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Message From the President

I feel excited and challenged as I assume the role as president of Clayfolk.

First, I want to say MAKE MORE POTS. People sold out much too early. On the down side, we were overwhelmed during the show with people wanting to buy your pottery. People waited in long lines to pay. Thanks to all the potters jumping in to help we got through it but for our next show a number of changes will be necessary. I am sure that Shirley and our show chairs are up to the task. So look for some changes in the show policies and procedures but make more pots for the show.

Second, I want to say YOU MAKE POTS; I organize processes. I would like Clayfolk to have an operations manual in place when I retire from the presidency. I will work individually with each of you that hold a chair position to make that happen. We will put into writing a detailed description of what your position entails and the timeframe in which you do it along with information only you know, such as the phone numbers of contacts. I will organize; you make enough pots to make Shirley ecstatic.

Third, I want to say we have a fancy new webpage that has LOTS OF POTS on it. The show chair and I can use it to concentrate information in one place for your convenience. The minutes of the January general meeting that outlines probable changes in show policies are posted there, as will be show information prior to the show. Some of us will groan at having to learn to use it, as we are technologically illiterate, especially me. But I think I will like it in the end and so will you. Check it out. By the way, it could use more pictures of pots.

Carole Hayne, Clayfolk President

Clayfolk Calendar for 2015

Board Meetings, Newsletter Deadlines, General Meetings
Please note that **ALL General Meetings are now held on Saturday or Sunday**

March

12th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday Ray Foster's home
28th General Meeting 2:30 **Saturday** Debbie Raddatz-Thompson – Pit Fire

April

1st Newsletter Deadline
15th Newsletter **Mailed** out Show Application, Membership Directory included

May

7th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday Irene Stephen's home
16th General Meeting 2:30 **Saturday** Josephine Public Library
31st **SHOW APPLICATIONS DUE**

June – No Meeting

July

1st Newsletter Deadline
15th Newsletter sent out Show points included
9h Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday Carole Hayne's Home – PLEASE CARPOOL
18th General Meeting 2:30 **Saturday** Susan Casaleggio's home

August - No Meeting

September

1st Newsletter Deadline
15th Newsletter sent out

October

8th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday Abbey's Pizza – Roque River
18th Chair Meeting 1:30 **Sunday** (Prior to General Meeting)
General Meeting **2:30** Grants Pass Museum of Art

November

20, 21, 22 2015 **Clayfolk Show and Sale** **Medford Armory**

December

1st Newsletter Deadline
10th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday The Zajack's home
set meeting dates for 2015
15th Newsletter sent out Ballot included

January

16th Chairs Meeting 1:30 Saturday (Prior to General Meeting)
16th General Meeting 2:30 Potluck and Gift Exchange **TBA**

31st **MEMBERSHIP FORM DUE**

PIT FIRE - March 28 General Meeting 5005 Kay Court, Eagle Point

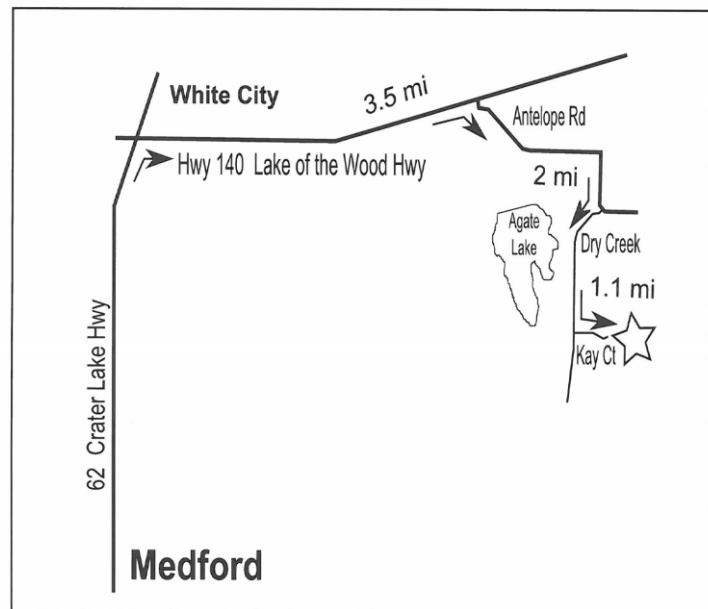
The pit fire will be the program for the afternoon, so everyone who attends the meeting is invited to bring one or two (or more if your work is small) pieces of pottery ready to fire. Wood is always welcome, but not required for your participation. If you have not participated in a pit fire before, here are some tips for preparing your pottery :

1. Use a cone 5 to cone 10 clay body. The color of your clay will affect the color of your pottery.
2. Because your piece will be fired in the ground; large, thick pieces have a tendency to crack. Pottery can be made using the wheel, slap, pinch or coil.
3. If you want your pottery to have a shine, when it is leather hard, burnish it with a smooth stone, rubber rib or other smooth object over your pottery. You can put it on the wheel also to burnish it. This pushes the grog into the surface of your piece.
4. When your pottery is bone dry, you can burnish it a second time. Smooth salad or olive oil onto a small section of your pottery before it dries burnish it again with your smooth stone or other object, your pottery should develop a high shine. You can also polish your piece with a piece of plastic bag or chamois.
5. Bisque fire your pottery at cone 018. If you bisque fire your pottery at too high a temperature, it will lose its shine when the grog resurfaces. Your pottery will still be fragile, so handle it carefully.
6. You can bring organic material to place over your pottery. Some people bring dried manure, dried banana peels, straw, seaweed or other interesting material to see how it colors your pottery. You may also place copper wire on your pottery. Wherever your pottery touches the sawdust on the bottom on the pit, it will turn black, so be sure to request how you want it placed.

Go online and check out Eduardo Lazo for comprehensive instructions on preparing your pit fired pottery : www.eduardolazo.com/pitfired.html For more advanced information on using Terra Sigillata and some great photos, go on-line to : <http://www.robertcomptonpottery.com/Method%20of-Pit-Firing-Pottery.htm> Another on-line site with lots of links and decoration suggestions can be found at www.claystation.com/technical/firing/pit.html If you still have any questions don't hesitate to call

Debbie Thompson at 541-826-5533. Fired pieces will be held at the Thompson's house either until you pick them up, or until they bring them to the May meeting.

We will have a potluck after lighting off the pit. Please bring something to share if you would like to participate. Give us a call if you plan to stay for the potluck so we have an idea of how many to plan for. Call (826-5533) or email: potatohillpottery@hotmail.com.



Map to Debbie Thompson House - 5005 Kay Ct, Eagle Pt

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Thank you!

