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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Jane Paterak*

Summer is just about here! The days are getting longer, we've had some hot hazy days already and our thoughts are drifting to holidays and fun in the sun. This has been another busy year for the LPG. You can read all about it in the annual report which is included in your mailing of the newsletter. If you have any concerns or things to add, please pass them on to me. We will be passing a motion to approve the Annual statement at the September meeting.

I would like to remind you that the Raku bash is coming up this June 16th at Joey Ianni's house. The details and a map can be found later in this newsletter. It is our last official event of the year and one of my favorites. If you have never been to a Raku, come out and enjoy the day. You just might get hooked. Bring a few unglazed pots, something for a pot luck lunch, sunscreen and lots of water. There will also be a pit firing to take part in. There is a new Raku book added to the LPG library called "Fired up with Raku" if you are interested in trying out some new glazes.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Jane

EVENTS

LPG - Seconds sale

The Guild's seconds sale is Saturday, June 9, in Ailsa Craig. Last year we made close to \$1000.00 in a very short period of time. Please, rummage around your studio to find pots that are just taking up space. Price them using masking tape. Most pieces should be under \$10.00.

Casseroles, teapots and larger pieces can go for more. Eva Koh has once again offered to pick up your generous donations, her phone number is: (519) 471-2520.

Also, we do need help that day. The sale has an early start; you should be at Ailsa Craig Village Pottery, 115 Ness Street, Ailsa Craig by 7:00 am. But, while it is an early start, we finish by 1:00 pm. This is the Village wide yard sale, a great chance to find bargains in the village.

For more information and to volunteer, please call Marilyn at 519-293-3339.

Raku and Smoke Fire Bash

Saturday June 16th
At Joey Ianni's
2095 Hamilton Rd.
London, Ont.

Direction:
3rd. house east of Airport Rd. on
Hamilton Rd.

South Side of Road-----Sign out
front Tony's Place
Phone 519-452-3749



WORKSHOPS *Chris Snedden*

Welcome to another exciting season for Raku and learning all sorts of tips, tricks, and techniques to improve your pots! The summer usually brings a lot of opportunities to explore clay surfaces and forms, and this summer promises to be no exception! Invariably people go off to some summer arts course for a week or two and come back to the Guild full of inspiration and we can admire the results of their work. This is a time when people go out beyond London but don't forget that we also have learning opportunities here as well. There are a number of interesting weeklong intensive courses running during this season and it's a great opportunity to really delve into a subject, so go for it!

I want to thank Wendy Lycette for running such an excellent roster of Sunday one day workshops over the last little bit. The work that I see going through the studio is fantastic, and personally I find it inspiring.

There has been a call to run the Gobs of Goblets day because the timing was bad for people in April and lots of others were off to the Fusion Conference in May, so I'm running this daylong participatory workshop:

Gobs of Goblets:

10:00 - 4:00 Sunday June 10th

Instructor: Me

We will explore thrown and handbuilt goblet forms and how to make them.

Cost: 30.- Bring a Bag lunch

Contact: Chris Snedden

(519) 476 - 9433 or

email:

clayguy4u@chrissnedden.com

Also, I need volunteers to help me run the Tony Clennell workshop coming up in the fall. Yes... you heard right, Tony Clennell is coming to London either at the end of September or the beginning of October and you lucky members will have first opportunity to participate in a 2 day workshop with this internationally known ceramic artist. Come to the opening of an exhibition of his work at Jonathons on June 14th, hear him speak of his recent work down in the states and in Italy, and see his latest work. This is not to be missed! There are a lot of details to be sorted out yet; the man is tough to get hold of, so stay tuned for more information on this exciting event, and if you're interested in helping out let me know. Cheers

CLASSES *Cathy Molitor*

This last session has been very busy. Both new and returning students have enjoyed learning new skills with 5 different teachers. Nearly every class was full; some with waiting lists! We had options from precise throwing to wonderful surfaces to pit firing to hand building to children's art....

We are offering some different classes this summer. Each teacher has put together a one week Camp class which either runs 3 hours daily Mon to Fri or 3 days a week for 6 hours. These are for either children or adults and are a new concept for the Guild; we're hoping these intensive options will help students in developing their craft.

I know the dangers of citing one out of five great teachers' work but I just have to mention Rene's class. I took this hand building class and have discovered a whole new world of pottery. Having Rene guide us through the process of making one of his magnificent pots has been an incredible experience! (And an incredible test of his patience!)

Thanks to David Moynahan, Sam Cuttall, Beth Turnbull Morrish, Chris Snedden and Rene Wortel for making this session such a success!

STUDIO REPORT *Gene Timpany* *Beth Turnbull Morrish*

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the studio members who have helped out so far this year. It has been a very busy time.

We are just finishing one of the busiest class sessions that we have had to date. We had 10 classes running this last term. There are couples scheduled in July. Please check the website for details.

I would like to thank Sam Cutell for giving the guild her version of Celdon glaze. The glaze is still semi-transparent but it is a darker green than the one we were using.

The summer is a little quieter but not much. We are still looking for volunteers to help out with various tasks. If you are interested, please contact Beth or myself and we will see that a time is set up to learn about what you can do.

There is a lot of work sitting on the shelves in the studio and in the kiln room. Beth will be conducting a cleanup of the shelves. She will be cleaning out abandoned works from the kiln room and green ware shelves so to come in and check if you have anything before going away on summer holidays.

Work with a tag on it after 30 days will be removed.

For studio members, please clean out your cubby storage by the last week of August. We will be cleaning each one of them and then re-assigning them in September.

The studio is open in the summer. Please help to keep it clean.

Happy Potting.

Gene & Beth

A NNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted - Potters Wheel

If anyone knows about a used pottery wheel for sale, could you please let Lisa Plancke know by phone at: (519) 245-6208 or email at: lplancke@rogers.com
One of the individuals who is helping to connect the Guild with potential donors for our Seize the Clay campaign is a novice potter who is interested in purchasing a wheel for occasional use at her cottage.

KILN For Sale

24in diameter 31 inches deep approx. 8.1 cubic feet (these are inside dimensions) includes one kiln shelf and some posts
The kiln is almost new. She bought it from a friend who used it twice. The original price was \$1000. She is looking to sell it for \$750
Contact: Val at 519.453.1711 or 519.913.1585

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