Cariboo Potters' Guild Newsletter October 2020

Welcome to winter 2020. No more surprises, **Please!** Many of us are thankful to have clay to keep our minds off the weather.



Fees

Membership fees for the fall season were suspended for returning members. Fees for the new year will be due in January. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

Clay Order

A large clay & supply order will be arriving on this Thursday, October 29th, along with the new electric kiln. When she finds out, Buff will notify you what time to pick up your order at Caren's place. 1305 N. 12th Avenue. Caren's cell is 250-305-0121. It needs to picked up on Thursday as the clay & glazes may freeze.

Indoor Sale

The Kelsey room was booked for November 20-21, but we may have to change that date. Like everything else this year, the plans for the sale are still tentative. We will need to decide whether to proceed or at what date would it be too late to cancel. Sales involve a lot of coordinated effort. Lesley & Colleen will address this at the meeting. They are interested to know how many potters would participate. We know the community would be there.

Electric Kiln Firings

I have done one bisque firing. I checked the kiln room for pots last week. Only a few. I would be happy to oversee firings & train our firing teams whenever there is a load. Please let me know if there are pots waiting. I am not in town regularly so will need to be informed. I'm looking forward to firing the new kiln once it is installed. I will share information about it in the next newsletter.

Just a reminder, please see that your name is on the bottom of anything you wish to have fired.

Potters' Math

Who knew Geometry 10 would be so useful?

Remember C= Pi D?

This comes in handy if you are making a rectangular loaf or lasagne dish with thrown walls. If, for example you want to make your pot measure 6''x9'' you would need to have a thrown wall with a circumference of 6+9+6+9 or 30''

To find the diameter you need to throw, divide the 30° by Pi or $3.14 = 9.55^{\circ}$

When soft leather hard the thrown wall gets lifted onto a prepared slab 6"x9" base and corners bent to fit.

Great Freebie

Bev has an extensive collection of old Ceramic Monthly magazines. She wants to give them to any interested member. They are a great resource of information. They are in file boxes ready to be picked up. If you would like any or all of them, contact Bev at 250-392-5104.

Teaching Opportunity

Annie Blois is interested in taking private clay lessons. If you are interested in teaching, her # is 250-398-0920. She said please give her a call.



A clothes pin is a great pottery tool. By lodging something in the pinchers you can create 2 parallel markers with the handle ends to use for marking parallel lines on clay. If you take the pin apart, one piece becomes a great tool for creating a gallery ridge to set a lid on.

November Meeting It will be held in the Kelsey room at the Art Centre at 7pm, on Monday November 2nd. Please wear a mask. (Executive meeting at 6:15) Banking issue is on the agenda. Demo: Christy. I will do a wheel demo. I would appreciate requests. Send me an email. Goodies: Donna Cleaners: Neeeeeddddded

The sign-up sheets are posted on the cupboard above the sink. Please help fill in the blank spots. See you on Monday. Drive safely.