



THE OTTAWA GUILD OF POTTERS LA GUILDE DES POTIERS D'OTTAWA



Fired Up!

Next meeting is December 14/21 6:30 pm via Zoom

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Natalie Gosselin

Hello, everyone!

As the year winds to a close, I am so excited that we are holding our first Guild sale since December 2019!!! Our Sale Committee, along with Communications (and of course our fabulous webmaster) have been burning the midnight oil to make this a fantastic show! If you haven't already, have a look at the beautiful posts on our Website, Facebook and Instagram feeds announcing our sale and showing off our members' beautiful work. This is really great work by all involved - congratulations.

It has been a long time since we were able to get together in person, so I am also delighted that we will be holding our annual Guild holiday party at the sale venue from 6-8pm on Saturday December 11th - please join us - I look forward to seeing you there.

We all, whether we have been producing like crazy for shows, working, or are getting ready to receive family during the holidays, are running all what seems like 100 miles/hour. I encourage you to take some time to recharge your batteries over the holidays and spend quality time with loved ones.

See you at the sale,

Natalie

Exhibition Report - by Elizabeth Davies

Annual Exhibition, May 2022

The annual exhibition will take place at the Spring Sale venue, May 6 – 8, Mother's Day weekend. The juror will be announced imminently!

Virtual Celebrating Clay

February 2022

The Exhibitions Committee held an information session on November 14, for those wishing to find out more about Virtual Celebrating Clay, and who might be thinking about submitting to this event. Since Virtual Celebrating Clay began mid last year, two members have presented their work in this way, Jocelyn Jenkins and Ada Brzeski. The catalogues for their exhibitions can be viewed at:

<https://www.ottawaguilddofpotters.ca/events/celebrating-clay-archive/>

Should you wish to submit, the next exhibition is planned for February. Please keep these dates in mind:

December 20: Applications for the [February Celebrating Clay](#) will be open via:

<https://www.ottawaguilddofpotters.ca/virtual-celebrating-clay/>

December 31, Midnight: Is the deadline for new submissions, at which point online applications will be automatically be closed.

January 3: The Exhibitions Committee will make their final choice(s) for the show and will notify the member(s) by e-mail.

To express your interest, for further information or to request help,
email: celebratingclay@ottawaguilddofpotters.ca.

Be the next artist in this new series of Celebrating Clays!

Elizabeth Davies,
for the Exhibitions Committee

Guild News - by Amy Bell

Ottawa Pottery Community in this month's Fusion Magazine

This month's FUSION Magazine includes two articles about activities in the Ottawa pottery community. First, there is a profile of Gladstone ClayWorks, Ottawa's longstanding ceramics cooperative, founded in 2003. Written by Elizabeth Davies, the profile describes the successes and challenges that ClayWorks has navigated through Covid times and looking forward.

For more information about FUSION, or to login to see the whole Fall 2021 issue, see these links:

Join the conversation, and become a FUSION member today!

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Download your complimentary copy of the magazine here:

[FUSION MAGAZINE 2021 Vol45 No2](#)

Second, there is a write up of the E-Clay: Teaching and Learning project. Amy Bell has been representing the OGP in this project and is our representative on the Cross Provincial Ceramic Network. She brings news of this group to our regular OGP meetings. Please email Amy at amybellpots@gmail.com, if you have any questions or would like to be part of pilot projects about interactive ceramic instruction online in 2022.

Sales Report - by Sue-ann Blakely

WOW, little news from your hard working Sales Team....our sale date is quickly approaching (DEC 10-12) and we hope you are all getting excited. We're sure the participants are all hard at work creating their work. This is one of the guilds fundraiser, so come out and enjoy the sale.

A few new things to note:

- Double vac required for everyone
- Masks on all the time....want a snack, please enjoy it in the back room
- NEW...Sale participant Facebook page...post questions, request shift/job changes etc.

- NEW #2if a shift time is not convenient and the task does not require pottery expertise, you can now send an alternate....prep them and have them arrive early
- Share Share Share on social media....please please please
- NEW Guild commission re-adjusted back to between 6-8%
- Let's have fun, enjoy the Christmas Market in Lac Leamy square

Don't forget, hang around for our face to face get together Saturday night....this is a private party for guild members only....will be great to see you all

The 2021 Guild Holiday Party will take place at the 2021 Holiday Sale! After the sale closes for the day on December 11, 2021 6-9pm at the Horticulture Building. Guild members only. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own mug!



Your Executive - 2021-2022
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