

November 2005

# HANDS IN CLAY

Newsletter of the Ottawa Guild of Potters

## Guild Meeting Program

Monday Oct. 3 Years First Guild Meeting.  
Tuesday Nov. 1  
Thursday Dec. 1  
Friday Jan. 6  
Monday Feb. 6  
Monday Mar. 6  
Thursday April 6  
Friday May 5 Annual General Meeting.

Meetings are from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Nepean Visual Arts Center. (NVAC) On Woodroffe Avenue, south of Hunt Club road.

**Guild Executive Meetings.** Start at 6:30pm, and are open to the public.

## Library

Before each monthly meeting, the Library is open from 6:30 until 7:30.

If there is a book or video that are you are looking for, let us know. It will be considered when we purchase new material. If an item is out on loan, we can reserve it for you. Your input is appreciated.

**Linda Taylor**  
Librarian

## Membership News

Membership renewals are due before the end of May, to maintain your membership and to ensure participation in the Guild sales etc. Renewal forms are sent out in April. Please notify Penny of any changes to your e-mail or postal address.

**Penny Donaldson**  
Membership Secretary

## OGP Help Line

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## OGP Website

The Website address is:

[www.ottawaguildofpotters.ca](http://www.ottawaguildofpotters.ca)

A moderator for the websites interactive features is needed. Contact Bruce Jones at:

[bruce.earle-jones@sympatico.ca](mailto:bruce.earle-jones@sympatico.ca)

**Bruce Jones**  
Web Master

## Newsletter

The Newsletter is on line at:

<http://ottawaguildofpotters.ca/newsletter/>

Please send Newsletter comments and contributions to:

[newsletter@ottawaguildofpotters.ca](mailto:newsletter@ottawaguildofpotters.ca)

**David Wardell**  
Newsletter Editor

# Message From the President

**Julien Couture**

**Dear members,**

Ready for a party?! The time to celebrate the joys of the season and accomplishments of the year is upon us! The Executive invites you to come with a small tray of finger foods such as an appetizer, a dessert or anything you love to make, and a wrapped vessel for the vessel exchange. Don't be left out of this unpredictable activity!

There will be music for those with their dancing shoes on, a spectacular slide show of the work of Mimi Cabri who will also be there to share in the festivities, and plenty of time to gab.

We look forward to this opportunity to wish each of you the very best of the season.

MERCI!

Julien Couture

President

## Who's Who

**In the Ottawa Guild of Potters**

President	Julien Couture	Refreshment Convener	Helen Stone
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Exhibition Convener	Carolynne Pynn-Trudeau		
Members Album	Cathy Payne		
Sales Committee	Lis Allison		
	Lynda Soper		
	Heidi Garaets		
	Pat Jessop		
	Louise Simonson		

## OGP December 1, 2005 Meeting Agenda

6:30 – 7:30 Executive Meeting

Head of Sale Committee – Lis will give a general review of the Sale  
Guild Sale/260 Fingers Show – discussion  
Membership Structure – potential changes discussion  
other

7:30 – 8:00 Guild Meeting

Issues arising from the 6:30 Meeting  
Rasputin's Bowls - collect

8:00 – 9:00 Christmas Party

Introduction of Mimi Cabri and her work (slide show to be running during party)  
Party Time! Great food, good music, dancing, vessel exchange  
Merry Christmas Everyone!

## New Guild Secretary

The Executive would like to thank Doris McIlroy for agreeing to act as Secretary for the Guild for the remainder of this year. Doris has been with the Guild for many years and brings that knowledge to the Executive. Many thanks!

Doris McIlroy  
[doris.mcilroy@sympatico.ca](mailto:doris.mcilroy@sympatico.ca)  
Ph (613) 592-4914

## Thankyou Richard Gill

A note of thanks to our presenter at the November 1st Guild meeting, Richard Gill. Richard's talent and plethora of work over 30 years was awe inspiring to the members who were in attendance.

He provided us with some insight into his methods of producing the signature work he is proud to be selling throughout Canada. His clientele are both home grown and from across our nation. His subjects stretch around the globe. Everyone enjoyed his take on commission procurement and we were left wanting more time with him. The slide presentation gave many people food for thought.

Thankyou again Richard for coming to speak to us.



