



Newsletter

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A Word from your president,

I always used to think that November is the gloomiest month of the year, with our rainy weather and dark days. However, for potters it is also one of busiest months, there is so much going on with sales, shows, and pre Christmas events which for me chase the gloom away quite effectively. For those of you who have craft sales, I wish you a good season, with lots of satisfied customers. For those of you who are not selling, November is a good time to check out ideas by attending venues such as Circle Craft, One of a Kind, and the many local events. Information about some of these can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

At our executive meeting this past week, we decided that we should ask if you would like to have a Christmas party, location as yet to be decided. We thought we could hold it Dec.17th, have it be a potluck and have you bring along a non-perishable item of food for the foodbank. The question will be raised at our next meeting, so think about whether you would like to do this.

I am sending a big Thank-you to Leon Lebrun who has spent a lot of time helping Linda with the newsletter template to make it easy for her to use. We really appreciate those who go out of their way to give of their time and energy.

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June

GLORIA'S NEW STUDIO

Our member Gloria Barkley invited some friends for lunch and to visit her new studio last week. I was unable to attend, but it looks like that was my loss. I hear it was a nice visit and a great new studio space for her to work in.



*Congratulations
Gloria*

Minutes of October 15th Meeting

June McDonald opened the meeting at 7:00pm by welcoming members. A beautiful variety of butter boxes were arranged on the front table for others to see. The

creators of the dozen or so butter boxes were invited individually to explain the item they had made and answer any questions. A ballot box was made available for votes for the "people's choice" award.

The following announcements were made:

- Our website is now well underway at www.tricitypotters.ca. It is being set up by Myrta Hayes and it is important that as many people go to it as possible. By using it, it will become more useful, and continue to be refined as we progress. There is a Members Gallery where members are encouraged to submit photos and info about themselves to Myrta for the website.
- A DVD is being circulated about watercolour technique. There is no charge to borrow it, and Christine has offered to sign it out to those who wish to borrow it.
- Lidia from Place des Arts spoke to us about the "Light up the Square" event. There will be five tables available for us in the atrium. She will look into whether PDA will supply black tablecloths. The cost of \$100. will be split among the number of participants. Contact June by email if you wish to participate.
- Lewis brought some gyproc bats for anyone who wishes to take home.
- Remember to bring items next time for the Instant Gallery.
- Susan Robinson from Leigh Square addressed the group, and spoke about how the butter boxes will be displayed. They will be set up on Nov. 12, so anyone who wishes to contribute a butter box prior to that may do so.
- Maria Palotas addressed the group about our "Piercing Party" activity next meeting, and outlined the necessary items to bring. (These are listed later in the newsletter.)
- Helen Daniels and five members of the arts group joined us and explained who they are. These are various artists in the community who meet monthly at the same time we do, and discuss issues in the community related to art. They meet in the adjacent building, and are looking for new members. They were invited to vote for their favourite butter box before leaving.
- After coffee we had an enjoyable presentation by our member Jo Priestly who brought in an

impressive table display of her work from very early to present. She told us how she has learned to make her beautiful porcelain pottery, and how she started in the 1970's taking community courses. Many courses and much work later she has developed beautiful glazes and forms over years of practice. During a time of personal difficulty Jo found that working with clay was helpful for her. She uses Coleman porcelain and fires to cone 10 at her home and studio in Mission.

REMINDERS

Application forms for the First Artisan Fair in Port Coquitlam were sent out as an attachment with last month's newsletter. This small fifteen table event will take place on November 22nd and 23rd from 11 am to 5 pm. The cost to rent a table is \$35; tables may be shared. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative displays. The first potters to apply may use the Leigh Square pods.

Place des Arts in Coquitlam will present a "Positively Petite Miniature Exhibit" from November 13th to December 20th.

At Place des Arts, "Light up the Square" is Dec. 6th. Tri City Potters has been invited to have a sale in conjunction with Light up the Square on Dec. 6th from 5 – 8, and continuing Dec. 7th from 1 -5. Table charges will be covered by a blanket charge of \$100 to TCP. Place des Arts will require a small percentage if their credit card system is used. Members were asked to inform June by the next meeting if they wish to participate. Again, a combined table is workable.

FROM OUR FIRST INSTANT GALLERY



Call to Exhibit

If you're looking for a theme to work on this Fall, please consider *Home*, our Leigh Square exhibition for January to March, 2009.

Home (hōm)

noun: the place where a person (or family lives); one's dwelling place.

This is one definition of home.

What does home mean to you?

