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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A big thanks to all our Clayfolk members who participated on committees, worked as a Chair, planned and/or attended general meetings, visited the Show and Sale, shared your talents, and volunteered. Your collective enthusiasm and hard work contributed to another wonderful year. And thank you to Show Chair, Jim Keith, for guiding us through the most successful Clayfolk Show and Sale to date. Please check out our website at Clayfolk.org. By clicking on the links highlighted on our homepage, you will see three different slide shows capturing the potters, the customers and the excitement found at our show and sale. Thank you to Don Clarke for posting photos large and small on our website.

Our yearly potluck and gift exchange was great fun, and I know I'll be dieting off all the calories from the delicious food our membership brought. Our potters filled the Talent Fire House to capacity so we will be once again be looking at a different venue for 2014. Our biggest change was running the membership year January to December, and we're hoping it worked well for all our members. We will not be mailing out the membership forms this year, so look for your renewal form in the December newsletter. Our renewal form is always available on our Clayfolk.org website where it can be downloaded. 2013 will be the first year when we will not have meetings on Wednesday and will be having all our general meetings on either a Saturday or Sunday. Looking ahead, a focus on electronic communication will keep our members updated in a more timely manner and will enable Clayfolk to reach out to a larger base of customers.

It has been a pleasure working with you as Clayfolk president. I have also enjoyed getting to know many of our new members and look forward to seeing you at our Show and Sale next November. Remember, you can earn a point at every general meeting you attend this year as long as you sign our sign-in sheet. General meetings provide an excellent opportunity to meet, greet and share news with friends and to make new friends. Members are always welcomed at Board Meetings and don't hesitate to contact a Board Member if you have ideas or concerns or just want to help out. All our important dates are on the calendar included in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you during the coming year....Happy Potting,

Shirley Huft, Clayfolk President

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 14th Board Meeting, 6:00 at Abbey's Pizza in Rogue River
- March 17th General Meeting and Pit fire at Marylou Schnoes home, Central Point
- April 1st Newsletter deadline for articles
- April 15th Newsletter mailed out hardcopy with Show Application and Membership Directory.
- May 31st Show Applications Due

November 15, 16, 17: 2013 Show and Sale

CLAYFOLK MARCH MEETING

The March 17th meeting/pitfire/potluck will be held at Marylou Schnoes' home, 3 miles NW of Central Point at 2:30. Please carpool, and if you can walk 300' up a slight incline, park in the "Overflow Parking." To first drop things up at the house, please arrive early to avoid traffic on the 1-lane drive.

Be sure to put your mark on the bottom of your pitfire pot. For information on preparing ware for the pitfire, see the December/January newsletter. Plan to pick up your pots the next day.

A map may be printed out from <http://goo.gl/maps/iJs0l> If you need a paper map mailed to you, call Marylou at 541-890-6163.

CLAYFEST, EUGENE

Hi Clayfolk,

Applications for Clay Fest, in Eugene, will be coming out in April. If you want to be sure you receive notice, by e-mail or U.S. Mail, when the Applications are available, be sure to join (or re-join) Local Clay as soon as possible.

You can go to the website, clayfest.org to download an application, and for other information.

We hope to see you at Clay Fest, October 11-13, 2013 at the Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds).

Thanks~Karen Washburn, Clay Fest Chair

EMPTY BOWLS, JACKSON COUNTY

Thank you to all that donated bowls during our annual Clayfolk event. We had a representative from the Peace House there to collect our donated bowls and other wonderful pieces of art. I recently contacted Peace House about their 2013 event. Their response was that they're still in the planning stages and they will likely decide soon on a date. I will send out an e-mail as soon as I hear anything.

Last years event was very successful. Peace House had 130 participants times \$25. a bowl. Empty Bowls is a great cause that helps feed the hungry year round. If you have any bowls you would like to donate, please contact me.

Amy Segovia

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EMPTY BOWLS, JOSEPHINE COUNTY 2012

The yearly Empty Bowls Event held last October in Grants Pass raised \$4,600 for the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen provides food to an increasing number of people in our community who are homeless or who have lost jobs.

The collaboration and community partnerships at this dinner includes local restaurants, artists, students, businesses, and volunteers.

Karla McCafferty, Options Executive Director said "Empty Bowls is truly an example of our community coming together to address a very real and desperate need."

Clayfolk members have supported this event for years. In those years we have finally gotten their bowl inventory to the point that this year, for the first time ever, they did not go out and buy commercial bowls from such local stores as Fred Meyer.

Options posted a large ad after the dinner thanking all the artists and local businesses that contributed.

Additional bowls or other clay objects will serve the hungry of Josephine County. Pottery can be given to Roxanne Hunnicutt anytime to be stored until next October. Since this dinner is held just before the Clayfolk show, expect to hear more about this again later. Fair warning?

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TV CERAMIC CELEBRITY

If you missed Oregon Artbeat on PBS in January, you might enjoy the story about the ceramic artist who creates fanciful monsters. It's inspiring to see James DeRosso go from just having some fun, to quitting his day job and becoming a full time artist.