To view his web site go to [www.burnstown.ca](http://www.burnstown.ca). Richard can be reached at (613) 432-5254

## **Rasputin's Needs Your Talents...and Your Bowls.**

For a number of years, the Guild has supported Rasputin's at Christmas time with our handmade bowls which they fill with soup and then donate a portion to the Ottawa Food Bank. We would like to continue this tradition again this Christmas. If you have a bowl or two to donate, or if you have students who would like to make bowls specifically for this purpose, please bring them to the Guild Christmas Party on December 1st.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

## **Guild members on TV**

OGP members Veronika von Nostitz-Tait and Marie Paquette were filmed as part of a half hour programme on Crafts in Eastern Ontario. The program will air on "Panorama" at 7pm December 1 on the French language TVO channel. (Number 12 in Ottawa)

Yours,  
Veronika.

## **Member Workshops**

Sunday January 29, 1 - 5 pm

Anne Chambers: Glaze workshop

Explore the world of glazes through reactions of oxides/stains to fluxes. We will investigate oxide line blends to develop 21 separate compatible glazes from each glaze base. Have fun finding out why oxides produce varied colour reactions in different glazes. Glazes will be supplied or you may bring 1500 grams of your favourite base glaze for experimenting. 22 test tiles will be required approximately 1" x 2" x 1/2" thick. Arrangements can be made to have them bisqued if you do not have access to a kiln. During the afternoon we will also discuss how to fix common glaze problems, what makes a good cone 6 glaze etc. Be prepared to meet once after the workshop to pick up your fired test tiles.

Sunday March 5, 2006 1 - 5 pm

Anne Chambers: Altered pots workshop

How to alter, manipulate pots thrown on the wheel to give them more life...personal expression

Saturday May 27, 2006

Alexander and Victoria Jenkins: Tool making workshop, Carleton Place.

Build your own custom tools for: chattering, trimming, measuring thickness of glaze batch (hydrometer), measuring devices for production throwing, kiln furniture for specialized uses, and more. \$10.00 participation fee; \$3.00 materials fee

Registration instructions: phone Carol Badenoch 613-225-6641,  
or e-mail [carol.badenoch@compass-canada.com](mailto:carol.badenoch@compass-canada.com).



### **Christmas Art Show & Sale at the Plant Bath Recreation Centre.**

On Saturday November 26 from 9am-3pm. (corner of Preston and Somerset Streets in Ottawa)  
 Organized by Lois Kapitaniuk, the show will feature fine art and fine craft exhibited by their makers  
 This is a first time event for our neighbourhood and we're very happy to have the beautiful newly renovated Plant Bath for a venue. It is a centre of activity, a gathering place, an interesting architectural blend of local history and contemporary community use in one of Ottawa's culturally vibrant neighbourhoods. Free admission.

### **Standards and Education Committee Guild Meeting Presentations**

Beginning with our January Guild meeting, the Standards and Education Committee will be making short monthly presentations prior to the coffee break on specific issues related to clay. Topics will include pinholes. January meeting will be presented by Glen Dunning on handles, spouts, and lids.

### **The Bowls Of Fire**

This summer the Great Bowls of Fire team got together and brainstormed a few ideas to get us all motivated to make bowls for 2006's event. Last April Great Bowls of Fire was a huge success. We raised \$7500 and became one of the highest donors to the Food Bank in 2005.

The team has organized three bowl throwing parties at the Glebe community center and at McNabb.

The dates are: Saturday Dec 3 or Dec 10, whatever works for the majority  
 Saturday and Sunday at McNabb on January 7th and 8th  
 Saturday and Sunday at McNabb on January 14 and 15.

Glazing will take place on January 28 at both venues.  
 Times for these events is TBA, but likely something like 1-4pm.

How it Will Work.

The idea is to come together and make bowls. You will be required to purchase clay from the studios at \$25 a bag (approx. 20 lbs). You can share a bag or take a whole one for yourself, depending on how

many you make in about a 3 hour period. If you choose to throw our bowls on one of the January dates, Sunday is the day you will return for trimming, then we'll glaze day at the end of January.

