

Cariboo Potters Guild Newsletter January/February 2015

Kiln & wheel draw winners

Congratulations to Jen Clarke who has taken the older kick wheel home and to Alan Holdal who won the draw for the old electric kiln. Enjoy.

Wreath Mold

A styrofoam mold designed for wreath-making makes a great mold for slab plates.

NOD

Speaking of plates, Jude will be doing a hand-built plate demo at the guild meeting on Monday. As you will have read in recent emails, planning for the Night Of Decadence is well under way.

Classes

The first 2 weeks of the guild beginner classes have gone really well. The new format of having a couple fewer students and only one helper to assist the 2 instructors is a positive change. As usual the people in the class are fun and enthusiastic.

Gas firing

There is a guild gas firing planned for February 21st. Let Lesley know if you plan to participate. Everyone is encouraged to come up to watch and learn how it works.

Starch

Sometimes I sign the bottom of bisqued pots using iron / manganese stain. If I then want to wax over this, it sometimes smudges. I have found a solution. Laundry Spray Starch. I just spray a little over the stain, lifting any extra liquid with a Kleenex, and can then wax without smudging. This technique also works to protect underglaze before glazing over decorative work. The glaze sticks over the starch which burns out leaving no effect on the finished pot.

Missa And Medalta

Summer programs are now open for registration at Missa on Vancouver Island and at Medalta in Medicine Hat. Check them out on line. 5 guild members have already registered for the Salt/Soda workshop with Vincent Massey at Medalta.

February Meeting

Monday, February 2nd 7:00pm at the Guild.

Cleaners: Christine Schiller & Tracy Dale

Program : Jude Prevost

Goodies : Christine Schiller