

October, 2008

# Newsletter



*Meeting the third Wednesday of each month at Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam*

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**Greetings:** to all members and friends of the TriCity Potters Group. As some of you are aware, I was away for the last meeting, but it looks like this group carries on very nicely without me! While I was off cycling in "La Belle Province" and looking at the changing colours of the countryside, our executive here was busy planning activities, writing minutes, and gathering information. I will attempt to pass as much of that along to you as possible.

A small concern has come up that many members still do not know each other, or even each others' names. In our efforts to make this a comfortable and social group, and also a group that can know and support each other in their clay work, please try to remember to wear a name-tag at meetings. Make a beautiful one out of clay, or scribble it a piece of tape, but please let others know who you are. Thanks.

I have had emails from a few of you looking for applications for the Fair in the Square at Place des Arts, and the Artisan Fair in Port Coquitlam. They are both included in this letter. I hope as many of you as possible will take advantage of these opportunities to show and sell your work. Both venues are willing to have shared tables, and it can be a fun time with fellow potters whatever the profits might be. Maybe a few people who have never sold their work would like to take a risk, or share with someone else just for the experience of doing it.

## Greetings, (cont)

I also understand that the "Instant Gallery" had a successful beginning. There were some interesting pieces for people to look at and discuss. In order to maintain this success, please remember to bring something to show and participate in the discussion. Also, please feel free to give feedback to any one of your executive if you have ideas for making the "Instant Gallery" more effective.

## Minutes

### Minutes of June 19th Meeting

June McDonald opened the meeting at 7:10pm by welcoming returning and new members. The following announcements were made:

- Membership dues for the year are now payable.
- A volunteer committee is needed to organize members for coffee and snack duty.
- Kay Bonathan has a show at the Sunshine Coast Art Gallery. It started September 3<sup>rd</sup> and finishes September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- A reminder was given for submissions for the Better Butter Box competition which are due at our next meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>. An entry form will be emailed later in the week. There will be a prize for the winner of the People's Choice Award. Butter boxes entered will be discussed at the next meeting and then left for the organizers to arrange in display

**An Application  
form for the  
"Butter Box"  
show is  
included as an  
attachment  
with this  
newsletter**

cases on November 9<sup>th</sup> where they will remain until Christmas. Volunteers to assist with the display process will be welcomed.

- A note has been received from Hazel Postma of the Douglas College Foundation, thanking the TriCity Potters for its contribution of white clay cookie cutter decorations. They will be sold to the general public to help fund bursaries. Members were asked to inform the executive of any other charity in need of such donations.
- We will be given application forms for the First Artisan Fair in Port Coquitlam. This small fifteen table event will take place on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- At Place des Arts, "Light up the Square" is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Tri City Potters has been invited to have a sale in conjunction with Light up the Square on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 8, and continuing Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**An application for the Artisan Fair is included as an attachment with this newsletter.**

- June briefly discussed items in the "Instant Gallery". Following coffee break our speaker, Sarah Coote, gave an enjoyable and informative slide presentation and talk. The meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15  
7:PM

### **Information and Announcements**

The [tricitypotters.ca](http://tricitypotters.ca) website is now under construction. This is being done for us by member Myrta Hayes. She sent along the following question for you.

The executive is suggesting a "Members" page where members can list the following (if you wish):

- a) name,
- b) a photo of your work (optional)
- c) your email contact address (optional),
- d) a link to your own website (if you have one, again this is optional).

If you would like to be listed on the website please forward the above information and if you wish a photo of your work (jpg format and not over 1 MB; best about 200 to 500 KB) to [myrta@telus.net](mailto:myrta@telus.net)

Cheers.

Myrta

REMEMBER  
THE  
MEETING

Our new  
website

Meet someone  
new...

The following comes from potter Chantelle Cain who wrote the following note. If anyone in our group would like to meet her, and perhaps share some ideas, please contact her.

I am moving to Port Moody in mid-October and I am looking to offer my pottery skills as either paid help or in exchange for some studio access and kiln space. I am only looking for a short term situation since I only plan to be in Port Moody for around 2 months. Whether someone would like a couple of hour assistance a day or weekly or more I am hardworking, passionate about pottery, and willing to do any studio tasks. I have a 2-year diploma in clay from Kootenay School of the Arts. My strongest skills are in hand building and glazing although I enjoy throwing pots as well. I look forward to meeting any potters in the area and I am most easily reached by e-mail ([sugar\\_c\\_86@hotmail.com](mailto:sugar_c_86@hotmail.com)).

