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Fired Up!

Next meeting:

When: May 11
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Where: Zoom



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Message from the President

By Amy Bell

Here we are, seeing the birds arriving and the tulips start to bloom, and the pandemic continues. I have had my first vaccine and I am delighted to be working at the Ottawa Public Health vaccine clinics and helping to keep that process building. I'm looking forward to being in the same room with you all again!

My basement studio is a comfort, and I am working to make it a bit more comfortable. I was thinking it would be just for a short period of time, but here I am, months later, and looking to brightening the place with a bit of paint, adding a few more lights and, yet again, re-organizing the shelves and my tools. It has been a nice little project, trying to scrounge what I think I need, trying to spark some creativity.

The E-Clay Learning and Teaching research project is coming to an end, and I will be presenting the results at our May meeting, with some video help. I know we have many teachers in the Guild, and I have seen a growing interest in online teaching through this project. I'm looking forward to sharing the research results and hearing what you might want to see next.

Stay well.

AGM announcement

The Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Guild of Potters will take place on Tuesday, June 13th 2021 7-9pm, via Zoom.

Sales Committee

By Sue Ann Blakley

With the uncertainty of whether the current lockdown is extended and in consultation with both Ottawa Public Health and the Richmond Village Farmers Market, the sale committee has decided to postpone the June 6 One day Outdoor Market. The ever changing climate of this pandemic has made it challenging to "guess" the best way forward. Questions provided to Ottawa Public Health are not directly or informatively answered and no one knows when the Ottawa area will be back in a Pandemic Orange Zone.

Our priority is and has been to offer a sale when the risk is lower and the environment is safer for us and our customers.

We are looking at alternate dates later in summer and will keep you posted. Sale registrants will be given the option to

A) hold their spot in a sale,

B) be refunded for this sale.

We have so many questions, and no answers, please be patient!

Exhibition Standards and Sales combined announcement

Submitted By Elizabeth Davies

Originality.

The Ottawa Guild of Potters' mandate states that we intend to encourage the growth and development of pottery and maintain a high standard of artistic expression and craftsmanship. In order to meet this standard, ceramic artists must embrace the same standards that other artists do. This entails producing ceramic pieces for an Exhibition or Sale that are the product of one's own creative efforts.

To promote this standard within the Guild and to enhance members awareness of the concept of Originality, Jocelyn Jenkins published an article on the subject in the April Newsletter. It has now been posted to the website (under *Standards Resources*) with the heading *Copying and Originality – the Hidden Story*. Further, the Sale, Exhibition and Standards Committees have worked together with our President, Amy, to draft a policy on Originality, which includes a dispute resolution procedure. This policy now has the approval of the Executive, and will be posted to the website (also under *Standards, Resources*). The Sale Handbook and the Exhibition Guidelines will make reference to that document, and in their application forms, these committees will require applicants to a sale or to an exhibition to sign off on the following statement:

I declare that I am the designer and creator of the original work that will be made available to customers at the Sale OR exhibited at the Exhibition.

The policy will be subject to further discussion among the Guild's membership.

Elizabeth Davies (Exhibition), Jocelyn Jenkins (Standards) and Sue-ann Blakely (Sale).

An interesting article

submitted by Carol Holmes Kerr

<https://ceramicartsnetwork.org/daily/article/video-of-the-week-an-easy-to-make-custom-stamp-with-great-line-quality/>

Who is who in the Guild:

President	Amy Bell
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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