



*Fired UP!*

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Mark your Calendars! Future meetings are planned for

**Tues. Feb. 2nd**  
**Tues March 2nd**  
**Mon. April 5th**  
**Tues. May 4<sup>th</sup>**

at the Nepean Visual Arts Centre/Sportsplex  
1701 Woodroffe Ave.,  
just south of Hunt Club Rd.  
Executive meetings are open to Guild members and start at 6pm. Visitors are welcome to come to meetings which start at 7:30pm.

## Search for New Sale Venue

Hello to all and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. All the best in 2010.

For those who missed the last two guild meetings or the information in the December Newsletter, I would like to bring your attention to a very significant issue for the Guild. Our rent at the Hellenic Centre in the fall will rise so significantly that future sales there would require a drastic increase in the table fees or percentage taken from individual potters at the sale. It is for this reason that a committee of members was struck to research other venues and report the findings to the Sales Committee and the Executive.

Gord Smith and Cecelia Noriega have stepped forward so far and one more person is needed for the group. What is required is to search for potential places for our sales and to visit these venues to check out their suitability. The Sales Committee has written a comprehensive checklist for the committee members to follow. Please, if you have time to devote to your guild in this way, contact me as soon as possible.

We are able to hold our Spring Sale at the Hellenic Centre this April, but it will be cost prohibitive to do our Fall Sale there, as we are facing a cost increase of approximately \$6000.

We need your support, so I hope to hear from you. The more people working on this the better and remember, we can't let the public know soon enough where we will be moving to. It is important to have things in place by the April show if at all possible.

Thanks for your attention to this matter,

**Colette Beardall** President

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## *February Meeting with Dan Hill*

Potter Dan Hill has worked in the craft for over 25 years, developing a personal style and approach. An appreciation for the quiet beauty of historical Asian pottery, as well as the robust utilitarian pots of 20<sup>th</sup> century British studio potters have been blended with contemporary design and surface treatment to create Dan's unique style of pottery with a timeless beauty and functionality. His custom built soda-vapour kiln in Wilno Ontario produces a wide range of functional and one of a kind pottery. His studio is open to the public during the Madawaska Studio Tour, annually on the weekend before Thanksgiving, or by appointment at other times. Dan's current work is available at The Wilno Garden Gallery, Wilno, Ont. Tel: 613 756 7890  
E-mail [danhill@xplornet.com](mailto:danhill@xplornet.com)      [www.wilnogardengallery.com](http://www.wilnogardengallery.com)

**Sue-ann Blakely** Meeting Presenters Coordinator

## Spring Exhibition 2010 Update

Potters and clay artists are invited to submit work for the Guild's 2010 juried Exhibition. We have not specified a theme this year; we want to see Guild members' most inspired and creative work. Twenty to thirty pieces will make up the exhibition. It will be shown at two venues in Ottawa; our Spring Sale held April 15 to 18 at the Hellenic Banquet Centre and again displayed at the Fusion Conference for clay and glass artists, to be held May 28 to 30 at Carleton University Campus. Our invited juror this year will be Penelope Kokkinos.

**Submission Date:** Submit your work in person at the Hellenic Banquet Centre, April 15 from 9-11 AM. *Application forms will be available at that time.*

**Fees:** Members in the show \$5.00 Members not participating in the show \$10.00.

**Rules:**

- An applicant may submit up to three (3) pieces. A set counts as one piece and will be juried as a unit.
- Work must have been completed within the last 12 months (April to April). Submissions must be PREVIOUSLY UNEXHIBITED.
- Works selected for the exhibition will be held in storage by the Guild until the completion of the Fusion conference. Please be advised that items purchased at the April sale will be unavailable to the client until after May 30. It will be the responsibility of the artists who are chosen to participate in the exhibition to provide appropriate containers for storage of their work.

**Categories:** Best in show, Best for use, Best of expression, Best decorated, Juror's choice and Fusion award.

**Ellen Sloan** Exhibition Coordinator

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## Great Bowls of Fire

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

*Tickets will be on sale at the February meeting so please bring your money. We will not be giving tickets without payment.*

Volunteers are still needed. Please call Sarah 613-728-0697 (day) or 613-837-0297 (evening) to sign up.

