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Message From the President

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the phenomenal success of the 38th Annual Clayfolk Show and Sale. Putting on a Clayfolk Show takes tremendous effort on the part of all the Show Chairs, the participating Committee Members and the non-Clayfolk members who all work tirelessly volunteering their time. More and more customers come each year because of the prolific amount of amazingly creative ceramic art that you, our members, produce. With the combined effort of our publicity committees and our exceptional Signage, people flock to our show. But imagine the chaos if we were left on our own laying out our booths and running our own cords for power. It would get ugly fast. It's almost like a mini vacation with the Sales, Visa, Cash/Check, and Price Tag Committees managing our sales with amazing accuracy. Of course, the Children's Area, Demos, Sunday Raffle and Music enrich the Clayfolk experience for young and old alike. And we are fed, fed, and fed some more by our Refreshment Committee, giving us the sustenance and strength to complete our work shifts while happily smiling at customers. Long into each night, the Bookkeeping Committee toils away tallying our tags and ultimately paying us so quickly, our heads spin. All of this work takes place under the direction of Jim Keith, our Show Chair, who keeps us on track, never forgets the big picture, and guides us through yet another incredibly successful Show. Each and every person did an outstanding job this year and a big thanks to every one of you.

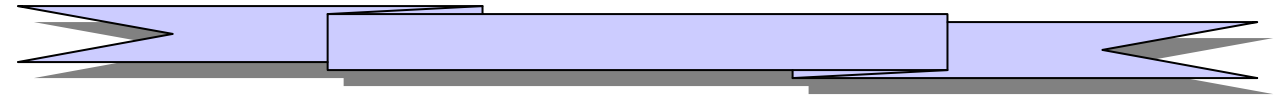
As you go over the newsletter, please read the statements written by the two people who are running for Vice President. Next year will be my last year as President, so the person you vote for will, most likely, become my successor. The ballot is on the Membership Form, which must be returned no later than January 31st if you want to receive the 3 points for renewing your membership.

At the bottom of the Membership form is a survey asking how often you go into the Clayfolk website and what material you find most helpful. Please feel free to add comments as we will be using your input to better serve your web needs as well as the 14,000 people who check out our website each year.

Also, notice that our January 18, 2014 pot luck and gift exchange will be held at 2:30 at the **Medford Central Library, 205 South Central Avenue, Medford in the Large Meeting Room**. We will need to set up the room before the meeting and put everything away afterward, so

please plan to arrive early for the mandatory Chair meeting. The Chairs meet at 1:30, prior to the general meeting. Chairs, please write notes now, while the Show is fresh, about the things that worked and changes you would like for next year's Show. A lot can be forgotten in two months. For the general meeting, please bring food to share and a wrapped piece of your pottery for the gift exchange (optional). I'm looking forward to seeing you in January and in the meantime, have a fabulous holiday.

Shirley Huft,
Clayfolk President



Open Letter from Carole Hayne

Dear Clayfolk members.

I've been a Clayfolk member for more than 20 years, have been in virtually every show during that time and I'm running for your Vice President. I have both the experience and the ability to be the Vice President of Clayfolk.

Over the last 6 years I have attended almost every general meeting, and I've participated in the pit fire every year. I was one of the founders of the Glaze Study Group and still attend. I also participate in the Second Thursday Group. For more than 20 years I have been a member of OPA and am currently the Chair of the Cash Counting Committee, consisting of 10 people.

At the same time, I have a 20 year history of leadership experiences. In my professional career I was the Chair of the Treatment Team Representatives Board for approximately 6 years at the White City VARCC. I set the agendas and ran the quarterly meetings of all the treatment team members (40 to 50 people) and did the same for the monthly meetings of the treatment team representatives board. I chaired many of the performance improvement teams and then ran the centralized treatment program for 8 years.

I have the ability to serve as Clayfolk Vice President and step in for the President when necessary, relaying feed back and requests from members to the Board, building Board consensus about what to do, reporting via email or newsletter, setting agendas and running both Board and general meetings.

