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*Fired Up!*

Next meeting:

**When:** Jan 12  
2021

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Zoom



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## Message from the President

*By Amy Bell*

Happy New Year! Best wishes for a happy, healthy and creative New Year!

Looking back at 2020, I'm proud of our Guild. We have kept our community going in a difficult year, and our online meetings have included at least as many members as our in-person meetings, and sometimes more! I enjoyed our workshop with Deb Schwartzkopf, and our meetings where we had time to reconnect with one another and share our love of clay. The online 2020 Exhibition was a wonderful success and an excellent showing of work. We owe a huge thanks to the Exhibition and Comms committees, plus our fabulous volunteer Webmaster, Dave.

We have a few months of winter ahead, and some months before the vaccines will be widely available. Natalie and Barb are putting together some strong programming for us, starting with our January meeting. We have some new members to welcome as well.

Looking forward to seeing you online, 2nd Tuesday of each month, and, even more, in person!

**Need somewhere to fire your work?** Check the Members' Section of the Guild website for more information.

### **Research Project Update - Online Ceramics Teaching**

OGP is part of a Canada Council funded research project about teaching ceramics online. There are 5 other Guilds in Ontario involved in the project.

If you are interested in participating in focus groups, check your emails for the invitation. There is compensation available for participants. There will be a second round of focus groups in the spring.

The project is gathering information from experts, teachers and students, plus a scan of existing online tools and models. This is the first phase of the research, and the goal is to develop recommendations for best practices to teach pottery online.

## Program

By Barb Minish

“You know I’ve always wanted to try...”

Let’s not call them “resolutions” but, there is a big, wide world of ceramic possibilities out there and a new year is upon us. What have you always wanted to try? Is 2021 the year you are finally going to do it?

Join us, via Zoom, for our monthly meeting January 12th. For our January program we are inviting members to share what technique, new or old, they would like to explore this year. You may discover that you are not alone in your interest and find someone to jump into the unknown with you. We are a diverse and talented bunch so perhaps you will even find a fellow Guild member that has experience with the method to share with you.

## Sales

By Sue-Ann Blakley

In mid-December the Sales Committee was tasked with finding a way for potential customers to connect with individual members of the guild. In one short week, the Virtual Shopping Event was formed. We were able to get 30 potters to participate. This event was free to all guild members and has hopefully resulted in some unexpected sales for those who participated.

None of this would have been possible without the dedicated help from Dave, our IT web administrator. Thanks again & again!

Looking ahead to the spring sale, with the pandemic still at large, we are reviewing possible options. This would also be a fundraising event for our guild.

Here are a few possibilities:

- a virtual sale,
- a non-centralized outdoor event, where members man their own booth.

If you have any other ideas, Please feel free to send your thoughts to the sales committee (Sue-ann B, Erin RM, Suzanne D or Ileana T). Any thoughts, comments or suggestions would be welcome.

## Exhibition

By Elizabeth Davies



Congratulations to **Shaina Lipsey** for winning the **People's Choice Award!**

The Virtual Exhibition 2020 may be over, but you can still view the Exhibition Catalogue, the Virtual Gallery, and Award Winners Gallery at

<https://www.ottawaguildofpotters.ca/annual-juried-exhibition/>

The Exhibition Committee, has been delighted to see how well this virtual exhibition has been received. Next year we will surely be back to an in-person annual exhibition, though we will still want to keep some aspects of it virtual, such as the highly popular ZOOM Opening and Awards Ceremony. Many thanks to all who were with us, and especially to Marney McDiarmid, our juror, for her much appreciated juror's talk.

The Committee would also very much appreciate receiving any comments or ideas from members, on further improvements to the annual exhibition, whether for an in-person, or for a virtual event.

## Who is who in the Guild:

President	Amy Bell
Vice President	Natalie Gosselin
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Treasurer	Michele MacDonald
Secretary	Deborah Lemkow
Membership	Carol Badenoch
Communications	Ayesh Kanani & Kim Lulashnyk (Webmaster: Dave Drapeau, non executive member)
Exhibitions	Elizabeth Davies
Sales	Sue-ann Blakley
Standards & Education	Jocelyn Jenkins
Programming	Natalie & Barb
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