More bowls are needed. Also centerpieces are needed, but these don't need to be functional pieces. Please price them. Higher end pieces will be auctioned off and the rest will be sold during the evening from the tables.

Please look in the December Newsletter for other the details.  
Thanks for your continued support,

**Sarah Hand and Colette Beardall** Event Coordinators

The Spring Sale application is available on the member's Information page of the website.  
<http://ottawaguildofpotters.ca/information>

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## Booth Design and Marketing Workshop

Paul Portelli will be presenting his Booth Design and Marketing workshop on February 6, Paul Portelli is a clay artist, successful former gallery owner, and now very popular and entertaining and informative speaker, and comes highly recommended by many.

Paul's OGP workshop will focus on booth design and visual merchandising but he is willing and able to address a wide variety of marketing issues, as time permits. He has mentored many potters in marketing their work. For example he mentored Debbie Gilmer when she participated in her first *One of a Kind* Show in Toronto.

**Instructor Artist: Paul Portelli**

**Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010**

**Cost: \$35. Make your cheque to the Guild, and mail it to Art Petch at 1002 Alpine Ave. Ottawa, ON, K2B 5S1.**

**Duration: One Day –5-hour (9:00 - 12:00, then 1 hour for pot luck lunch and then 1:00 – 2:00)**

**Location: Garden Room, Ron Kolbus Centre, Britannia Park**

The workshop will cover these topics: Perception and , and elements, Point of emphasis of design, Formats of display, Balance harmony and contrast, Props, Placing and position, Traffic flow, Cash and wrap area, Packing and wrapping products

NOTE: there is a fully furnished professional kitchen available to refrigerate, heat and prepare your lunch food.

*Paul Portelli is a specialist in retail design, merchandising and event coordination. As well, he operated a gallery/sculpture studio in Warkworth, Ontario for 22 years where he was instrumental in developing the branding and advertising campaign for that community. He has worked with many major retailers in Visual Merchandising and has developed and planned major events for public relations firms in the G.T.A. His past clients have Included Holt Renfrew, Microsoft, Proctor and Gamble, Lindt Chocolates and Mercedes Benz. He is the author of articles on trends in visual merchandising in many Canadian publications, such as Crafts Plus, Style and Men's Wear Canada and has made regular guest appearances on television shows, Cityline, Craftscape and Savior Faire.*

<http://www.paulportelli.com>

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### *Newsletter for Fusion*

Are you a craftsperson with an interest in writing? Would you be interested in contributing a short article about the Ottawa Guild of Potters for a special edition of the Guild newsletter? It would be nice to have some fresh insights about us for the visiting members of Fusion in May, and for the general public, who could learn more about Guild members and their work. Human interest stories and an apercu of our dark past would be welcomed. How did the Guild get started? Were you there at its conception? If you would like to help out, let me know as soon as possible.

**Sandra Marshall** Newsletter Editor

## Two Caroline Gibbs Workshops

Enjoy Caroline Gibbs' unique and creative approach to clay. Her work is full of surprises from her handbuilt children's shoes to her mosaic murals and hand-painted platters!

### One-piece Lidded Boxes

In the first hands-on workshop, you will throw or handbuild one-piece lidded boxes. Explore texturing the surface, applying knobs and feet and cutting the lid. Bring your own clay and tools.

**When: Sunday March 14th 2010 ..10-3pm**

**Where: Almonte Potters Guild, 91 Bridge St. in lovely downtown Almonte - 30 min. from Ottawa  
Brown bag lunch!**

### TILES with Pzazz !

Also a hands-on workshop, using the studio's slab roller to create tiles. Get creative and try some new techniques: impressed designs, slip, scraffito, carving, sprigs and paper resist ..try them all! Bring your own clay and tools.

