

Guild at a Glance

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May Meeting

Monday 7:30 PM May 1, 2017 - Note Special Date

Hand-building wizard Marlene Bowman demonstrates her slab techniques

Check Out the New Website Format!!!

April Program in Review:

At the April Program we had members reporting back on their experiences at the Canadian Clay Symposium held March 18, 2017 at the Shadbolt Centre in Burnaby BC. Those that were unable to attend can see more details of the symposium at this link: <http://www.canadianclaysymposium.com/>



Super “Souper Bowls 2017” - by Rachel Coward

Thank you to all the Potters who helped with this very worthwhile charity for “Youth at Risk”. A big thank you to all those who donated bowls and beautiful pottery, they were appreciated and admired by many Guests.

The Event was a huge success at the Convention Center, with tables of your bowls, pottery sales table, silent auction displays, and spring flowers on the dining tables. The VIC High School Band, Live Auction, and speeches took place from the decorated stage.

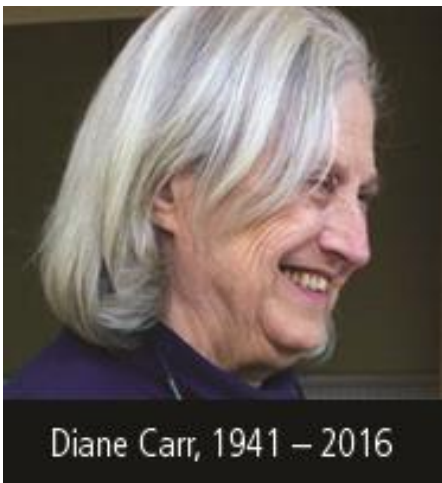


Pat Griffin, Executive Director of the Youth Empowerment Society gave a moving speech first mentioning our Betty Burroughs and her 18 years of being on the Organizing Committee and making her famous Celebrity Bowls which were signed by distinguished guests visiting Victoria and auctioned at Souper Bowls. You have all heard stories of her challenges in decorating those plates after they were signed before firing!

Pat gave a beautiful Tribute to Helen Hughes, the originator, soul, and driving force behind Souper Bowls. The Event has now raised over a million dollars for Youth at Risk Summer Programs, assistance with basic needs, counselling and life skill services. The downtown day time “drop-in-for –Youth” has been renamed “Helen’s Place”. This new name was presented to her in the form of a Plaque which will be hung in the Facility for participating youth to read.

Betty was truly missed at Souper Bowls 2017, and remembered by many for her work and sparkly presence.

Diane Carr Community Service Award – Focus Magazine



A couple of months ago, Joy Finlay kindly shared an article from Focus magazine, suggesting it might make a good topic for a Guild newsletter article. The subject – Diane Carr – was well known to many in the Guild, and the article announced the creation of the Diane Carr Community Service Award sponsored by Focus magazine.

The Focus article easily described why Diane was so well known within the ceramic community explaining: *“Diane...was very involved in the arts community over the years, with a particular interest and expertise in ceramics and other crafts. She believed the reputation of crafts needed uplifting, that they should properly be regarded as a fine art. Starting in 1970, she ran a shop called the Potter’s Wheel in Victoria where she showed the best Vancouver Island potters’ work, and which became a centre for the craft’s promotion and networking among potters. In the*

1980s, she founded the Cartwright Street Gallery in Vancouver which evolved into the Canadian Craft Museum in 1990. More recently, in 2012, she guest-curated an impressive exhibit, “Back to the Land: Ceramics from Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, 1970-1985” at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. (There’s an interview with Diane about this at <http://focusonline.ca/node/439>.) Guild members also knew her as a past member of the board of MISSA.

I didn't know Diane before I sat down this afternoon to read the Focus article, so thought I would learn more about her involvement in all things clay. But as is often the risk with preconceptions, I underestimated the scope of her interests and her life's work. Diane's interests and efforts spanned more than her extensive involvement in the Arts and specifically clay – they ranged from concrete efforts to end homelessness and strategies to address sewage treatment. She had lasting impacts on both, as well as many other areas she brought her talents to bear. I found the article of great interest from start to finish and to shorten the four pages would be to do a disservice to Diane. I encourage all of you sitting at your computer reading the newsletter to click on this link to take you to the full article <http://focusonline.ca/node/1137>.

Tool Tip of the Month – Courtesy of Hsinchuen Lin

Many of you will be familiar with Hsinchuen Lin – a potter who regularly posts videos on YouTube demonstrating various throwing and trimming techniques. In a recent video demonstrating a large sodium silicate vase, he explains that he sands and sometimes grinds his wooden blade tool to a fine edge so he can pre trim much of the excess clay around the foot with little resistance. To see the illustration, check out [Throwing a Sodium Silicate Texture Round Vase with Hsin-Chuen on YouTube](#).

SVIPG's 18th annual Pottery Show and Sale

The Guild's 18th annual pottery show and sale takes place on Saturday June 3rd, 2017 in and around the Garry Oak Room, 1335 Thurlow Rd., next to the Moss St Market.

Approximately 25 Guild members will participate, each with their own distinct style. Functional, decorative, whimsical and sometimes a mix all three will all be presented to the public.