Sincerely,

Chantelle Cain

Need a new  
kiln?

The following comes to us 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.htm>  
! \$750 OBO willing to negotiate price to a good  
home.

Thanks, Clive

The information below comes to us from "Arts Connect"

## Arts Connect

### >>ArtsConnect's Hot Topics for October

It just keeps getting better! We have an amazing variety of arts and culture here in the Tri-Cities this month - from fall festivals to live theatre and music exhibitions, like ArtFocus' annual fall show, just to name a few. You'll find read on, and we encourage you to visit our website often to read the latest bookmark [www.artsconnect.ca](http://www.artsconnect.ca) today!



### >>Fall Festivals in Full Swing

Perennial favourites coming up fast include the PoCo BIA's [Harvest Fest](#) held Oct. 4th - in a new venue - Lions Park as well as [loco Ghost Town Days](#) on Oct.5th, featuring a pie contest, performers, crafts and heritage games. Great family fun and they're free - just click on the event's title or visit [Festivals & Events](#) for details on these events and others.

### >>Artist Circles

Be sure and take in our By the Book: Creative Interactions With Literature show - on now until the end of October at the Port Moody Library and City Hall. You can also find a few sample pieces at the Port Moody Arts Centre. Visit [www.nathania.com/bythebook](http://www.nathania.com/bythebook) to learn more about the show and how you can still participate.

And mark Wed.Oct.15th on your calendar for our next ArtistCircle session, at 7pm at the Community Room at the Leigh Square Arts Village. Artists working in all genres are welcome. Want to learn more? [Click here](#). To download a registration form, [click here](#).

## Circle Craft

This is an opportunity from Circle Craft

35th ANNUAL  
Circle Craft  
CHRISTMAS Market  
NOVEMBER 11-16 2008  
VANCOUVER CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE

SAVE \$2 ON ONE ADULT ADMISSION WITH THIS E-COUPON at door only

**263 ARTISANS**  
from coast to coast

Adults \$12\* Students/Seniors \$8\*  
12 & under free  
\*includes unlimited re-admission

Tue-Fri 10:00 am-9:00 pm  
Sat 10:00 am-7:00 pm  
Sun 10:00 am-5:00 pm

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 Einarsson)

Note: this coupon is not valid with any other discount offer.

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. Please print out this coupon

and bring with you to the door for your ticket purchase. This offer is valid for one \$2.00 discount per ticket. We invite you to send this email coupon to your friends and family.

Visit [www.circlecraft.net](http://www.circlecraft.net) for more information on this year's Christmas Market. Unlimited free re-entry. Don't forget to get your re-entry pass at the show to come back another day!

### BUY YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE!

Avoid lineups at the door!

Save \$2.00 when you purchase advance tickets online until October 31st. This offer is valid only for adult ticket prices.

Send this coupon to a friend:

### BCPG Shard Sale

The "Too Good for the Shard Pile" sale is an annual fund raiser for the BC Potters' Guild. This sale will take place on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lougheed Mall. If you have any pots that are too good to throw out, but not what you want to keep (i.e. not cracked or broken), consider donating them to the sale. Bring them in to the next meeting, and I will gladly take them off your hands. Also, come out to the Shard Sale for some great bargains made by our local potters.

Workshops put  
on by the Mad  
Potter

Workshops put on by the MAD POTTER

Come to THE MAD POTTER for an exciting learning experience in October!

Below are some of the highlights for October! Register now by phone at 604-244-3734.

Wednesday, October 8th

Getting started with clay but don't know how?

Hands-On ~ Cost: \$20 Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Learn to reclaim your clay and glazes

Reuse and Recycle! Attend this workshop to learn how to reclaim your old dry

Demo/Lecture ~ Cost: \$15 Time: 8:15pm to 9:15pm

Saturday, October 18th

Learn to Tame Your Fiery Friend! - Part 1

Everything you ever wanted to know about kilns and more.

Demo/Lecture ~ Cost: \$15 Time: 9:00 am to 10:15 am

Learn to Tame Your Fiery Friend! - Part 2

Demo/Lecture ~ Cost: \$15 Time: 10:20am to 11:45am

These workshops will be held at THE MAD POTTER ~  
#6 - 3071 No. 5 Road,  
Richmond, BC.

Book now because space is limited! Call to reserve your spot  
604-244-3734