

Cariboo Potters' Guild Newsletter September 2017

Fall sale

November 10 Noon-8:00pm

November 11 Noon- 6:00pm

The dates are set. Hopefully the clay is under production transforming into beautiful seasonal gifts. Jude has sent out the details of sign-up sheets, etc.

Raku night

October is our traditional raku meeting. It is usually up at Lesley's, but this year Cary will be hosting. It starts at 6:20pm. Bring bisqued pots. Cary will have guild glazes for you to apply. It is a 'finger food' evening, savoury or sweet.

Cary's address is 435 Dodwell Street. If you get lost call her at: 250-398-5352

John Britt Workshop

Jill and I were lucky enough to take the John Britt glaze workshop this past weekend in Kamloops. It was 3 days long. Day 1 we each mixed up 1,000 grams of a given recipe working with a partner. We then divided the mix into 10 100gm portions in plastic cups and added 10 different colourant combos. These were applied to 3 different clay test tiles (M390, M340, & P300). Do the math! 840 tests were loaded into 3 electric kilns. Day 2 was a theory and discussion day, peppered with John's entertaining stories. On day 3 we unloaded and set out all the tiles. We photographed, made notes and discussed the effects created by different chemicals in the glazes. Eg. Magnesium & talc make colours more pastel. Sodium makes colours brighter, etc...

The specific glazes may turn out quite differently in slower firings or different kilns, so it was more of an opportunity to study trends. I had a fabulous experience!



Gas firing. in October. Date to be decided. Contact Lesley

Suggestions

When drying a large mound of recycled clay outside, be sure to cover it with a cloth in case someone rides by on a lawnmower and covers your muddy mound with grass clippings & dirt!

Yup 😞

October Cleaners

Whoever signs up at the raku night meeting will need to come in sometime after that. Please continue to be diligent about cleaning up after yourself after using the studio.

Happy potting, Christy