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Fired Up!

Next meeting:

When: March 9
2021

Time: 630 pm

Where: Zoom



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Message from the President

By Amy Bell

This morning, I had the great pleasure of listening to a conversation between Edmund de Waal, famed potter, author and artist, and Glenn Adamson, the American curator. It was exciting and inspiring to listen to two brilliant artists discussing de Waal's recent work and the ways the pandemic and anti-racism are being explored. It was a sharp contrast to the pottery demos that I watch from time to time. We are still in the thick of this pandemic, and the contrasts of this time seem to jump out at me. I am grateful that I can take clay in my hands, or wool or cotton, make something and connect with the materials and traditions that I know.

De Waal's "Some Winter Pots" are a beautiful series of vessel to be held in the hand and were exhibited in London, installed in a way that they could be seen from the street. Change is everywhere, it seems. The canal is closed for the season, the sap is running at my favourite maple syrup maker, Fortune Farms, and vaccines are arriving in Canada.

For fans of de Waal, he has a new book coming out this spring, called Letters to Camondo.

NCECA <https://nceca.net/>

This year's NCECA is online, like so many things. No crowds, no line ups, one more place where you can wear your pyjamas or your favourite hat. March 17-21, 2021. The mug room is for US residents only, so no need to reach for your credit card there. There are many ways to join in

the virtual events, and NCECA has great looking schedule with lots of lectures, panel discussions, demos and virtual exhibitions.

Clay Voices

Clay Voices 2 is taking place this weekend, March 5-7th 2021. It is an online ceramics symposium, led by Garcia Isabel Gomez, who you may remember from our January meeting. Look for @clayvoices on Instagram. The line up looks wonderful and the Guest of Honour is Susan Low-Beer, with participation from Canadian potters from coast to coast. Join in, support and benefit from this great event!



clayvoices
Canada



Participants:

Alison Brannen, Ontario

Catharina Goldnau, Ontario

Chris Snedden, Ontario

Christy Chor, Ontario

Jackie Frioud, British Columbia

Gracia Isabel Gómez, Ontario

Jay Kimball, Saskatchewan

Dianne Lee, Ontario

Heidi McKenzie, Ontario

Jordan Munro, Alberta

Lisa Creskey, Québec

Michelle Mendlowitz, Ontario

Tanya Besedina, Ontario

Toni Losey, Nova Scotia

Guest of Honour: **Susan Low-Beer RCA**



Program

By Natalie Gosselin

Join us on March 9th after the business meeting for an artist talk!

This month, we welcome one of our newest members, Joanna Richardson to join us for an artist talk. Joanna makes work rooted in function. She works with stoneware, mixed media, and has a fascination with the simple and mundane. Each cup, bowl, or teapot is a meditation on stillness, peacefulness through repetition, and comfort in muscle-memory.

Please join me in welcoming Joanna, and to learn more about her work.

Summer Sale

By Sue ann Blakley

We are hopeful our planned **December 10-12, 2021 sale reservation** at the Horticulture building will go ahead as planned. This coincides with the first weekend of the TD Place Outdoor Christmas Market.

For safety precautions, sales will not take our normal shape until vaccinations are well underway or complete, therefore our Spring Indoor Sale has been cancelled.

Going forward our proposal is **Outdoor markets**. Two sites have been selected.

The planned **Three - One day Sales** will go ahead provided there are enough OGP participants to cover the costs. We believe the public is keen and thirsty for sales events. Customer attendance and sales are expected to be very good, based on last year's outdoor farmers/craft markets. To gauge interest a survey will follow this information note.

PLEASE respond to our 30 SECOND SURVEY even if you are NOT Interested.

The survey will be sent out separately on the forum.

Dates:

Richmond: Sunday **June 6, 2021**

TD Place (Lac Leamy Plaza): Saturday **July 17 AND September 11, 2021**

Both venues require:

- Outdoor set up (tents with tables best, shelving units discouraged)
- Self manned 10 X 10ft booth with 10' between booths

- Additional staff/volunteers to obtain Customer contact tracing information
- Additional staff/volunteers for directional flow of customers
- NO rain dates allowed (rain or shine)
- Potters can NOT leave the site until end of the sale (even if SOLD out)

Individual vendor is responsible for:

- Tent
- Tables/displays
- Wrapping supplies
- Anchors for your tent poles
- Cash float
- debit/credit card device (Square has a free swipe to be used with your phone or for approximately \$60 a tap device, both work with your data)
- chair/refreshments/food etc
- Hand sanitizer and wipes*** NOTE we will be inspected by Ottawa Public Health therefore ALL COVID safety precautions must be adhered to.
Guidelines are presently being revised by OPH.

ABOUT the two venues

	TD Place Lac Leamy Plaza Btw Cow palace and shops (where Christmas market was)	Richmond Village Farmers Market (RVFM) 2075 Twin Elm Rd, Richmond
Outside area	Fencing required 10' between tents	Fenced area provided (room to leave car behind your tent) 10' btw tents
Parking	Pay parking (\$20/day) or street parking	Free parking
Event day	Saturday (with or without another event at TD place)	Sunday, at same time as Richmond Village Farmers Market
Advertising	As per usual - FB, MailChimp Few newspapers (eg. Glebe reporter)	As per usual - FB, mail chimp, will be advertised through RVFM as well
Set up & Time of event	Site available at 8:30 Sale start time 11-6pm	Site available 7am Sale hours 9-3pm (coordinate with RVFM)
Standards review	Tight timeline	Tight timeline

Food/drinks	Many pubs and eateries in TD Place	Pub and eatery on site
Distance/Location	downtown	25 min to downtown, 6 min from Barrhaven, 15 min from Stittsville Exit Brophy Rd off Hwy 416
washrooms	Rent a Port-a-potty	Two indoor washrooms
COVID related eg hand sanitizer	required	required
Music	Live	possibly
# of potters required	Minimum 20 Maximum 36	Minimum 20 Maximum 30
COST / Vendor \$200 for 3 events	\$90/event	\$45/event

Please help us out here - We've never done this before - We are working for you!

Please contact the sale committee if you have any questions or concerns, need advice or help in any way.

Membership

By Carol Badenoch

This year, thanks to our webmaster, Dave Drapeau, membership renewal will be easier than ever before. If you are reading this newsletter, you are already signed into the website, and that's all you will need to do in order to renew on April 1st.

Until March 31, your status within our system is "member." On April 1st, your status will change to "needs renewal." You will sign into the website, fill out the renewal form, and e-transfer your renewal fee. Yes, that's it! If you have not yet set up your banking system for e-transfers, you can mail me a cheque. The early bird fee of \$55 will apply until April 30, then will increase to \$65.

While your status is "needs renewal", you are still a member, but will need to renew in order to participate in any upcoming sales.

I'll send more detailed instructions on the forum later in March, but I promise, it's easy.

Who is who in the Guild:

President	Amy Bell
Vice President	Natalie Gosselin
Past President	Barbara Minish
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
Great Bowls of Fire	<i>vacant</i>
Newsletter Editor	Sarah Hand non executive member