



...HAPPY EASTER... FELIZ PASCUA...

Events

Spring Kiln Opening at Poterie du Lac la Blanche Saturday, April 30 & Sunday, May 1 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Poterie du Lac la Blanche is located at 110 chemin Giroux in Mayo.

We invite you to enjoy a quiet and relaxed shopping atmosphere.

The Poterie is open year round by appointment
and most weekends during the summer months.

Come by for a cup of tea and a wee visit. We'd love to see you!

The potter, Lisa-Marie Serafin specializes in stoneware pottery for everyday living. She says, "Currently I'm making pieces on the potter's wheel and pieces that are hand built too. Living out in here in the woods, I'm very much influenced by nature, but also by ancient symbols, historical pottery and the glazes themselves. I often use nature's objects, such as seashells and grasses to achieve a variety of surface textures. My goal is to create beauty and character in each individual piece. As I work I discover new avenues for self-expression.

It's a path of learning and growth."

To get more info on the artist and to see what she's been up to lately please visit <http://lablanchepoterie.com>



GREAT BOWLS OF FIRE!

Great Bowls of Fire!

Still needs pledges of bowls. Remember, there's a reward of a \$75 gift certificate to the person who donates the largest number of bowls! Ticket sales seem to be going well, and if that continues we are sure to actually need the 500 bowls I've requested. Last bowl count was up to 326. Yay!! Can we count on you? Lots of folks are waiting to open the kiln before making a commitment, I know. Even if you think one or two bowls may not turn out, we need to know what you are committed to donating.

But you know, the more I ask members about pledging and donating bowls, the more I sound like a broken record.

The event is helping hungry people. That we all know and understand. But have you thought about this? Great Bowls of Fire is a fantastic opportunity to get your work out to the general public. It is a promotional opportunity for every potter who is there, for every potter who submits information about an open house or a sale, a spring tour or gallery opening and even workshops. It's an opportunity for every potter who is a teacher. The event is giving you an opportunity to meet the buying public and talk with them face to face, pass out your business card, create a buzz and perhaps even more business for yourself. As the self-professed Queen of Shameless Self-Promotion, I urge you to get involved...for your own good.

Lisa-Marie