**When: Sunday March 21st 2010.. 10-3pm**

**Where: As above  
Brown bag lunch!**

**Send \$10 for each workshop to Rhona Bloomfield as indicated below.**



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

## Galina Simonova Brushwork Workshop

Galina Simonova is well known for her beautiful brushwork pieces. She has over 15 years experience in painting and claywork. Her brushwork technique can apply to under- or over-glazes. Come and give it a try.

Please bring several sheets of blank newsprint and large, such as Nos. 8 or 9, pointed squirrel hair brushes to practice, if possible. (Galina will bring some of her brushes as well.)

**Instructor :** Galina Simonova

**Date:** January 30<sup>th</sup>

**Duration:** 1- 4 pm

**Workshop Capacity:** Maximum 9

**Location:** At Petch's studio, 1002 Alpine Ave., Ottawa

**Cost:** \$10. To reserve your place, make cheques payable to Ottawa Guild of Potters and mail to Rhona Bloomfield, POB 669, Almonte, ON, K0A 1A0.

## Announcements

**First annual SPECTRUM GLAZE SALE** with 15% OFF on all in-stock glazes. Come in early for the best selection.

Capital Pottery Supplies & Studio Inc.  
877 Boyd Ave.  
Ottawa Ontario K2A 2E2  
Phone 613-728-0697  
Fax 613-728-1372

### Call for Artist Submissions

Friends of the Farm Fine Art Exhibition & Sale  
Deadline for submission: March 1, 2010, 2:00 p.m.  
Opening/Vernisage: October 8, 2010  
Exhibit dates: October 8 – 11, 2010  
Submission Criteria: [info@friendsofthefarm.ca](mailto:info@friendsofthefarm.ca)  
Tel: (613)230-3276

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call our office, Monday through Thursday, 9AM – 3PM at (613)230-3276

Your support for this initiative will be greatly appreciated.  
Diana Dakers-Ryan  
FCEF Events Coordinator

### Chinatown Remixed 2010

Hey just thought you might want to know about the upcoming deadline, Feb. 5th, 2010. We had a great time last year and the food!!!!!!  
For details check out [ottawa.chinatown.remixed@gmail.com](mailto:ottawa.chinatown.remixed@gmail.com)

Cynthia O'Brien

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# THE OTTAWA GUILD OF POTTERS

The Ottawa Guild of Potters is a non-profit organization whose aim is to to further the knowledge of ceramics and support the work of area potters. We seek to

- Encourage the growth & development of pottery and maintain a high standard of artistic expression & craftsmanship
- Act as a medium for the exchange of ideas & technical information
- Organize & promote pottery exhibitions, demonstrations & workshops
- Promote awareness & appreciation of the ceramic arts to the general public
- Educate the public & the Guild members about the artistry, technology & history of the clay arts.

## 2009 – 2010 OGP Executive

- President - **Colette Beardall**
- Vice President - **Sue-ann Blakely**
- Past President - **Kirstin Davidson**
- Treasurer – **Peter Macnaughton**
- Secretary - **Helen Stone**
- Membership – **Carrie Leavoy**
- Newsletter Editor - **Sandra Marshall**
- Chair, Sale Committee - **Philip Black**
- Chair, Workshops and Presentations Committee - **Art Petch**
- Chair, Standards and Education Committee - rotating
- Chair of the Exhibition Committee - **Ellen Sloan**

## Other Positions

- Librarian - Linda Taylor
- Website Manager - Bruce Jones
- Newsletter Mailing - Marie Paquette
- Member Workshops – Rhona Richardson
- Meeting Presenters- Sue-ann Blakely
- Refreshments - Jen Kamerads and Joyce Wood
- Sales Committee - Lis Allison, Lynda Soper, Ros Allchin, Sharon Way, Jen Kamerads
- Standards Committee – Linda Northey, Glenn Dunning, Rita Redner, Vickie Salinas, Saskia Praamsma, Anne Chambers, Liz Hoffmann, Debra Ducharme
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- Bursary – Amy Arts
- Guild Members' Book – Cathy Payne

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To announce an event, place an ad, or provide information of interest to Guild members, send contributions by the Sunday following a Guild meeting to:

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