

Cariboo Potters' Guild

Newsletter

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Fall Sale

Down to the wire... with just a few days to go, no doubt many of you are putting in some long hours with last minute glazing & firing. The well earned reputation of some who put price tags on as customers approach will no doubt continue. We are potters! The lucky ones also have business sense & organizational skills. Remember the format for inventory lists.. your name & signing logo at the top of each page and lists triple spaced to make adding tags easier. This is an important event for all members. Lend your support by helping with set-up & clean-up and telling all your friends about it.

Classes

The classes will run later this year, beginning March 3rd and ending April 7th. Contact Melissa Normandin if you want to take the classes, as members will only have priority until the sale weekend where the public can sign up. The classes fill up fast. Melissa will be lining up instructors.

Medieval Market

November 22-23. At WLSS.

The potters have always had a booth and the public love the eclectic selection of members' pots. If you are a novice potter and want to get your feet wet with selling, this is a perfect opportunity to put in a few items or even one pot. There is room for everyone. Contact Lesley Lloyd or Colleen Kielman.

Studio News

Kim Kaytor has a schedule of listed firings posted just inside the studio door. With so many new & enthusiastic members, she is working on streamlining and organizing the firing of your work. She has posted signs in the kiln room labelling shelves for green ware, bisque to-be-glazed pots and pots needing to be collected by you. Please help to keep things moving and pick up your work.

Kiln Maintenance & Repair

I recently attended a meeting of the Arizona Clay Association. The demo was on Kiln repair & maintenance. I picked up a few valuable bits of information.

Kiln elements are made with nichrome wire. When replacing your elements, keep the extra length that you trim off to use for pins to anchor coils. Insert these pins mid-brick at a 60° angle. Kilns & particularly element channels should be vacuumed regularly. Over time elements become brittle and tend to bulge out of the channel in spots. They are resistant to being pushed back into place. My 'aha' moment: When your kiln is unplugged or circuit breaker turned off, heat the bulged section of element wire with a propane torch to red hot, then gently push the element back into place using pliers. Remember, old elements are brittle, so do this carefully because if the element breaks, it has to be replaced.\$\$. The heat from the torch makes it less brittle.



Next Meeting

Monday November 4th. 7:00pm at the Art Centre

Cleaners: Lorna Mullett & ??? Someone else please contact Lorna & help clean.

Program: Kathleen Raven discussion (coordinated by Barb Fraleigh)

Goodies: Lorna Mullett



Kathleen Raven demo-ing her process.



I'm assuming the draw for the aged guild Shimpo wheels will be held at the November Meeting. Remember, if you have any pottery-related classified ads you want to put into the newsletter, I'm always happy to receive and include them. Cheers, Christy