



Next meeting:

When: Feb 11'19

Time:

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
(library is open
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.)

Where: Hintonburg
Community Center

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Message from the President

By Barb Minish

So, did he see his shadow or not. And I can never remember if seeing his shadow is a good omen or bad as regards an early spring. Growing up in northern Manitoba the whole "six more weeks of winter" thing never made any sense to me anyway. Six week from February 2 would have been a very early spring for us. Heck, if we saw signs of spring anytime before May we were thrilled.

But I have said enough about the meteorological prognostications of some hapless rodent. With snow piling up outside and the thermometer dipping down into the decidedly COLD range, I think its a good time to hole up in the studio and play in the mud. There I will warm myself by the kilns and dream of spring as I puzzle through the construction of a few of tulipieres. Stay warm, stay healthy, get creative and keep the faith. Warm weather and blossoms are really not that far away.

Best regards,

Barb

Monthly Program

By Natalie Gosslin

The February Meeting - Come and be the master of your destiny!

Where do we go from here? I am excited to tell you that this month we are holding a planning session where you get to tell us what you want more of. We'll begin by telling you what we've done since the last time the membership went through this exercise, followed by a session where you will each have a chance to voice your opinion on a number of subjects. We want to hear if you want to stay the course, what kind of programming you would like to see, what topics are you interested in; what changes you would like us to make?

I look forward to seeing you all next week,

Natalie

Work Shop

Bill Van Gilder is giving a workshop in our back yard put on by the Dorval Potters Guild, called **The Functional Pot - Tips, Tools and Techniques**

Date: March 22-24

Location: Centre Communautaire Sarto-Desnoyers
1335, chemin du Bod-du-Lac, Dorval

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Celebrating Clay

By Isobel Salole

We are pleased to remind Guild members that Celebrating Clay has a current show in February at Gallery Côté Créations presenting the work(s) of Barbara Minish, Sarah Hand, Catherine Paukovics, Donna Bowen Willer and Taunye Robbins. The Vernissage will be held on Thursday 7 February between 6-9pm. The participants will be describing their process at the Artists' Talk at 7.30pm.

We also look forward to the March show, which will be a *Focus On* with Jocelyn Jenkins, Amy Bell and Emily Dore (their theme is *Flow*). There will be more on this in our next newsletter offering.

Once again a reminder that the Exhibition Committee has simplified the submission procedure set out in the *Call for Entry* document posted on the website under Guild Exhibition.

Great Bowls of Fire

By Deborah Lemkow,

We are starting to look for items for the auction component for the annual Great Bowls of Fire-Ottawa Food Bank fundraising event, Saturday March 23rd, Glebe Community Centre.

This year we will be holding a short Live Auction featuring 6 items, during the soup-consuming hour (6-7 pm) as well as an on-going Silent Auction from 5:00 until 7:00.

Live Auction: The items will be on display from 5 - 6:30. We will then be parading the Live Auction items with the host, Derick Fage from Breakfast Television Montreal, describing each item, listing the artist, and engaging the crowd.

The Silent Auction items will be on display on the side tables from 5 until the bids close at 7.

We are hoping this arrangement will generate interest. This year I would really like to move away from the garage sale mentality of "getting a deal" and start the listed bids closer to the intended value of the piece, perhaps listing at 75-80% of the value. Please keep this in mind when you are donating a more expensive item and that the piece may be returned to you should a minimum bid not be reached. Hopefully we will be able to make the participants understand that this is a fundraiser and that each dollar raised is matched 5 x times by various Food Bank partners, and that the potters donate these items in good faith to help raise funds.

Please let me know if you would like to donate something for the auction and include the following information:

- whatever you wish the host to state about your piece (example, elegant oval platter perfect for serving sweets, in mysterious blue, with slip decorations and a floral motif),
- what you feel you would sell the piece for
- and information about yourself the artist, - how long you have been potting, what type of pottery you really enjoy making, maybe how long you have been participating in the event, and the location of your studio.

If we receive the items in timely advance of the event we may be able to post this information on social media and perhaps do up a limited amount of programs listing the items, per table. Also, at the time of submission, remember to include a business card if you have one.

I can arrange a pick up / drop off spot - through email.

You will also receive a "Gift in Kind" tax receipt form - (bowl makers will receive this as well) attached in this email.

I know that this is probably not the only item you will be donating for a charity event this year....

Thanking you in advance,

Deborah Lemkow,
Organizer, for GBOF 19

3-2-1! Populace Final Countdown

By Kim Lulashnyk

We are counting down the steps to the decommissioning of Populace and Compass. We are parked in a basement suite at Dymon Storage until February 28, 2019. It's time to move out and move on.

In January, letters were sent to all the participating high schools and special community organization that were instrumental in the success of Populace, offering Populace sculptures and rods.

January 20, 2019

Dear Teacher, School,

You are receiving this letter because of your past participation with the project, POPULACE. POPULACE, by the Ottawa Guild of Potters, was a significant event for Ottawa's arts and culture celebrations in 2017, and your contribution was greatly appreciated.

Our workshop leaders enjoyed your teaching your students how to make one or more of the ceramic sculptures through workshops held in your classrooms. Students may have made a ceramic rose, feather, fleur-de-lis or all three. The students learned to roll, cut, shape, and put together clay sculptures which were then finished in various Ottawa pottery studios. These very pieces were installed on the grounds of the Canadian Museum of Nature as part of a massive, outdoor art exhibition. The original sculptures created by your students were seen by over 100,000 visitors to the site. The project was celebrated as a major success of community art. By invitation, a second outdoor installation called, COMPASS, was created from POPULACE. For the summer of 2018, over 4000 of these same sculptures were displayed at the Royal Canadian Geographical Society at 50 Sussex Drive and were enjoyed by thousands of people.

As we decommission POPULACE on January 31/19, in keeping with the spirit of the community-based initiatives of our project, we would like to ask if your school might be interested in a gift of any number of these sculptures and rods to utilize as you see fit.

We would be delighted to speak with you about the various possibilities available to share these ceramic sculptures with your school and classrooms. We look forward to your thoughts as our deadline of January 31, 2019 is fast approaching.

Sincerely,

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Hilde Lambrechts, Designer



Your contribution to the project POPULACE for Canada's 150th was deeply appreciated by the Ottawa Guild of Potters. Can we return the favour?

Eight schools and organizations have taken us up on our offer and we are pleased to be able to make a lasting contribution to these groups. In February, the Populace team has been busy back and forth to the locker packing, loading and delivering these final pieces throughout the city and beyond! In mid-February, the locker will be cleared out and then, by the end of the month, we will have finished Populace! We are creating a memorial book to be kept in the library for time immemorial and are looking forward enjoying the legacy of Populace and Compass in the years to come.



The Infamous Populace Locker as of February 1, 2019. Stay tuned for March 1, 2019 photo!!

Who is who in the Guild:

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