# Cariboo Potters' Guild Newsletter August/September 2021

One week into September and still no killer frost. With our beautiful weather, the only reason to go inside is to make pots! Thank you to members who have stepped up to make a total of 60 mugs to be presented to essential services workers who continue to give so much to our community in these unprecedented times. Details will be forthcoming regarding logo design.

### First meeting of the year details. September 13 at 7:00pm

This meeting will be held upstairs at the Art Centre, in the Kelsey Room. Following provincial directives outlined in the attachment, members will need to provide a vaccine passport or card indicating they have had at least one Covid vaccine dose. **Masks are mandatory**.

It will be great to reconnect with seasoned members and to welcome some new ones. Once we establish what our physical protocols are for studio use, we will hold elections for the coming year. Most importantly, we will need to elect a new president. Buff has done a great job and now it's time for someone else to step up. There will also be at least one director position to be filled. This is likely the most fun volunteer work you will ever do. Fresh faces & new ideas help keep the group vibrant. There are a few business items to look after, including filling out the calendar for cleaners & programs for meetings.



**September program**: Bring your favourite mug. It can be one made by you or someone else. Share with the group why it is your favourite.

#### Fall Sale

The Kelsey Room is tentatively booked for November 6th, but due to Covid, this may be changed to an outside venue & held before cold weather arrives. Details will be discussed at the meeting.

#### **Mini Workshops**

This year the guild will hold a series of mini-workshops. These are half day sessions (3 hours) taught by volunteer members. In the past we have charged a \$20 fee with half going to the guild and half going to the instructor. However, this year they will be free as it is felt by the executive that members haven't recently received much benefit from being members. Thanks to instructors for volunteering. I hope to be able to post more workshop dates soon. All workshops will be held in the Kelsey Room to accommodate social distancing (& because we

like to spread out<sup>(2)</sup>). Instructors must book the room a minimum of 2 weeks ahead of their session and be responsible for checking passports, as mandated by the Art Centre. **Clay Baskets**. With Cinde Porter & Colleen Kielman. Sunday October 3rd 1-4pm

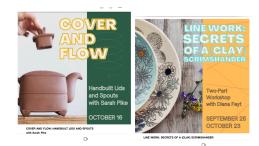
Contact Cinde or Colleen to register.

**Underglazes**. With Barb Fraleigh. Saturday October 23rd, 9:30 - Noon Contact Barb to register.

**Slab vessel**. With Jill Crosina. Tuesday, November 2, 6:30-9:00pm. Contact Jill to register. More mini workshops including throwing & glazing will be posted soon.

# **Online Workshops**

There are numerous online workshops available. Google FrankArts. for example 2 listed for the near future are Sarah Pike & Diana Fayt.



#### **Station House Fundraiser**

Diane is coordinating the production of a cookbook that will include recipes for finger foods that have been served at Gallery Show opening events. There have been so many yummy appies & sweets. If you have made one of these, please send the recipe to Diane. manager@stationhousegallery.com

### Potter Of The Month: Lesley Lloyd

When we moved to our present house, I started potting in a 12' by 12' space inside my husband's shop. With a wheel, shelves for pots & clay, chemicals and glazes plus a kiln it was pretty cosy. Next he built a shed over our water tank. It was 12' by 8' so for a throwing room it worked. But when I glazed I need more elbow room and would take over his shop. So then he built a 24' by 14'(approx) studio attached to the main shop. I have taught in it over the years but now it has become a dumping ground for all my miscellaneous projects. The display area has more turnover so not quite so cluttered.

Last year when I had students we went outside in between rain showers. This year I had to find a shady spot to work in. I call this my Red Clay Studio and it is pretty nice with birds singing, horses, cats and dog in the background.



There will be a Memorial Event for Rick Burnett on Friday, September 10th at 3:00pm at The Elks Hall.

We join the guild for camaraderie, learning, and opportunities to share our love of clay. Covid had interfered with this, but we are still here and looking forward to a better year for everyone. I will participate in whatever way I can, but as I have begun 6 months of chemotherapy, I won't be attending meetings.

Cheers, Christy