December 3 call or write to me Lisa-Marie Serafin at  
(819) 281-3307. [LMS\\_potter@sympatico.ca](mailto:LMS_potter@sympatico.ca)

January 7 call or write to Carol Badenoch at 225-6641  
[Carol.Badenoch@compass-canada.com](mailto:Carol.Badenoch@compass-canada.com)

January 14 call or write to Sarah Hand at 837-0297 or 728-0697.  
[capitalpotterysupplies@on.aibn.com](mailto:capitalpotterysupplies@on.aibn.com)

Bring along with you all your favorite tools and a cover up or apron. Each group might choose to bring some munchies to the event or go out afterwards for a bite to eat.

Now, since I live out of town and know that some of our members do also, and I thought that we could make and trim the bowls in one day, with the aid of a hair dryer or heat gun. So if you choose to come in December you might want to bring on along if you can. I don't know if you've ever used a heat gun to dry your work, but it's very convenient! You just throw the bowl, dry it up, cut it off and voila! Dry up the bottom a little bit and trim.

The bowls made at these venues will be your contribution to Great Bowls of Fire 2006, which will be at the Glebe community Center on Saturday, February 25/06. Thanks in advance to Vickie Salinas, the tech and one of the teachers at both The Glebe C.C. and McNabb, for all the firing. We're sure to make some great bowls!

Lisa-Marie Serafin

## **Membership News**

Just a note to remind everyone that changes to address, phone number and e-mail should be sent to me, Penny Donaldson. As well, I answer the telephone on behalf of the Guild. There are often inquiries from ceramic and glass artists requesting names of members who might be interested in firing pieces for non-members. If anyone in the Guild is interested in offering this kind of service, please let me know.

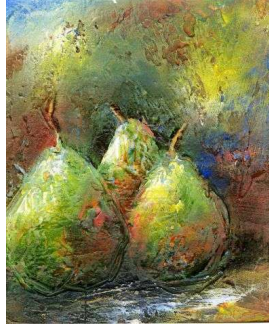
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## **The National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA Enterprise Program.**

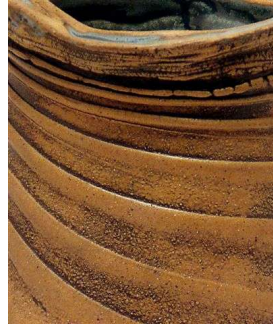
A self-employment training program for first-time entrepreneurs, is hosting a Trade Show Event. Thursday December 8 from 11am to 4pm at the downtown YMCA, 180 Argyle Street, 2nd floor in the Trillium Room.

All manner of small businesspeople will be there to show their products and services to the public. Web designers, home renovators, consultants of all sorts, artists, musicians, teachers, food specialists, event managers, marketing service providers, healing and health care service providers, software engineers, IT trainers, graphic designers, human relations specialists and more, all under one roof. Take this opportunity to discover entrepreneurs who can provide the products and services you may need, but don't have the time to spend precious hours searching for. Admission is free.

## An invitation to a fabulous complicity of Brush and Clay



Ann Gruchy



Marie Paquette

November 25-26-27

Friday 5-9, Vernissage - Saturday & Sunday 10-5

**1584 Sobeau Court, Kars**

**Tel: 489-3938**

Exit #49 off hwy 416 - 2km towards east on Roger Stevens Dr. Turn right onto Dorak Dr. and left onto Sobeau Court

By Ann Gruchy and Marie Paquette

A shared appreciation of natural colors and textures combined with personal explorations of evolving techniques, allows two local artists working in different media to come together and exhibit their latest work at Marie's studio in Kars

Ann Gruchy. A visual artist with her studio in North Gower, known for her intense watercolor images, is now also experimenting with new media and styles. She is enjoying the exciting, sometimes unpredictable, effects found in applying clay on canvas, wood or paper and painting it with acrylic enhanced with collage. Many of Ann's new compositions are abstract or semi-abstract, stressing color, depth and light. All of which highlight the textures created in the clay. Other works are more graphic, with a linear drawing developed through color, collage and calligraphy, often with highly three-dimensional textural marks.

Marie Paquette. A clay artisan newly arrived in Kars, creates functional pieces in porcelain and stoneware. Enjoying the peaceful rhythm of hand building and the freedom it offers in terms of shapes and textures, Marie folds the clay, tears it apart to put it back together, imprints it, stretches it and then builds her pieces using pinching or slab shaping techniques. Wiped off washes and glazes or the fire itself when it is possible to wood fire her work enhance the surfaces. Each piece with its earthy distinctiveness is unique.