

Cariboo Potters' Guild Newsletter October 2016

I've been on an 11,000 km road trip (Fredericton, Washington DC, Phoenix) so have been away from clay for a month. I have fingernails! I had a great time and saw a lot of inspiring things. The trip included stopping in North Carolina where I heard the expression, "If you turn over a rock in NC, you'll probably find a potter!" That is certainly true for the small town of Seagrove, 2 hours east of Charlotte. It is home to 100 of them. We spent a glorious day visiting a handful of their studios. Quite a few people fire with wood. I could have happily spent much longer there.



Mini Workshop

Lesley is teaching a "Glaze-Making Basics" workshop. It is scheduled for Saturday October 29th, from 10:00-1:00. If it would work better for people, she is open to changing it to Wednesday evening 7:00-10:00. Email her. She can take up to 10 participants. Cost: \$20: \$10 for the guild & \$10 for the instructor.

Fall Sale

It sounds like plans for the upcoming sale are all in place. Contact Jude or Barb if you have any suggestions, questions, or have just been slow to get on the volunteer list. Don't forget to tell all your friends about it. Dates & times: Friday November 4, noon to 8:00pm and Saturday November 5th, 10:00-4:00.

Medieval Market

The guild once again has a booth. Contact Lesley if you have pots and want to participate or if you would just like to lend a hand. The Market is on November 19th & 20th.

Inspiration

While in Washington I visited the Renwick Gallery, a Smithsonian Museum dedicated to American craft. Potter Stephen Lee Young was one of the featured artists. At first I thought his Chinese inspired porcelain vases were a serious reflection on the technical challenges of making them (they are torn and sagging) but then I looked carefully at the cherry blossom designs on a couple and discovered the playful cartoon critters.



Then I viewed the work of Kirsten Morigin, who covered an old car in clay, wire, and cement. This work is not fired...there is just no end to what you can do with clay!



NCECA

The National (American) Conference for Education in Ceramic Art is going to be held in Portland next March 22-26. It is huge! And many renowned artists will be doing presentations. A number of guild members have expressed interest in attending as Portland is a drivable distance. Registration is now open. I've registered 😊

November Meeting

The regular guild meeting will be held on Monday November 7th at 7:00pm at the guild. Demo - Jill will be doing a slab rolling demo, sharing some hints she learned at Missa this past summer.

Goodies - Buff

Cleaners - Caren & Alan

Welcome to new member Kyla Blacoe!

The late Paul Soldner used to advise students at his kiln-building workshops, that as soon as you know exactly how your kiln is going to fire, it's time to tear it down.

Cheers, Christy