January is a cold, challenging month of the year, and is the perfect time to reflect on our exhibit: *Home*. What is Home? Do you have one? What if you don't? Our exhibit will explore these and related concepts, as they apply to our community.

If you are inspired by this theme, please do submit your creations to the Exhibition Committee. Forms are available at the Ticketmaster counter in The Outlet.

Mail to Exhibition Committee, Friends of Leigh Square, #1100 – 2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 3B8

or e-mail to arts@portcoquitlam.ca, with the Subject heading **Home: Exhibition Committee**.

It can also be dropped off at the Ticketmaster counter in The Outlet.

Deadline November 14, 2008. (Let us know if you need an extension.)

If you somehow didn't get your butter box to the meeting last month, and still wish to enter it-
THERE'S STILL TIME.
Just bring it to Leigh Square after 10:30 am on November 12 when we will be there setting up the display.

From member Clive Tucker

Anyone looking for a nice oval kiln I have one for sale Currently on
Craigslist
<http://vancouver.en.craigslist.ca/art/868020145.html> \$750 OBO
willing to negotiate price to a good home.



A group of interested members at our first "Instant Gallery"

This is an opportunity from Circle Craft

Here is the \$2.00 OFF admission coupon for this year's Circle Craft Christmas Market held November 11 - 16, 2008 at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre.



The image shows a promotional graphic for the Circle Craft Christmas Market. On the left, a hand is shown holding a gold ring and a necklace. Text overlays include: '35th ANNUAL', 'Circle Craft', 'CHRISTMAS Market', 'NOVEMBER 11-16 2008', and 'VANCOUVER CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE'. A vertical URL 'CIRCLECRAFT.NET' is on the right. On the right side of the graphic is a coupon: 'Save \$2 ON ONE ADULT ADMISSION WITH THIS E-COUPON at door only'. Below the coupon, it says '263 ARTISANS from coast to coast', 'Adults \$12+ Students/Seniors \$8+ 12 & under free', and '*includes unlimited re-admission'. Hours are listed: 'Tue-Fri 10:00 am-9:00 pm', 'Sat 10:00 am-7:00 pm', 'Sun 10:00 am-5:00 pm'. At the bottom, it says 'Print out and save with this e-coupon! (send it to friends and family too)', 'Left: Jewellery by Emma Bracefield (2007 Award for Excellence, photo by Eydis Einarsdottir)', and 'Note: this coupon is not valid with any other discount offer.'

From the Mad Potter:

After 7 years the Mad Potter will be closing its doors on November 22, 2008.

Effective immediately until November 22 we will be having a storewide liquidation sale. You will find great deals on items such as:

East Fire Raku Kiln - \$895.00

(regularly \$1,295.00)

Second-Hand Shimo (RK-10) Wheel - \$ 900 (regularly \$1650)

Stainless Steel Extruder from North - \$550 (regularly \$650)

We still have a large collection of Clays, Books, Tools, and Glazes available in stock so be sure to check out the great prices.

We will also be selling many items that have been used throughout the store such as bookshelves, tables, chairs, racking, office supplies, and display items.

Please be advised that we will not be taking any further special orders and all orders that have not yet been filled are cancelled.

Our store's hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm. We are closed on Sunday and Monday. We will be open on Remembrance Day, November 11 from 11:30am to 5:00pm for your shopping convenience.

I would like to personally thank you all for your patronage over this time and wish you all success in your clay endeavours.

Thank you for being our customer.

Anthea Walsh
The Mad Potter

**THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT
OUR NEXT MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday Nov. 20 at 7pm

Our special guest for the evening is our own Maria Palotas. We've called the evening a "Piercing Party". Maria will demonstrate, and help us learn the art of her beautiful pierced pottery. This is a "hands-on" or "dirty" activity. Come dressed to work with clay, and ready to have a good time. Please bring with you the following items:

One or two leather-hard clay bowls or boxes, quite thinly made, and wrapped in plastic.

- A small, sharp pointed tool or exacto knife.
- A compass.
- A jar or box to elevate your bowl on while working on it. A turntable or lazy susan might be helpful.
- (optional) spray water bottle, sponge, towel, an extra leather hard bowl for yourself or your neighbour in case of breakage.

Shirley Krutow and Linda Lebrun will bring snacks for the evening.

The following information came
from Rena Lundrie at SFU

Hello there,

I just want to extend a craft fair invitation to the members of the Tri-City Potters. The SFSS Winter Craft Fair takes place at SFU and caters to student, staff, faculty and the surrounding communities. As it stands so far we have no pottery vendors and what craft fair is complete without pottery?!

If you are interested, please fill out the application below.

Rena

