

Guild at a Glance

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April Meeting Monday 7:00 PM April 8, 2019 Program: **Collaborative Tile Project**

REMEMBER WE ARE AT A NEW LOCATION AND START TIME

Saanich Community Church - 4566 West Saanich Rd.

Send updates for the May newsletter calendars to Jane Brown <janepatbrown@gmail.com>

March Program in Review

At our March meeting Frances Litman, a professional photographer (see website <https://franceslitman.com/>) gave a very informative presentation on photographing your work, including a demonstration using a light box or 'portable tent' as it is referenced in some of the sales literature. The presentation was guided by questions from guild members including dealing with washing out colours, bleed of colours and the question of shine (dull it with a bit of hairspray was one option). Frances also discussed the use of mirrors, both Plexiglas and regular and small tripods to hold even a smartphone camera steady.

Other options discussed were the use of reflective boards (e.g. the shiny side of the lid on Chinese food container), gold foil and the use of transparencies called colour gels and lighting gels.

Other important notes included:

- the need to place your piece well in front of your background,
- it is better not to use a zoom – you'll get a better quality photograph if you crop
- avoid lines in your background,
- sunshine is not your friend – overcast natural light is best, even when indoors but keep the window behind you

Other tips included learning the features of the camera on your phone – check out you tube on the internet for how to darken or lighten and focus a picture and be careful of distractions in your background (the tree appearing to grow out of your pot in the background). The picture should just be about the pot. Another option for those who choose to use a digital SLR was to play with the depth of field making it as shallow as possible.

Frances also talked about cooler and warmer lights and choosing the colours that work best with your work.

In summary, there was a lot of wonderful information shared in the brief presentation as well as an opportunity to try out the photo box. Check out the effect of the box, with only a minute or two spent setting up the shot, on the photo above of Ester Galac's pot.



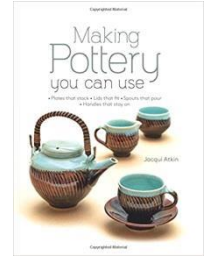
Frances mentioned that she does workshops covering this type of information in more detail and I for one would happily pay to attend a group workshop focused on photographing ceramic work.

GUILD LIBRARY - NEW Resources

BOOKS:

Amazing Glaze - Gabriel Kline

Making Pottery You Can Use - Jacqui Atkin

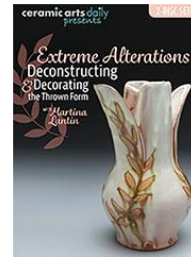


DVDs (on order anticipated by April)

Slab Building with Texture - Sarah Pike

Extreme Alterations - Martina Lantin

Gesture & Form - Nick Joerling (replacing lost disc)



MAGAZINE: Ceramics Monthly

renewed 3-year subscription

*The library collection is available at monthly meetings – with items loaned from one meeting to the next. Print your name & the date signed-out on the library card (see inside or back of book or DVD). Place the card in the ‘**Signed-Out**’ box, in numerical order.*

When returning - place the card back inside and refile the book or DVD in numerical order.

If you cannot make a meeting to return borrowed items - a courtesy renewal can be offered (once a year) if you contact one of the Library Team before the due date. If you miss returns more than once, a **fee of \$5 per item is charged** for each month overdue. These funds are used to purchase future resources that benefit us all.

Did you know ... you can search the Library's **INVENTORY LIST** in FOUR different ways:
by TITLE, AUTHOR, CATALOGUE NUMBER or TOPIC

The Inventory Lists and all this information, plus the Library Team's contact details, are available on the guild website at <https://victoriapotters.ca/library>

Library Team,
Nancy W., Kris J., Marlene B.

PACIFIC RIM POTTERS

33rd Spring Annual Show and Sale

Saturday, May 11, 10am - 4 pm

Knox Presbyterian Church Hall

2964 Richmond Rd.

This popular, long established exhibit will showcase a wide variety of functional and sculptural clay creations for home and garden, made by local artists.

Free admission, door prizes, refreshments, lots of parking

For more information: 250 658 4523

20/20 Perspectives in Canadian Ceramics

Saturday, March 21, 2020, 9am - 5pm

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, Burnaby, BC, Canada

The Canadian Clay Symposium offers a unique glimpse into how ceramic artists handle their mud with a 20/20 focus on Canadian perspectives. Symposium participants experience an entire day of in depth conversation with peers and presenters and watch exceptional demos ranging from hand-building, wheel-throwing, slip-casting to atmospheric firing, all with an eye to investigate how Canadian identity is shaped through clay.



The presenters are **Carole Epp, Mary Fox, Jeremy Hatch, Steven Heinemann, Cathi Jefferson, Sarah Pike** and **Linda Sikora**. The website tells us there will be one more presenters and to stay tuned.

April Program: Collaborative Tile Project

A hands on project – here's the plan:

- 5" x 5" 3/8 inch tiles
- Any type of clay, decoration and firing style - the more diverse the more interesting it will be!
- Bring a leather hard tile (s) to decorate
- There is no theme
- Bring a small work surface and any tools you'd like to use
- Finish tiles at home - bisque, glaze and fire
- Bring tiles back for June meeting where we'll collaborate on creating a finished piece

Fired Up! Ceramic Artists
Contemporary Works in Clay
Celebrating 35 Year
May 24-26, 2019

The 35th annual show and sale at Metchosin Community Hall, 4401 William Head Road.

Opening Gala May 24, 6:00–9pm. Continues May 25 & 26, 10am – 5pm.

<http://www.artopenings.ca/firedup2019.html> **Metchosin Community Hall** 4401 William Head Rd Metchosin,



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8 Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11	12	13
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May 2019						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Pacific Rim 10 am to 4pm 2964 Richmond Rd
12	13 Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16	17	18
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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**

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Sicily April 29 - May 17, 2019

At the heart of the Mediterranean, off the toe of the Italian peninsula, the triangular island of Sicily has been dominated by many rulers throughout its 3,000 years history. Greeks and Romans, Byzantines and Arabs, the Normans and the Spanish left a stunning array of artistic masterpieces. Today's artists continue the Sicilian tradition of hand painted majolica ceramics on terracotta vessels and tiles.

Morocco October 7-28, 2019.

Visit the Imperial Cities of Rabat, Fes and Meknes. Explore the ancient Roman ruins and mosaics at Volubilis. Wander the narrow lanes of Chefchaouen with its red tiled roofs and bright blue buildings. Work with the women potters in the hilltop village of D'Har.

Japan 2020?

Are you Interested – Please let us know