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Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the "Outlet" in Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam from 7-9pm

WELCOME

This message is being sent from Hawaii where we are enjoying some sun and some warm weather, and we are not looking forward to returning to winter at all. I took the opportunity to drop in on the Hawaii Potters Guild 45th Anniversary juried show, and enjoyed seeing it very much. There is a lot of pit firing and raku happening here, as well as some high fire work. This is the first year for the Hawaii Potters Guild to have an Empty Bowl event, and they were very excited about it. You can check out Hawaii Potters Guild at www.hawaiipottersguild.org

Don't forget to sign up for D'Arcy Margesson's workshop on February 27th, it will be an interesting and informative day.

June MacDonald

UPCOMING MEETING

February 18, 2009
The Outlet in Leigh Square.
7pm-9pm

- This month we will have several of our own members talking about their own personal histories with clay, and talk about the work they do. This has often been very interesting in the past, and helps us get to know more about each other. You will be pleased by what you see this month

REMINDERS

- Dan Severance and Lynne Fanthorpe have volunteered to bring refreshments to the next meeting.
 - Try and remember to wear a name tag. It allows us to call each other by name and become just a bit more familiar with each other
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February 18
7pm

The Outlet
Leigh Square
Port Coquitlam

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

DATE: January 21, 2009

PLACE: The Outlet, Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam

June MacDonald opened the meeting at 7:10 pm by wishing everyone a happy new year. Subsequent to the Treasurer's report June made the following announcements:

- Butter boxes are available for pick-up. The winner of the People's Choice Award is Joan Grisley, followed by Judy Burke in second place, Charlene Vikse in third with Dan Severance coming in at a very close fourth
- TCP's first workshop will be given by Darcy Margesson on February 27th at Leigh Square. Registration is being taken.
- A jug, donated by Gillian McMillan, will be raffled off during coffee break.
- Sam Kwan is the evening's guest speaker.

The four pieces in the instant gallery were then discussed along with a book brought in by Angel Yao which covered a pottery exhibit in Taiwan. Angel had attended and contributed to the exhibit.

Madeline Coomey drew attention to a sale of pigments from US Pigment that can be ordered in bulk from the States. The company's contact email is info@uspigment.com

Our web designer, Myra Hayes, reminded members that photos of members' work are needed for the TCP webpage.

Following coffee the winning raffle ticket was drawn by Sam Kwan, and the winner is Linda Reedman.

Sam Kwan presented an informative slide show following by a question and answer session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

- On Friday Feb 27th well-known Gibson's area potter D'Arcy Margesson will present a one-day workshop in our lovely large meeting room. Come for 9:30 and be prepared to be inspired as you listen to D'Arcy discuss the topic of 'Form'. He will show us images of all kinds of forms and then will demonstrate how some of them are made, using his signature red earthenware clay on the wheel. He will also show us some slip trailing. D'Arcy has suggested that if you have a particular 'form' that you would like to bring in for discussion; then please do so. The workshop will go until 4:30. There are several convenient spots nearby to purchase lunch, or bring your own. Coffee will be provided.
- REGISTRATION for this workshop has already begun. There are still spaces, so to reserve a space, go to the "contact" spot at the www.tricitypotters.ca website and provide contact information. You may then bring a cheque made out to "TriCity Potters" to the next meeting, or mail directly to:

Christine Eastlick
3257 Chartwell Green
Coquitlam, BC V3E 3M9

- Cost for the workshop is \$50 for the day, \$40 for TriCity Potters' members. If you are unable to access the website, mail your name, cheque and contact information to Christine.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for our member **Judy Burke**. She was recently honoured by being selected to exhibit her work in a very prestigious exhibition. From the PGBC newsletter:

"Judy Burke has been selected by the 5th World Ceramic Biennale 2009 Korean International Competition, to be displayed at the Icheon World ceramic centre in Korea from April 25 to June 21, 2009. The theme is "Adventure of the Fire", and it was organized by the World Ceramic exposition Foundation. Says Judy, "I still can't believe my work was accepted. There were over 3000 pieces entered and 168 were chosen to be exhibited."

