



## *Fired Up!*

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Next meeting:

**When: Cancelled**

**Time:**

**Where:** Hintonburg  
Community Center

Large Basement  
Room  
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### Message from the President

*By Amy Bell*

This month has been a time of unprecedented change in Canada. We are currently in a state of emergency in Ottawa and the province of Ontario. Many borders are closed, stores, shows and events are closed, and there is much uncertainty. Artists and art instructors have been hit financially and economic measures are still being announced to help.

At the same time, there are many examples of people helping people. Neighbours helping neighbours, folks reaching out to ease loneliness, help with groceries or other matters. Social connection and physical distance will help.

The masks that I collected this week are in the hands of health care workers already. Thank you so much to those who were able to donate.

The spring is usually a busy and fun time for our guild. It is sad to have had to cancel Great Bowls Of Fire and our first Spring Festival. Many of our ticket holders still made donations to the Food Bank, and are keen to attend next year.

I wish all of you good health and, of course, happy potting! Keep an eye on our social media and Guildforum posts about when we will hold our next meeting.

Pottery Video Playlist

The plentiful offerings of pottery online are even greater now than ever. There are excellent offerings on YouTube from many sources.

I am currently following the playlists from NCECA's director of programming, Mary Cloonan.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=jAckn8XuVos>

If you are on Instagram, there are many live demonstrations to enjoy. There are many podcasts, too, like Tales of a Red Clay Rambler.

We have also been given unprecedented access to museums collections from around the world.

<https://hyperallergic.com/547919/2500-virtual-museum-tours-google-arts-culture>

This is a link to an article that the CBC is keeping updated with resources for Canadian Artists:  
<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.cbc.ca/amp/1.5503360>

## Exhibition Update

Like so many of us we are disappointed that the Exhibition has been cancelled but completely understand the reasons in this difficult time. Meanwhile those of you who have been working on special projects, keep working on them , at home in self isolation or wherever. This too will pass. And rest assured, the Exhibition and Sale will rise again sooner or later!

Wishing you all the best from the Exhibition Team

## Show and Tell,

*Submitted by our members.*

At this time many of you are not able to get into your studios I thought it might be fun for those of us who do have a place to work to share what we have been doing to distract us.



Not sure when these will be fired...but enjoyed making them for my son in laws for Father's day...  
Stay safe ... stay inside...  
Sylvie Hagen



Despite these crazy times, spring will be here soon and with it will come the tulips. So I've been working on another tulipiere. If it survives though bisquing and glazing, this 2-tiered version will be a much larger version of the finished one in the upper left. The top tier can function as a stand alone for six tulips or it can be set in the base which holds 18 for a full 2 dozen blooms. I Hope the kiln gods are smiling.

Keep safe and healthy everyone.

Barb Minish



I took this opportunity to build a light box to photograph my pottery. I will have to fine tune the design once I am able to leave self isolation and possibly once we are fully back to normal living. Once I have it fully functional if there is anyone looking to photograph their work I would be happy if you came to use my set up.

Sarah Hand

## Notice of Postponement:

Note: this letter was written to those people who had registered for the conference this year:

### New Clay Conference

I want to start by saying thank you so much for supporting this idea to do something new and registering for New Clay Conference, and for many if you thank you for registering for both the 2019 Conference and this one. I am so thankful for the amazing ceramics community in this region and across Canada.

After great deliberation and consultation with our 4 artists I have decided to postpone New Clay Conference until June 4-6 2021.

This decision was not made easily, I had really hoped things wouldn't be getting as bad as they are and I do not want to risk any health for the sake of this Conference.

All 4 of our demonstrating artists: Katrina Chaytor, Ben Carter, Marianne Chenard and Sami Tsang are also disappointed they have to wait longer to participate but agree with the decision to postpone and are looking forward to New Clay Conference.

I am so disappointed that this conference cannot go ahead as planned this year and I promise you that we will take advantage of the extra time to make the conference the best it can possibly be at our new date.

Your registration is valid for the new conference date. I understand that these may be tough financial days for many, if you need a refund please email and I'll process it as soon as I can. I do hope that if you are able to that you keep your registration and come in 2021. While we are careful with our budget we have already spent some of our registration money on the conference, while we have been lucky to do things like reschedule the venue and get our artists flights as credits to use in 2021 so they're not a total loss we are not able to get everything back in our bank account.

I promise that you will not be disappointed with the event we put together with 2 years to work on it. And I really want to go all out on the studio/gallery tour in 2021, if you have ideas for an exhibition or wan to get involved please let me know.

We are still going to award the draw prizes including the Katrina Chaytor mug we advertised, we will post on Instagram in the next few days and we will contact the winners. We are also going to come up with additional prizes to draw from for all of you that are able to keep their registration and attend at the new date.

If you have any events, sales, fundraisers, etc you are doing please let me know so I can share them on our instagram, I want to support the community as much as possible during this time.

Thank you again for registering and to our sponsors The General Fine Craft and Tucker's Pottery Supplies

Please stay safe

Kaitlyn Brennan

## Who is who in the Guild:

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