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# Newsletter

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Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at Port Moody Senior Secondary School from 7-9:30 pm

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm writing this on a beautiful October afternoon. It is cool, but the sun is shining and the colours and shadows are beautiful. I really appreciate and enjoy sunshine this time of year. This is a busy time for those of us who do sales and events heading into the Christmas season. I hope that all of you who are doing this have successful firings and are enjoying the process.

Lewis is giving us the benefit of his knowledge about photography at our next meeting; I am really looking forward to learning tips and ideas for keeping a proper record of my pieces. If you have a friend who you think would be interested, please invite them to join you at this meeting.

As of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, we are an officially registered non-profit society. This means that our rental rates are less expensive, and that we can purchase insurance for any events that we may organize in the future should that be a requirement.

As always, there is a lot going on in the Clay community. Thanks to Linda who is now back from her vacation, information about events will come out to you as we receive it.

June

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## UPCOMING MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

at 7pm

In the

**PORT MOODY SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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### Next meeting

Wednesday,  
October 20, 2010  
7pm

Port Moody Senior  
Secondary School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

**OCTOBER 20, 2010**

Our activity for the evening will focus on photographing your work. If you have had to have your work professionally photographed, you will know that the price for this can seem prohibitive. Yet, it is frequently required to have good quality images of your work to submit applications for shows or galleries.

You will appreciate learning some skills to photograph your own work, and our own Lewis Kennett is here to help. This is what he plans to do.....

“I am the presenter at the next meeting and my topic will be – **“How to Photograph Your Work”**”.

I will talk about light sources, camera settings for both Point & Shoot and DSLR, free software options and show example photos.

During the presentation I will demonstrate a simple light box solution that anyone can build from items that they already have around the house.

- People are encouraged to bring their cameras and an item they would like to photograph and test out the demo light box.

### **REMINDERS**

At this meeting we will be asking members to come forward and volunteer for any of the executive positions. Also, Sue Griese will be stepping down as VP for personal reasons, and we will be looking for a replacement person for this position. If you or someone else you know is prepared to take on this very interesting role, you would be more than welcome.

Please remember to bring your own mug for coffee. There are none at the school.

Remember to make 2 or 3 bowls, soup-bowl size, to have ready for spring. These will be our annual contribution to community fundraising.

We are in the planning stages of a workshop for the Spring, possibly in collaboration with Place des Arts. Names, dates and cost are not yet finalized, but we really want it to be a good one.

The executive has been discussing how we might increase our membership numbers. If you have any ideas or suggestions about this, please feel free to let an executive member know.

- Do bring any interested friends or acquaintances with you to the



**Andrew Quient**  
**Pottery, in**  
Haydenville,  
Massachusetts

meetings.

- Check the website regularly, especially the “hotspot” for current reports on events and activities.
- Pass along newsletters, website info, and general info to everyone you know.

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## **MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING** **(thanks to Christine for taking notes)**

September 15, 2010

Twenty-two members attended.

June MacDonald opened the meeting at 7:10pm by welcoming members to the first gathering at the new location.

June hoped that members had enjoyed the summer and had made time to visit the Blackberry Gallery in the Port Moody Arts Centre to view the Society’s exhibit of new works. The pieces will be on display until October 9<sup>th</sup>. The gallery coordinator complimented contributors for being professional and organized. Members were reminded to pick up their pieces on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon or between 8:30 and 10 am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Those who had attended opening night and had brought refreshments were thanked.

Myrta Hayes was also thanked for the work carried out on our website advertising the show and adding works to the members’ information section. Additional photos for the section may be emailed to Myrta in files no larger than 500kb each.

The executive were busy this summer planning activities for the season. Events may include a workshop in the spring as well as an empty bowl dinner organized by the GoGo Grandmothers with proceeds going to the Steven Lewis Foundation assisting grandmothers in Africa take care of their grandchildren. If members make bowls the GoGo Grandmothers will provide food in a combined fundraiser.

Membership dues were taken.

The current newsletter contains information on various Calls for Entry.

A sign-up sheet to bring refreshments to future meetings was passed around.

Elections for a new executive committee will take place at the October meeting. Members interested in standing for election or in nominating a person should make their wishes known at that time. Current committee

members are willing to continue serving; however Sue Griese will stand down at the end of November.

Those gathered were asked to approve the purchase of a new coffee pot and kettle. There were no objections.

Mugs from the 'handle happening' were sold for \$5 each.

Five members will be traveling to Shanghai and Jingdezhen in October. Jingdezhen is located south west of Shanghai. It is famous for its porcelain pottery and is where Imperial Ming Dynasty ceramics were made. 50,000 people are currently employed in the industry. While in China our members will attend four workshops covering different ceramic techniques.

Coffee Break was courtesy of Martha, Norma Jean and Angie.

Gillian McMillan gave an interesting presentation of her time spent as a Medalta International Artist in Residence in Medicine Hat last June. A Power Point presentation showed works by various artists at Medalta. Of special interest to Gillian was the opportunity to experiment with salt glazing. However other forms of firing including wood firing and soda glazing were available to artists.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9:15pm.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Well-known BC potter, Cathi Jefferson has been awarded a Carter Wosk B.C. Creative Achievement award for Applied Art and Design for this year. This comes with a cash prize as well. Cathi is known to many as the past president of the Fraser Valley Potters' Guild until she moved to Vancouver Island a couple of years ago. She continues to make pottery, exhibits, teaches, gives workshops, and is just the nicest person as well !!

Congratulations Cathi.....Way to go!!!

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### SEND IN YOUR CHRISTMAS SALES INFORMATION!

I know that most of us are hoping that summer isn't quite over, but we're also looking ahead to the Christmas. Remember to send your info on studio sales, open houses, etc., and I'll do my best to get it into the next newsletter.

