

Cariboo Potters' Guild Newsletter November 2014

Halloween was on Friday. Santa Claus was in the mall on Saturday. Thanksgiving is still 3 weeks away. Some things just don't make sense.

Fall Sale

Like a well-greased wheel (a Shimpo, no doubt), it seems like the plans are in place and the schedule is pretty well filled for next week's sale. If you like being part of the guild, but are not inclined or ready to sell pots, why not be the person who puts up the signs? This one job is very difficult for anyone who is setting up a display of their work.

Station House Show

This Thursday is the opening night of Joan Beck's & Jane Perry's show. If you can't make it to the opening, be sure to check out the work of this creative duo this month. You will want to curl up in one of Jane's blankets, hug one of Joan's mugs and have a chat with her masks.

Executive Openings

The guild is looking for a secretary to replace Buff. Requirements: ability to take notes and send out minutes. As you will know, Buff cannot do either right now.

We also need a CAC rep. Christine has too much on her plate right now to continue. This will be on Tomorrow's agenda. Please give it some thought.

Gas Firing

The dragon roared yesterday and into the night. You might see some results at the meeting as it will be unloaded tomorrow. If you haven't explored this type of firing yet, it is definitely something to check out. Nothing beats the vibrancy of reduction-fired surfaces.

Check with Lesley for the date of the next firing.

Carving Away The Layers

This is a technique for patient potters. First, throw or build a pot or sculpture. When leather hard, paint on a layer of coloured engobe. Heat gun until engobe is dull, not shiny-wet. Repeat twice more with same colour. Change engobe colour and apply 3 more coats. Do the same with a third engobe colour. While still leather hard, carve into pot surface on an angle with a trimming loop or sgraffito tool. Bisque and glaze with a clear glaze. The pot in the photo is waiting to be bisqued. This process has many possibilities.



- 1.Black
- 2.Yellow
- 3.Teal
- 4.Black?

Guild Classes

Information regarding the classes should be up on the website tomorrow.

My techy is a bit under the weather. Gift certificates for the classes will be available at the sale.

Workshop Venue?

Karen Tschierschwitz has moved to Creston where she has an enormous house. She is wondering if our guild would be interested in having a workshop at her place. She is close to Nelson, home of some soda-firing potters (Joan?) and more, who could instruct.

Clayopatra Olympics

A few pics from your home-away-from-home potter.

Some events:

1. Biggest canopic jar. 10 lbs. clay, 15 minutes.
2. Mummy head pots.
3. Widest discs. 25 lbs. clay, 15 minutes. Winner: 31 7/8"