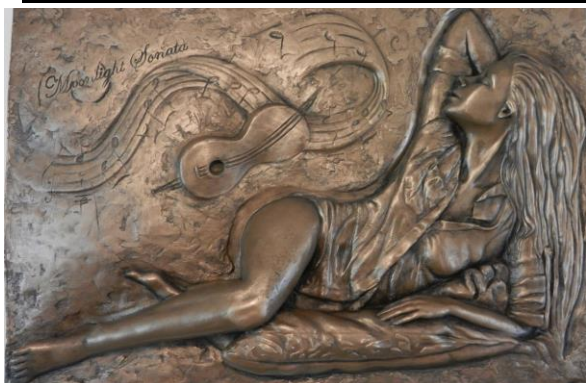


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Guild members are encouraged to take posters or postcards to share with the public. Word of mouth through personal contact is the best advertising, though we are again purchasing an ad in the Times Colonist and will boost

posts on Facebook as well as posting to event listings online, Instagram and other social media sites. Let all your contacts know and even if you are not participating, we hope to see you there.



***5 Day Bas Relief Workshop with Angela Pistrucci
Wednesday to Sunday
August 9 to 13, 2017
The Hub at Cowichan Station, Duncan BC***

For Registration Information control/click on
<http://www.pistrucciart.com/classes---events.html>



VICTORIA ARTS
COUNCIL

Big News! We've Changed our Name and Logo!

We are very pleased to announce that we have changed our name to the Victoria Arts Council! We are proud to have served the Greater Victoria community since 1968 and are excited to continue engaging this community through arts programming and events in different areas throughout the region. Our organization is currently undergoing a period of refreshment and rejuvenation. In September, we relocated our headquarters to 636 Fort Street (The Bay Centre) and are very happy to see the expansion this move has allowed us to carry out. We will be maintaining our current programs and have taken initiative to add additional programs to our roster, including the Artishow Artist in Residence program. Our name and logo change is intended to reflect this new and exciting phase in our organization's history. A big thank you to the talented A.Mulyana who designed our beautiful Victoria Arts Council logo.



SAANICH WEST STUDIO TOUR MAY 6TH AND 7TH 10AM - 4PM 4578 Hughes Rd, Saanich off Interurban

Nine great artisans **all in one location**, including: Roger Champagne (pottery), Jacqui Austin (art), Gabriel Taschereau (photography), Lenaya Chrystall (art). J. Keith Davies (photography), Marj Harding (metal work). Nicole Valentine (jewellery), Joy Finlay (pottery), Heidi Roemer (clay artist)



PACIFIC RIM POTTERS 31st Annual Spring Show and Sale Saturday, May 13 - 10am-4pm Knox Presbyterian Church Hall 2964 Richmond Rd.

Local ceramic artists will exhibit a wide variety of handcrafted, useful and exquisitely artful clay creations for home and garden. Free admission, door prizes, and refreshments. For more info: 250-592-8257



Rosemary Murray's

Bread and Butter Tiles Open Studio Day Sunday May 7th, 2017 10 am until 4 pm 940 Dunsmuir Road, Victoria, B.C.

Take the opportunity to see a working studio space where handmade ceramic tiles, garden ceramics and mosaics are designed and made. The garden should be green and growing and you will be able to find some of my studio work out in the sun.

May 2017						
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Jan and Helga Gove Exhibit at Art Gallery Continues to May 28th						
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18 Victoria Car Free 11am-6pm Douglas Street.	19	20	21	22	23	24
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or
\$75 for 10 issues

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or
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Guild at a *Glance*

... is the newsletter for the South Vancouver Island Potters Guild.

It is published monthly, September through June. It's distributed by email to all members and some copies are available at Guild meetings. The newsletter is also posted online at www.victoriapotters.ca

Articles and items of interest to members are welcome and will be included as space permits. Items for inclusion are best emailed to the editor
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THE FIRST OF THE MONTH**

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**Victoria
Clay Art**

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Here is a list of my favorite pottery tools, glazes and things. Dan

All available at Victoria Clay Art

Mud Tool Ribs
Amaco PC-20 Blue Rutile [cone 6]
Alphabet Stamp Set
2" Goat Hair Fan Brush
Magic Water
Stroke & Coat SC-74 Hot Tomale [cone 08-10]
MKM Finger Rollers
Xiem Telescoping Sponge on a Stick
Mud Tool Blue Sponge
Amaco Velvet Underglaze V-361 Jet Black
Aardvark Cone 5 BEE-Mix
Mud Tool Clay Cutting Wire [green handle]
MKM Wood Stamps
Paper Clay cone 06, 6, or 10

**Come in and look around, we're open
10:00am to 5:00pm Mon-Sat**

Vancouver Island Pottery Supply

Has Moved

Hello to all our valued customers, This is notice that VIPS has moved.

Our new address is:

515 Stanford Avenue E.
Parksville, BC
V9T 6V6

We have the same phone number and website address. We have a new email address.

Cheers, Donna

Ph: 1-250-248-2314

E-Mail: sales@vipottersupply.com
(new email address!!)

Web: www.vipottersupply.com

REMEMBER – among others, 2 great benefits to being in the South Vancouver Island Potters Guild are:

- 1) the library
- 2) access to the BC Potter's Guild newsletter online. Roger C. sends us the username and password each month.

So ... check them out! They're worth using!

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