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Fired Up!

Next meeting:

**When: Dec. 8
2020**

Time: 6:30 to 9pm

Where: Zoom



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Message from the President

By Amy Bell

President's Message

We are just a few days before the online Exhibition and I am really proud of what I have seen so far and all the work that has gone into a first-class online Exhibition. I'm looking forward to seeing the submissions and hearing Marney's commentary. See you on Saturday at the ceremony!

It is a strange December indeed without our Holiday Sale. There are still people out there looking for pottery, so please make sure you have updated your information on the Guild website so that shoppers can find you.

While I don't miss my hectic preparations for the sale, I will definitely miss the event itself and seeing so many potters and pottery lovers in our beautiful setting.

Stay well, wash your hands, wear a mask, stay socially distant, and have a wonderful Holiday season!

Program

By Natalie Gosselin



Greetings! You are all invited to join us for a Virtual OGP Winter Solstice Party, on Tuesday, December 8th from 6:30-9:00!

We also invite you to participate in the secret gift exchange and recipe exchange.

How does the Secret Gift Exchange work?

Please send an email to Ottawaguildng@gmail.com or Barbara.minish@gmail.com with your name and address. We will draw names by December 4th, and we will pair you up. There will be assistance for those who need help getting their secret gift to its destination. You will be unwrapping the gifts online so we all get to see what everyone got!

What can I contribute?

This year, since covid has prevented many of us from working in clay, we thought it would be fun for people to

be able to share some of their other talents. Feel free to participate with a gift you have made yourself.

For the **recipe exchange**, please send your favourite winter recipe to ottawaguildng@gmail.com or Barbara.minish@gmail.com and we will put them together for distribution.

Watch the Guild Forum closely for the special drink recipe (with and without alcohol) so you can join the festivities!

see you at the party on Tuesday!

Exhibition

By Elizabeth Davies

Remember, the OGP Virtual Exhibition opens December 5, with the ZOOM Opening and Awards Ceremony between 3 and 4 pm. Do join us! The ZOOM ceremony will require registration prior to joining. The link to the registration is now available on the OGP website at <https://www.ottawaguildofpotters.ca/annual-juried-exhibition/>. Please register at least 30 minutes before the start of the session. The Exhibition's web pages will open immediately after the opening ceremony.

The Exhibition Committee had planned (we think) for every eventuality. We had three schedules: one was *Happy Path*, where both the juror and the photographer would be able to do their work physically, in Ottawa. *Virtual*, where the Juror, unable to come up to Ottawa (for any COVID reason), would do the jurying virtually, from photos; and *Lockdown*, where neither the juror nor the photographer would be physically present. However, everything ran smoothly in the end, and the first option is the one we used.

Our juror, Marney McDiarmid did come up to Ottawa on Sunday November 22, to do the jurying in person. Rajeev Nath took the photographs the following day, Monday 23 November. We were very pleased to have premises provided to us for these events by Huntington Properties, free of charge. These arrangements were made by Monica, for which we are very grateful. Due to COVID considerations, potters' delivery times and pick up times were scheduled every ten minutes. Masks were worn at all times, and hand sanitizer used upon entry into the office space. The juror worked alone.

We are indebted to our sponsors: Craft Ontario, Fusion, Pottery Supply House, Tucker's, Spectrum Glazes, Populace, Hintonburg Pottery, Loam Clay Studio and Huntington Properties. Special thanks go to our Guild webmaster Dave Drapeau, for his countless volunteer hours. Thanks to Alan Whitten of Huntington Properties for providing a staging space for this juried exhibition, and to Rajeev Nath for taking exhibition photographs.

We look forward to having you with us for the December 5, Saturday, ZOOM Opening and Awards Ceremony. We hope you enjoy the exhibition.



Marney McDiarmid, Juror

Virtual Annual Juried ^ Exhibition

Ottawa Guild of Potters
December 5-19, 2020

ONLINE AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, December 5
3:00 - 4:00 pm



www.ottawaguildofpotters.ca/annual-juried-exhibition

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Great Bowls of Fire

By Amy Bell

If you are interested in helping to plan this event this year, please call or email me. We have reserved the space at the Glebe Community Centre, but it seems unlikely that we can hold the event in the way that we had in the past. The Food Bank has offered their support to help us, and I look forward to seeing what we can do to raise funds for them.

E-Clay & Teaching: Online Ceramic Education Research Project

By Amy Bell

- Mississauga Potters', in partnership with North Bay, Kawartha, Kingston, East York and Ottawa Potters were awarded a Canada Council for the Arts: Digital Strategy Fund Grant.
- E-clay Learning and Teaching is a Digital Strategy Fund project intended to develop a shared foundation for community ceramic studios to implement an online dynamic, interactive, teaching and learning experience for clay.
- This is the research phase of the project which is designed to undertake research, define needs, determine solutions and costs to implement the plan. Specifically,
 - to determine if any existing solutions can be used or modified to provide for instructor and student interactivity, participants ease of use, and quality video and sound; and to determine if new development is needed to meet requirements and if so, estimate the time and costs required to achieve desired outcomes.
- The project funds are for resources to carry out this research.

Can you be involved? Yes. Please email Amy Bell (president@ottawaguilddofpotters.ca) with your CV if you want to apply for paid contract work as an IT consultant or a skilled focus group facilitator. I will send it to the project team.

Later this winter, we will be looking for people to participate (with an honorarium) in focus groups to contribute to the research.

Classified

By Sarah Hand

2 Analogue pyrometers. One still has a price tag on it \$198.00 the other I used to read my kiln temperature before I had a computerized kiln. I'm selling the one on the left for \$100.00 the one on the right has been used I am selling it for \$90.00. I have a ceramic sleeve that goes over the thermocouple to reduce corrosion which I will give away with the older one.

I have 2 2kg bags of Kiln wash to give away

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