My priorities would be:

- To continue the direction Clayfolk has taken in the last few years to improve fairness for its members.
- To promote inclusiveness for all members no matter where they live.
- To support board and committee chair decisions (the back bone of Clayfolk).
- To streamline processes where possible.
- To assist the show chair in everyway possible.
- To effect a smooth transition to the next president.

Carole Hayne

Open Letter from Debbie Raddatz Thompson

I would like to express my interest in becoming Vice President of Clayfolk.

For those of you that don't know me I have been a member of Clayfolk since 1996 at the suggestion of my pottery teacher Ray Foster. I have hosted pit fires, chaired the sales committee for 2 years and was Show Chair for 4 years. I was living in Montana for the last 5+ years and haven't been as involved as in years past with Clayfolk and would like to be again. I always loved the people in Clayfolk but after living in a small community of Montana with lots of potters that weren't as welcoming as all of our members I gained a new appreciation of our group. I want to help Clayfolk continue to be a group that is dedicated to growth and support of potters, from new to old, from beginners to professionals, a group that welcomes the diversity of its members and continues to grow with its member's needs. Thanks for reading, it's good to back among all of you,

Debbie Raddatz Thompson

Letter from Hannah Brehmer

It's been fun compiling and editing your newsletter for three years and feeling an unspoken connection to all of you. Now it's time to let Sally Pursell take over with this issue. It's a good thing I'm quitting, because I have run out of "You might be a potter if. . ." jokes. Well, here are two final ones:

You might be a potter if . . .

. . . you love clay.

. . . you think you are!

Hannah Brehmer
www.hannahbrehmerpottery.org

Effective January 1st, the person behind those wonderful eNews emails will be Dan Minard. You don't need to do anything differently as the enews@clayfolk.org email address will still be the way you contact Dan to have him send out your announcements, etc. It's been fun keeping you all informed these past few years. . .don

Up Coming Events

December 12	6:00 pm	Board Meeting	Lynita & Rudy Zajack's
January 18	1:30	Clayfolk Chair Meeting	Medford Central Library
	2:30	General Meeting, Gift Exchange and pot luck	

November 21, 22, 23, 2014

CLAYFOLK SHOW AND SALE

RENEWING CLAYFOLK MEMBERSHIP

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st

Clayfolk membership dues are \$15 per year and are due by January 1st. Dues are not prorated for members renewing mid-year. Members who turn in their membership application and dues on or before January 31st, will receive 3 points at the end of the membership year. Members who do not turn in their membership application and dues on or before May 31st will not be accepted into that year's annual Show. Membership entitles you to the newsletter, discounted workshop fees and an opportunity to apply to be in the annual Show and Sale.

Questions? Contact Don Clarke, Membership Chair, 541-683-6330 or membership@clayfolk.org

Name _____ Pottery Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-Mail _____

Main areas of interest in clay : _____

How do you want to receive your newsletters, workshop information, and other announcements ?

E-mail (we recommend this) US mail Both None Please check **one**

Do you want to be included in the membership Gallery on our webpage ? Yes No

You will be contacted by the webmaster regarding your images.

Do you currently offer classes ? Yes No

Would you be interested in teaching a workshop ? Yes No

Make your checks payable to Clayfolk

Mail this completed form plus \$15 dues to
Clayfolk, PO Box 1334, Jacksonville, OR 97530

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX

Single or Shared Membership - Postmark Date _____ Years Paid for _____

CLAYFOLK BALLOT FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

(Please read the applicants' statements in the Newsletter and vote for one)

Carole Hayne

Debbie Radditz Thompson

CLAYFOLK WEBPAGE SURVEY

How many times a month do you visit the website ? 0-1 , 2-4 , 5-8 or more than 8

How often do you recommend our website to other potters _____ and to non-potters _____

What type of information do you look for on the website ? _____

What type of information would you like to see on the website ? _____

Suggestions for improving our website _____