<http://www.opb.org/programs/artbeat/episodes/view/1410>

STANDHARDT EXHIBIT

Ken Standhardt will be exhibiting his ceramics in the Laura & John Cheney Gallery at the Maryhill Museum March 15th through November 15th 2013. Maryhill Museum is located in Goldendale, OR (Columbia river gorge). We know Ken's beautiful work from his booths at the Clayfolk show and others.....the "church key" potter....or is it the "can opener" potter?

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Summer Brendlinger, Medford, OR
Annie Dyer, Annie Dyer Potter, Bend, OR
Edward Healey, Medford, OR
Angela Hoxworth, Uma Rose Pottery, Ashland, OR
Diana Popp, Nature Girl Studio, Bend, OR

NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION

We have two highly qualified members who have applied for the Newsletter Editor position, which will begin as a 3 point trainee position in September, 2013. The Clayfolk Board will continue to take applications for this position until March 10th, and a decision will be made at the March 14th Board meeting. If you are interested in becoming the Newsletter Editor, please write a short statement telling the Board why you want this position and outlining your qualifications. The job description is below:

Title: Newsletter Editor (15 points)

Special Skills: Computer word processing, spelling, grammar, writing, editing and ability to communicate on phone, in person, and in e-mails.

Responsibilities: Gather, edit, type, write, compile, take finished letter to the printer, send the newsletter to the Web Master for on-line publication, and/or mail the newsletter. Once a year the newsletter will be mailed to the entire Clayfolk membership, which requires at least 10 hours of work prior to mailing. When the newsletter is 8 pages or longer, it requires extra time to prepare and mail. Four times a year, the newsletter is only sent hard copy to the few members who request it.

Timeline of Major Tasks: Before the first day of the months that involve a newsletter, (Feb., April, June, Aug., and Dec.), send a reminder via e-news asking for submissions. After the first, check to see who has missed the deadline and contact them. Deadlines for membership and Show application issues are VERY IMPORTANT. These dates are set by the Board and are listed on the Clayfolk Calendar, but contact Membership Chair and Show Chair before newsletter deadline.

IN MEMORIAM

Potter Gil Harrison Has Died

January 30, 2013

By Karen Richards

Cottage Grove potter Gil Harrison passed away last week of natural causes. Harrison was an active member of the community, a dancer, marimba player, and host of a music program on KLCC. He was best known for his distinctive pottery. Kim Still, a manager at Saturday Market, describes Harrison's one-of-a-kind style: *Still: Asian influenced in a way, but also earthy and futuristic at the same time. And he had a really specific set of glazes that he used. He worked a lot with black glaze, really dark glazes, and then with vibrant colors on top of them. So he had a very distinct style. You would not mistake his pottery for anybody else's.* Suzi Prozanski, a friend and author of "Fruit of the Sixties," says Harrison was intimately involved in the local art community: *Prozanski: In May, 1970 he was at the second Oregon Country Fair ever held, and every Fair since, selling his work. And he was one of the founders of the Eugene Craft Guild in 1970, which started the Saturday Market. He was also very active in more recent years in the Oregon Pottery Guild.* Friends and family are in the process of organizing a celebration of life, which will probably be held in the spring. Gil Harrison was 68.

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CLAYFOLK CALENDAR FOR 2013

Board Meetings, Newsletter Deadlines, General Meetings

Please note that ALL General Meetings are now held on Saturday or Sunday

January

20th Chairs Meeting 1:30 Sunday – (Prior to General Meeting)
General Meeting 2:30 Talent Fire Station

February

1st Newsletter Deadline
15th Newsletter sent out Calendar included

March

14th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday Abbey's Pizza, Rogue River
17th General Meeting 2:30 Sunday Marylou Schnoes' home, Central Point,
Pitfire and Potluck

April

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

May

9th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday Ray Foster's home
18th General Meeting 2:30 **Saturday** Bear Hotel, Grants Pass
31st **SHOW APPLICATIONS DUE**

June – No Meeting

July

1st Newsletter Deadline
15th Newsletter sent out Show points included
11th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday Penelope Dew's home
21st General Meeting 2:30 Sunday Casaleggio's home, Jacksonville

August - No Meeting

September

1st Newsletter Deadline

15th Newsletter sent out

October

10th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday Abbey's Pizza, Rogue River

19th Chair Meeting 1:30 **Saturday** (Prior to General Meeting)

General Meeting **2:30** **Bear Hotel Grants Pass**

November

15th to 17th **2012 Clayfolk Show and Sale** **Medford Armory**

December

1st Newsletter Deadline

12th Board Meeting 6:00 Thursday The Zajack's home
set meeting dates for 2012

15th Newsletter sent out Ballot included

January

Chairs Meeting 1:30 Sunday (Prior to General Meeting)

19th General Meeting 2:30 Potluck and Gift Exchange **Venue TBA**

31st **[MEMBERSHIP FORM DUE**

You might be a potter if.....

.....,you dumpster dive behind restaurants because you know the value of a good bucket.

.....you throw a pot in the morning before going to the pot.