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# Newsletter

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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

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## WELCOME

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer weather as much as I am. It doesn't seem possible that a few short months ago, we were complaining about snow and ice. Time goes past quickly, here we are about to celebrate our 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary as Tri City Potters. Make sure you all come to the next meeting to share birthday cake, and 'show and tell' a pot you've made, and to enjoy seeing our pit-fired pieces.

Over the past two years, we have had a lot of fun; there have been opportunities for learning new things and sharing ideas. As always, we would like to hear from you if you have ideas for presentations and activities. Our year isn't over yet. On June 19<sup>th</sup> we will be doing a pot-luck lunch and Christmas decoration making session at Gillian's, and as long as we have enough people signed up, the Steve Irvine workshop in July promises to be an exciting weekend. Don't forget to create wonderful bowls for our "Bowl Bonanza" show this fall.

I expect next year to be as interesting and as informative as this year. For those of you who are unable to join us June 17<sup>th</sup>, have a happy and healthy summer.

June

## UPCOMING MEETING

June 17, 2009  
The Outlet in Leigh Square.  
7pm-9pm

- This month we will have the opportunity to look at and admire each others' pit-fired pieces. I heard through the grapevine that they are all ready and that we can bring some wax or polish to shine them up and see the real beauty (or not) that a pit firing can bring.
- Please bring in one or two of your best pieces from the last year that you would like to show or discuss with the group. These can be hand built, thrown, sculpted, or...?
- We will also be celebrating the year end and the second full year

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Next meeting

June 17  
7pm

The Outlet  
Leigh Square  
Port Coquitlam

that the TriCity Potters has been in existence. Please come ready with

your comments, complaints, wishes and ideas for the way you would like things to happen next year. There may also be an opportunity for you to become more involved if you wish.

And there will be cake !!!!

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## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

DATE: May 20, 2009

PLACE: Community Room, Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam

- The meeting was called to order by June MacDonald at 7:05 pm. There were 26 people present.
- The first agenda item was about our **community fund-raiser**. We have agreed to repeat last year's activity of making cut-out Christmas decorations and donating them to Douglas College. Students then sell them and keep the profit for a bursary fund. Gillian has again donated her studio for this project and we will use the left-over clay from Darcy's workshop. Anyone interested in taking part should meet at Gillian's at 11AM on Friday June 19. Bring a small contribution for a pot-luck lunch.
- Our **BOWL BONANZA** will take place from November 17 until January 17 in the display-case right here at Leigh Square. You may make up to 3 bowls each, or sets, or bowl-related sculptures. These items do not have to be functional. There is no jury, just do your best!! When one of your bowls sells, you will be contacted and you may replace it. Remember to get started now and to bring your bowls to the OCTOBER meeting.
- Reminder that June 15 is the last day for registration for the Port Moody Craft fair and fundraiser for Downs' Syndrome. (Announcement below). The event takes place on June 28.
- Lewis reminded us about sharing costs for buying bulk items, and his list that remains active for those who WANT and those who HAVE items to share. He also brought free items and tools to share.
- At the next meeting we would like everyone to bring in one or two of your best pieces made over the past year. We will discuss and

admire these, as well as our pit-fired pieces.

Following these announcements, Sally Michener was our guest for the evening. She gave a very interesting slide show and talk about her experiences in China. This included many photos of pottery and places she visited. Sally was a friendly and knowledgeable guest. It was a delight to have her attend our meeting and share her thoughts with us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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### OUR UPCOMING SUMMER WORKSHOP

Plans for our summer workshop continue at this time, but sadly, if we don't have more registrations soon there is the real risk that it might have to be cancelled. We require a minimum number of registrations just to break even, and we are not at that point yet.

If you haven't registered yet, and intend to do so, it is important that you let someone on the executive know as soon as possible. It would be a shame at this stage to cancel this workshop for lack of registrations.

The opportunity to meet Steve, see his work, watch him create and hear his thoughts about clay and form is something I am looking forward to. Before deciding to pass up on this opportunity, check out the description on our website at [www.tricitypotters.ca](http://www.tricitypotters.ca) and Steve's own website below.

### FROM STEVE IRVINE

Through Gillian's ongoing contacts with Steve Irvine, who will be coming for our workshop next month, he writes:

"Incidentally, the Art Centre has put the catalogue from my (current) exhibition online as a pdf file.

<http://tinyurl.com/lc3ba3>

They used the formatting that was sent to the printer for binding, so the pages are little out of sequence, but perhaps the guild members might be interested. If it is printed out it's easier to read."

