

December 2007

Hands In Clay

Ottawa Guild of Potters

Celebrating 30 years!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



**From your
Guild Executive!**

**Cheers to an
exciting
2008!**

Kirstin

**Next meeting:
JAN.8, 2008 – 7:30
Mathieu Dubé - SculptOr**



Long Neck - Hydrocal - 40x18x13cm



Quenouille - Bronze - 14x11x11cm



Please note:

*The January meeting will be held in Studio 3 upstairs and the Library will be in the room that the Executive normally meets in. * Our February meeting will be in the regular room :)*

News from the Sales Committee

Hi everyone,

Now that things have settled down a bit we wanted to share some news with you about our last Sale and our plans for the Spring Sale:

Many thanks to Lis Allison, first for being our Sale Treasurer and secondly for compiling these Fall Sales stats!

Number of potters: 68
(Last year, 69)
Total value of pots sold: \$142,868
(last year, \$139,568)
Average per potter: \$2,101
(last year, \$2,022)

Number of sales, ie customers: 1791
Number of sales under \$25: 279
Number of sales under \$50: 711
Number of sales under \$100: 1297

Sales over \$200: 88

Over \$300: 9

Highest sale: \$639
Number of pots sold: 6481
Pots under \$6, ie \$5 ones: 553
Pots under \$11: 1986
Under \$20: 3414
\$20 to \$50: 2737
\$50 to \$100: 366
Over \$100: 52

Highest pot sold: \$350

Cookbooks sold: 9, 180 Charity pots sold + donations: \$838
(*not the coins, they collected those*)

Looking forward to the Spring Sale

April 10-13 – think flowers



We will be hosting the Ohara and Sogetsu Schools of Ikebana at our Spring Sale to demonstrate the art of Ikebana for our customers in a couple of 1.5 hr sessions over the weekend. Timing is yet to be confirmed. Are you interested in making dishes suitable for Ikebana for this Sale?? We have been invited by the OHARA School of Ikebana for a guided group tour of 40 Ikebana arrangements on display at the Museum of Nature January 30-February 3. They will explain the art and what they look for in an Ikebana container. Maybe we can meet at the Museum on Thursday, January 31 at 6 pm? We need to confirm with our hosts if we're going so think it over and let me know by the January Guild Meeting(Jan 8th) if you want to be included. We will be reporting on our tour at our February Meeting.

NEW FOR THIS SPRING SALE!



- We will be having a compulsory pre-sale meeting for all sale participants. Why? Well we all need a refresher on who does what and how. We don't need a meeting before every Sale surely but it has been a while since we did this and the Sale Committee realizes that we need a meeting before we take on another Sale. Details will follow.

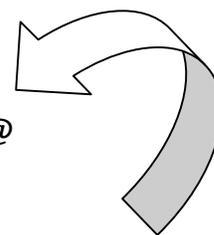
- Also notice that we have added a new category for display space on the Spring Sale application. We have called it "creative space" because it really is an open category. If

you have been dying to put something together that does not fit into our standard sale spaces then this is your opportunity. We are asking that you contact someone on the Sale Committee to let us know that you want this option BEFORE the sale application deadline Feb 15th and we will work with you to block out the space you need and come up with a rental fee based on the space you need. We aim to accommodate everyone who applies for space so please be clear about what you are proposing – a floorplan perhaps? Hopefully we have space to work it into the overall sale floorplan. If it doesn't fit we will work with you to come up with a workable alternative.

4. As announced at the Fall Sale I will be conducting a focus group session at the end of January with 10-12 Guild members to discuss our Guild Sales. The purpose of this session is to gather input from a cross-section of the Guild membership as to what future Guild Sales will look like. I invited a diverse group (age, experience, gender, pottery background and training, production/home studio/community centre) I hope to have something concrete to present to the Sale Committee, Guild Executive and Membership by our AGM this spring.

If you have any questions about any of this information feel free to give me a call 613-989-5397 or an email gilmers@magma.ca ~Debbie

**PLEASE FIND SPRING SALE APPLICATION @
ottawaguildofpotters.ca/newsletter
*Under 2007**



For Sale:

Paragon 98, 7cu foot, manual kiln with a kiln sitter. Asking 450.00 or best offer.

Enquiries can be forwarded to sylvie@rocon.ca or call 613-723-4754.

GREAT BOWLS OF FIRE

POTTERS DONATING BOWLS + RESTARAUNTS DONATING SOUP = \$ FOR THE FOOD BANK

Hello Everyone,

We thought we would bring everyone up to date on how Great Bowls of Fire preparations are going.

Great bowls of Fire will be held at the Glebe community Center, on February 9th, 2008, starting at 5:30 ending at 8:30pm. In order for this event to be a success we need bowls. So far we have about 270. We need a minimum number of 350 as that is the number of tickets we are selling for the event. Some people took home bags of clay to make into bowls for the event, but the more bowls we have the more we will be able to sell for the Ottawa Food Bank. You can drop them off at the January meeting or you can drop them off at Capital Pottery, 877 Boyd.

We now have a confirmed answer about Tax receipts for Potters donating bowls. If you would like to get a tax receipt for your donation, you will need to get appraisals in writing from two separate professional Potters for the bowls you are donating. Send them to Liz Wood at The Ottawa Food Bank 1317B Michael Street, Ottawa Ontario, K1B 3M9. She would then be happy to send you a Tax receipt for your donation.

I would suggest sending a letter explaining that you have donated the bowls to Great Bowls of Fire so that Liz will understand why you are sending appraisals to her.

This year we are going to set up the soup bowls in the room across from the Banquet Hall and we need to borrow plastic shelving from those of you who might have some available to lend us. If you would like to lend us your shelves please label each piece just in case we have to mix and match to get enough shelves to display the bowls nicely. Please call Sarah Hand if you would like to lend us yours.

We still need people to volunteer to set up and clean up. Especially, clean up. We need people to help put all the chairs and tables away and we need 4 strong people to help set up the stage before the event and take it down at end of evening. Please call me at Capital Pottery if you would like to add your name to a list. Remember many hands make light work! It is also an event that will warm your hearts and is just a fun community gathering with great entertainment and fun.

Things are coming together nicely but there are still a few loose ends that have to be tied up before the event. Colette and I are working hard to get as many things thought out before Great Bowls so that the evening will run as smoothly as possible.

Thank you all for your support.

Sarah Hand

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