

Guild at a Glance

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June Meeting

Monday 7:30 PM June 12, 2017

End of Year Celebration – Bring Some Finger Food to Share and a Pot to Talk About

Note: September Meeting is September 5, 2017

**Don't Forget Guild Sale – Saturday 10:00 a.m. June 3, 2017
Moss Street and Thurlow**

May Program in Review:

At the May Program Marlene Bowman gave a fascinating talk about her history with clay from wheel thrown functional work to her current focus of art created with slabs. As a write up for a Stinking Fish



Marlene Hand Rolls Clay for All Her Pieces

Tour said "In 1993, after many years of making functional stoneware and classic raku forms, Marlene moved to a small acreage on Vancouver

Island where, inspired by the rocks and forest around her, she discovered the excitement of exploring texture in clay. Her work continues to evolve". Marlene presentation included a demonstration of her slab techniques in which she showed the many found items she uses for texture, the methods she uses to enhance texture with throwing and stretching and how she applies thin deliberately 'crinkled' layers of clay to enhance the visual effect drawn from nature, her inspiration.





One particularly memorable story Marlene told was about the tile installation, which intentionally included broken tiles as part of the intended social commentary of the piece. But the tiles were heavy and Marlene received the dreaded telephone call from the gallery to tell her the piece had fallen from the wall after its installation, but to Marlene's relief, once remounted the piece was better for the additional breakage caused by the fall.



Family, Friends & the Metchosin and Clay Communities Celebrate Robin Hopper

With the soft spring breezes finally in place on May 16, 2017, a large crowd gathered at the Olympic View Golf Course to celebrate the life of Robin Hopper, who died April 6, 2017. While tinged with regret for the loss of Robin, the afternoon was for the most part a happy time, as Robin had asked, with many a chuckle and some outright laughs at shared memories. Robin's refrain "To Look on the Bright Side" was oft referenced and the song a backdrop to one of the presentations. With Stephen Young and Dave Skillings as masters of ceremony, Robin's own 'Swan Song Video', his daughter Sarah's wonderful family picture presentation, his son's warm eulogy and Peggy Elmes' loving and completely irreverent and funny stories of Robin's 'expressive' nature, the afternoon was a wonderful tribute to a man we'll all miss very much. Below are links to an article published by NCECA

<http://blog.nceca.net/robin-hopper-remembered>

and Robin's obituary from the Times Colonist. <http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/obituary-metchosin-mud-pusher-was-ceramics-innovator-1.14870279>





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Victor Duffhues Workshop – St. Michael’s Church Hall – April 29, 2017

[Editor’s note: many thanks to the guild member who answered my plea at the last meeting for a quick write up of the workshop, as I was not able to attend. But my apologies for failing to get your name for publication! With thanks to Rachel Coward for pictures]

A theatrical, humourous, educational and magnetizing workshop - techniques, tools and studio tips were all part of this fascinating presentation given by Victor. Victor threw butter dishes, mugs, handles, veggie dishes and platters. He showed us his large array of homemade tools including sponge covered platforms for difficult shapes.





June 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 SVIP Guild 18th Annual Sale Moss and Thurlow
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Guild Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18 Victoria Car Free 11am-6pm Douglas Street.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Mark Your Calendars – September Guild Meeting is September 5, 2017

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and things. Dan*

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

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