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### POTTERS DISCUSSION GROUP, Ladysmith

A reminder that Mary Fox has started up a discussion group at her pottery in Ladysmith on Vancouver Island.

The group's first meeting was for last June 6th, with plans to meet every second month on the first Sunday of the month at 1pm. (next meeting Oct 3rd). Everyone welcome, beginners to professionals, and there is no charge.

The idea is to have a free flow of discussion covering whatever areas people may be having problems with. Mary likes to help with problems around finding your style and the creative process, and is happy to help in other areas too.

Although not required, an e-mail or phone call to confirm you plan to attend is welcomed. Mary Fox Pottery is located at 321 Third Avenue, Ladysmith. Tel: 250- 245- 3778, e-mail [maryfox@shaw.ca](mailto:maryfox@shaw.ca).

### **Mary Fox Pottery - Potters Discussion Group**

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### **SHOWS AND SALES**

#### EXHIBITION, West Vancouver

"Inspired by Nature - Parks of West Vancouver"

Presented by the Ferry Building Gallery and the Lighthouse Park Preservation Society Sept 3rd - 26th 2010

Three BC Potters' Guild members are participating in the show - Jackie Frioud, Ronda Green and Helen Weiser, along with 19 other mixed media artists. [www.ferrybuildinggallery.com](http://www.ferrybuildinggallery.com)

## LINDA REEDMAN'S 10TH ANNUAL POTTERY EVENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19/10 FROM 4 - 8PM  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20/10 FROM 11AM - 4PM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21/10 FROM 11AM - 4PM

As always there will be a room full of pottery to choose from,  
along with refreshments and a door prize.

SHARE THIS EMAIL WITH YOUR FRIENDS OR BRING THEM  
ALONG

**\*The first 30 customers who bring their own bag or box  
for their purchase will receive a free gift\***

**LINDA REEDMAN**  
11957 194B Street  
Pitt Meadows  
604-465-7093 or [blreedman@shaw.ca](mailto:blreedman@shaw.ca)

Maria Palotas will participate in the craft shows listed below

### *Christmas Craft Fairs 2010*



November 11, 10:00 - 5:00  
November 12, 10:00 - 5:00  
November 13, 10:00 - 5:00  
November 14 10:00 - 4:00

**Burnaby Arts Council**  
**Heritage Christmas Craft Fair**  
**Shadbolt Centre**  
6450 Deer Lake Ave, Burnaby

November 27, 10:00 - 4:00  
November 28, 10:00 - 4:00

**18th Annual Happening**  
**Arts and Crafts Fair**  
**Thomas Haney Centre**  
23000 116th Ave, Maple Ridge

November 19, 10:00 - 9:00  
November 20, 10:00 - 6:00  
November 21, 10:00 - 4:00

**Chilliwack Arts Council**  
**Christmas Craft Market**  
**Chilliwack Heritage Park**  
44140 Luckakuck Way  
Chilliwack

December 5, 10:00 - 4:00  
**Delbrook Christmas Craft Fair**  
**Dellbrook Community Centre**  
600 West Queens Road  
North Vancouver

## SELLING OPPORTUNITIES

Hello! I would really appreciate it if you would be able to post or email our Craft Fair information to your members... we have a lovely little craft fair from Nov 30 – Dec 3 at SFU up on Burnaby Mountain that serves students, faculty, staff, and the mountain community. Our regular potter has moved away and we are hoping for new potters to fill the vacancy. Our website is [http://sfss.ca/Winter\\_Craft\\_Fair.html](http://sfss.ca/Winter_Craft_Fair.html).

Thanks so much!  
Rena

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## TAKE SOME TIME TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

Anatomy for Figure Modeling

\$82.50, 2 sessions Thursdays, 7-10pm October 28 228965

Sculptor Santo Mignosa leads this 2-day workshop emphasizing the bone and muscle framework which supports the human figure.

Includes undraped model for both sessions.

Clay is not included in the course fee; clay tickets must be purchased from the front office for 25-pound packages: \$18.43 (red or grey stoneware), \$19.94 (B-mix and sculpture clays), \$27.79 (porcelain). Prices do not include taxes.

Please note: only work produced at the Shadbolt Centre from clay purchased here can be fired in our kilns. For safety reasons, please do not bring children to adult programs or workshops.

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts 6450 Deer Lake Avenue V5G 2J3 Phone: 604.291.6864 604.291.6864 Fax: 604.205.3001

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## SURREY ARTS CENTRE

### Hands-on Throwing Workshop

Instructor: Fredi Rahn

Improve your basic techniques on the potter's wheel through disciplined throwing exercises. Focusing on the dynamics of the basic cylinder, you will learn to have more control of this form, which will allow you to create a broader range of work.

Nov 7 & 14, 10am–4pm

2 sessions \$85 Course 4217971

### **Kiln Operations Workshop**

Instructor: Murray Sanders

Learn about electric kiln operations from the kiln manager at Surrey Art Gallery. Topics include kiln loading and stacking, firing schedules, cones and temperatures, trigger adjustments, troubleshooting, maintenance, and safety.

Nov 21, 10:30am–1pm

1 session \$26.50 Course 4217972

Tel: 604-501-5100 [www.register.surrey.ca](http://www.register.surrey.ca) Please register no later than 7 days in advance.

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**Skutt Kiln** – Free – Cone 6 – Excellent condition – 50 yrs old. 3 phase plug. Includes shelves, posts, etc. Pyrometer, needs cone supports. To pick up call 604-596-0518 or email Giovanna [gcameron@bccancer.bc.ca](mailto:gcameron@bccancer.bc.ca)