We are proud to have you among us Judy. To view a photo of Judy's selected work , go to the Potters Guild of BC website at www.bcpotters.com



PHOTOS COURTESY OF: FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Anna Clark, Amy Chang, Pat Crucil, Erin Dolman, Jessie Turner, and Debra Sloan.

Feel the Love

An Exhibition Featuring
 Anna Clark, Amy Chang, Pat Crucil,
 Erin Dolman, Jessie Turner, and Debra Sloan

Exhibit: February 5 - March 22, 2009
 Opening Reception: Thursday, February 5, 6 - 8 pm

Crafthouse Gallery (Crafts Association of BC), 1386 Cantwright St.,
 Granville Island, Vancouver, BC V6H 3P9, Tel: 604-687-7270, www.cabc.bc.ca



If you're down at Granville Island soon, be sure to stop in at the Crafthouse Gallery to check out this exhibition. Sounds like Valentine's Day!!

And of course, while you're there, check out the Gallery of the BC Potters' Guild. Many of our members are also members of the BCPG, and have work displayed there for sale.

PORT MOODY ARTS WALK

Formerly known as the "Studio Tour" will take place on April 25 & 26. The TriCity Potters will again be represented and the date to send in your application was on Feb.11. More information about this is in the "Arts Connect" attachment sent out with the email

NCECA

NCECA conferences take place somewhere in the United States annually. Some people from BC attend frequently, while some people like to take advantage of it when it is held in the northern or western areas of the US.



2009 NCECA Annual Conference
Ceramic Interface: From Dawn to Digital
April 8-11, 2009 · Phoenix, AZ

Check out the website, and take advantage of "**Early Bird**" pricing until February 13, 2009 and save \$50.

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

- I received the following from Delta Potters Guild

. All members, new and experienced, are invited to attend
the Delta Potters June workshops,
for 5 full days
of expert instruction and hands on practice.

Sam Uhlick was born in Edmonton, Alberta. He studied at the Banff Centre and Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1972 and apprenticed with Michael Cardew in England in 1977. He traveled to Japan to study pottery in 1972 and 1978 and in 1999 he had a show at Creer Gallery in Kyoto. He has been a functional potter for more than thirty years. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally, and is in many private, corporate and public collections. As well as making pottery, Sam has also built most of his pottery equipment and studio. He has, for the past three years, been producing custom relief and decorated tiles. He lives with his wife Antonia Huysman, also a potter, and their four children near Ardrossan, Alberta.

"I love the way functional pottery can enhance the food and drink that it serves. The feel, form and colour of pottery, the touch of a cup to the lips, all have an enriching (and important!) effect on daily life. I don't attempt to create perfection, nor do I strive for imperfection, but I do try to achieve beauty in function. In the more than twenty-five years that I have been a potter, I have made about 50,000 pots: cups, bowls, plates, teapots, etc.

"If all ceramics were divided into two groups there would be those objects that

are dusted and those pots that are washed. Almost all of mine would end up in the kitchen sink."
Sam Uhlick, 2000

**Delta Potters invites participants to attend a
Sam Uhlick Workshop
June 8 to 12 or June 15 to 19, 2009**

Sam will be coming to Delta, B.C. for 2 one-week workshops at the Delta Potters Studio in Tsawwassen. There are spaces open in the sessions from June 8 to 12 and June 15 to 19. Each session is 5 days of instruction and potting for the reasonable fee of \$200.00. Bring your own clay, tools and prepare to be inspired! To book a space for a one week session or if you need further information, please call Molly at 1-604-814-0111, or via email at mmagid@shaw.ca . If you are coming from outside of the Lower Mainland, contact me for information about billeting at the home of one of our potters.
Molly Magid, Workshop Coordinator