Steve

<http://www.steveirvine.com>

(I have downloaded and printed this information for our perusal at the next meeting.) ... Linda

## MESSAGE FROM MYRTA

Hi All,

Someone asked me (a while ago) if it was possible to see some of the past "hot spot" info. I thought about it and contemplated how best to do this as there wasn't much space in the present navigator to add another link. The only place I could get some space was to call the members page just simply "Members". I've now changed all the pages and their navigators and added "Archive" at the end of the navigator. It is lucky that I had kept all of the pages from the previous "hot spot presentations and workshops". I've inserted all past presentations/workshops in this new space "Archive". <http://tricitypotters.ca/old/archive.html>

I hope this helps.

Myrta Hayes

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### SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS - In Port Coquitlam

You and your guests are invited to join Leigh Square Community Arts Village in celebrating the opening of "Picture the Cure" by students of Terry Fox and Riverside High Schools.

This show began last month, but we look forward to seeing you at the Closing reception, Tuesday June 23 from 6 – 8 pm at Leigh Square

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You and your guests are invited to join Leigh Square Community Arts Village in celebrating the opening of "Not Just Faces" by Suite E art group.

We look forward to seeing you!

Suite E is a Life Drawing group that meets almost every Tuesday evening throughout the school year.

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### CRAFT FAIRS and SALES OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Summer Craft Fair 09' in Coquitlam**

Deadline for Submission: June 15th, 2009

Port Moody Secondary's group of dedicated students at Community Leadership Force will be holding a Summer Craft Fair at Place Maillardville Community Centre on Sunday, June 28th from 10am to 4pm. Entrance by donation. This event will include wide selection of multicultural art mediums, lively music, food and children's craft table.

We are looking for enthusiastic artists to come and rent a table at our event. \$30 for a whole table (about 7ft long) and \$15 for 1/2 table. Please contact us at [pmss.craft.fair.2009@gmail.com](mailto:pmss.craft.fair.2009@gmail.com). (For clarifications, all rental fees and other activities will be donated to Down Syndrome Research Foundation, while all artist profits are for artists to keep)

Raymond Wang

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Sales Opportunity: Vancouver International Airport

The Craft Council of British Columbia is about to supply a new location in the Vancouver International Airport. Artists who are interested in selling their work are encouraged to read the Craft Council website to get the latest YVR news and submission information - visit <http://www.cabc.net/final2/ShopYVR.htm>. Craffhouse YVR will open in September 2009. Applications are being accepted via email at [craffhousejury@cabc.net](mailto:craffhousejury@cabc.net) ; the forms can be e-mailed if preferred. Questions can be directed to Tamara Litke (Craffhouse YVR Retail Development Coordinator) at [yvr@cabc.net](mailto:yvr@cabc.net)

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Consignment Opportunity: Surrey

I work for the Roadhouse Bake Shoppe, opening the end of this month. We are a bakery, cheese and artisan market and cafe. We are owned by the same BC families that own the Roadhouse Grille Restaurant, a very successful family restaurant located right next door to our location in South Surrey. I am interested in carrying some pottery hopefully on a consignment basis with a variety of oil/vinegar decanters, olive dishes, dipping bowls, and those sorts of items and would love to meet with any of your artists that would be interested.

On top of carrying their products, our store is going to be doing many special events, which will include meet the artist days/nights when our customers can meet and see the artists we are promoting at work! We are all about promoting local BC and Canadian products and know there is a real demand.

I look forward to hearing from you and please pass my information to any artist that you think may be interested in working with us. Like I said we are planning on opening the end of this month with a tentative grand opening date of June 6th where we will be welcoming all suppliers interested to participate. It is a very exciting venture.

Thank you  
Lise Alexander  
Cheese Market Manager

604-538-3823 ext 26 or 778-241-9598 [lise@havenproperties.ca](mailto:lise@havenproperties.ca)

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**Vendor Opportunity: Burnaby**

BURNABY BLUES + ROOTS FESTIVAL ARTISAN VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

Hi

I am wondering if you could assist us in getting the word out to regional artisans about an upcoming vending opportunity. This year, for the first time, we are incorporating an "Artisan Village" at the Burnaby Blues + Roots Festival on Sunday, August 9th in Deer Lake Park, Burnaby. I am attaching the information including the call for artisans and the application form. All submissions will be juried and the deadline is Monday, June 15th.

Thank you for any assistance you can offer.

Regards,

*Julie-Anne Slade*

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**Vendor Opportunity: Coquitlam, at Minnekhada Park**

I am organising an art show at Minnekhada Park and want participants. Perhaps you and others are interested. Please pass it on.

Here is the info for the Art in the Minnekhada Park show Aug. 22 and 23, 11 - 4 PM at Minnekhada Lodge. Entry forms for artists are \$25 dollars. Work will be juried and those not accepted will have their \$25 returned. At this event there will be tents, two bands, a barbeque and cafe, roving performers, children's face painting and Tim Horton's. Entry forms must be filled out and returned by July 1st. To request an application, or if you have any questions, please contact: Jeremy Plotkin at (604) 520-6442 or to sign up by visiting:

[www.metrovancouver.org/artinthepark/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.metrovancouver.org/artinthepark/Pages/default.aspx)

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### **Vendor Opportunities: Cloverdale, (plan ahead for next Christmas)**

We are now accepting vendor applications for this year's **"Christmas in Cloverdale: Unique Gift and Craft Marketplace"**. This event will feature over 70 juried vendors selling their unique gift and craft items. That's not all though!

For our visitors we will have photo opportunities with Santa, Joseph the Magician will be entertaining children of all ages, face painting, make your own craft, food concession etc... Decorated in classic white and gold with several Christmas trees and over 60 pounds of white lights we will be transforming Shannon Hall at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds into a Christmas shopping experience to remember. This exciting event will be heavily advertised via newspapers, flyers, posters, signage, billboard, online advertising (both paid and unpaid) as well as other means of promotion.

Do you need to get your customers or potential customers excited about this event? Just send them to our website; once they are there they can enter our contest to win an iPod! In case you are unfamiliar with this venue it is on the very busy 176 Street (Hwy. 15). On the same grounds as the Cloverdale race track and Fraser Downs Casino. Happening this same weekend is a large dog show at the Agriplex, also on the grounds, and crowds should be abundant. There is ample free parking and it is wheelchair & stroller accessible.

We understand this is a busy time of year for vendors and do NOT require that the artist be present at the show, it is acceptable to send someone to represent you and your products. We do ask that the representative be knowledgeable of the products.

Visit our website to find out how you can be a part of "Christmas in Cloverdale" and reach potential customers throughout the Lower Mainland. We offer a convenient online or downloadable (PDF) application form. Register early and take advantage of free exposure via our website's featured vendors' area.

Sincerely,

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### **Teaching Opportunity: Squamish**

Eaglearts Summer Academy for youth ages 12 -17 is seeking a ceramics instructor for its two-week program on the campus of Quest University in Squamish, BC from July 10 -26th. Room, Board and Salary are offered. Candidates should have proficiency in hand building, wheel work, glazes, firing. Previous teaching experience, resourcefulness and enjoys working with young people would be wonderful assets. Interested parties can send resume and sample of work to Anisa Skuce-Newell at [info@eaglearts.ca](mailto:info@eaglearts.ca)

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### INFORMATION FOR ARTISTS

#### **Shifting Ground: New Realities, New Ideas, New Opportunities**

Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26, 2009 at the Vancouver Public Library, Lower Concourse

*Presented by 2010 Legacies Now in partnership with the Alliance for Arts and Culture*

Many arts organizations, like other not-for-profits, are facing a new reality of operating in a changing world - a new economy, new technologies, changing

demographics and changing values.

This event is in response to those changes. We invite members from the arts

and culture sector to come together to strengthen the foundations, connections,

knowledge and expertise of those working in Metro Vancouver.

The **Vancouver Arts Summit** will offer a platform for dialogue, professional

development and networking opportunities to a diverse group of individual artists,

arts administrators, arts organizations, presenters, facility managers, students,

businesses and government representatives.

For a detailed breakdown of the sessions, check out the [Summit schedule](#).

Registration for the Summit is free and is on a first-come, first-served basis with limited space available. Other rules apply.

See the survey and registration forms for more information.

Registrants will be required to complete a survey about the impacts of the changing operating environment prior to registering for the event.

Results of the survey will be presented at the Summit and used by the Alliance for Arts and Culture to demonstrate the impacts of the changing world on individual artists and arts organizations (Note: results are anonymous and not attributed to individuals or organizations).

[Survey for organizations](#)

[Survey for individuals](#)

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#### FROM THE MAD POTTER

Hi, it's Anthea aka "The Mad Potter".

I do not know if you are interested or not but I still have inventory left over from the store closure and was wondering if you might need anything.

I have raw materials, Mason Stains, underglazes, glazes, triple beam scale weight sets, Orton Cones just to name a few things. I can give you 75% off on Raw Materials and Mason Stains and 50% off regular price on everything.

I also have some glaze and under glaze bottle racks, brown and plastic bags and clear plastic containers with lids, both in various sizes.

Let me know if you see anything you need. I can be reached at [madpotter@themadpotter.ca](mailto:madpotter@themadpotter.ca)

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Many Thanks

Anthea