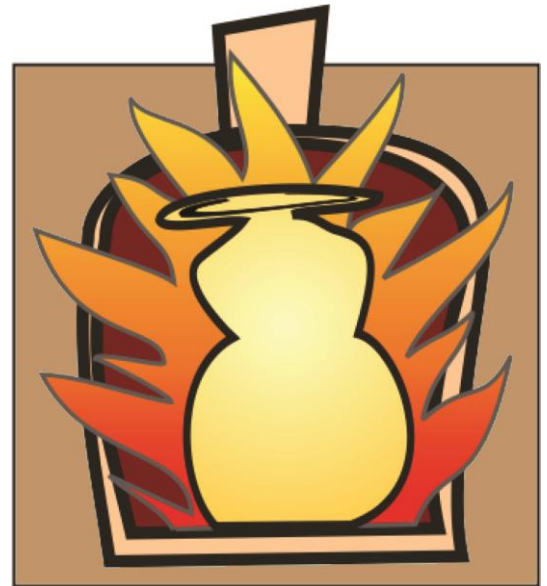




It's a raffle!

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SOUTHERN OREGON POTTERS ASSOCIATION



Winter 2019
NEWSLETTER

As the Wheel Turns

a note from the president

By Michael McKinney

Greetings Clayfolk potters!

You're getting our newsletter in the middle of holiday season some days after our first snowy event of the season. I've just got to write it, "It was a dark and stormy night...". It's easy to appreciate a warm and dry studio on these windy rainy days. The aftermath of gathering ware for the Clayfolk Show is still evident, debris and tools scattered about. Oh well, cleaning is part of studio life but will have to wait a bit. I'm in office mode next to the fire for now.

Thinking my food shopping all done (the day before Thanksgiving) I just can't help but want one of those beautiful Brussels sprouts stalks...hmm, maybe this afternoon. Roasted with some olive oil, a little (or a lot) garlic from the garden and seasoning should work. And being the day before a holiday that many still consider symbolic of family gatherings, sharing food and expressing gratitude, I like to nestle right in the middle of all that. Family, food, fun! ...and maybe a little time in the studio.

Yes, my pottery business is Grateful Dad Pottery. If you haven't heard the story it originated with a Father's Day t-shirt that read

"Grateful Dad". To my surprise the notion of expressing gratitude through a fun name has caused me to reflect more on the good things in my world, the positivity of people I work with (uh, Clayfolk!) and harness the confidence needed to take on challenging events. A great example of this in others was the energy and effort that went into launching our recent Show. That deserves a huge "Wow!" Grateful indeed!

Until January, I'm hoping every one of you stays comfy and warm during the coming winter. Also, think positively for a glorious sunny day when we gather for our first 2020 meeting in Roseburg.

Things to do and look forward to: Thank you for voting early for our Clayfolk Officers and Board. Opportunities to participate in Clayfolk appear in enews (most immediate) and/or the newsletter and website. Our calendar of meetings is mostly set with few deviations from this year's offerings. I wish you all happy times with family, friends, associates, pets, and...of course, clay.

Questions, comments, or other will be respected and responded to. Please contact president@clayfolk.org or 503 863-7197.

A grateful potter,
Michael McKinney



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- Jim Nordal
- Bonnie Morgan

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and Dan Minard

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It's membership renewal time! Please complete and mail the membership form in right away. Members receive 3 points for renewals before December 31st. And don't forget to vote for 2020 board members!

**Mail in your membership renewal by
Dec. 31st and earn 3 points!**

Membership form enclosed.Find it online [here](#).

See page 6 for Candidate Statements.

**Holiday Open Studios****OPEN STUDIO**

Nancy Yturriaga Adams
Clay Artist

6909 Thompson Creek Rd
Applegate, Oregon

December 6th and 7th

10am-4pm
or by appointment
541-846-1777

www.nancyadams.net

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Open House!**

Join us for our third year of giving
thanks to our wonderful
customers and friends.

December 7th and 8th

10am - 5pm
427 SW H Street
Grants Pass, OR 97526
503.863.7197

www.gratefuldadpottery.com

*Send in your spring shows and events to newsletter@clayfolk.org!
Next newsletter deadline is February 1st, 2020.*

Workshop NEWS

By Carole Hayne
Workshop chair

Clayfolk had a fantastic workshop year as evidenced by the pieces displayed at the Clayfolk Show. Thanks to the show being in the Toys-R-Us building, we had room to display a number of large pots and animal sculptures from the workshops for both members and customers to marvel at. The sculptures came out of Penelope Dews' workshop. The large pots came out of Vince Pitelka's workshop.

Thank you to Lindsey Stout who helped set up and take down the display and to Betsy Moore for signage.

Our 2020 workshops will include a hands-on sgraffito class presented by Richard Roth on May 16-17. Then in September, we will have featured artist Deborah Schwartzkopf. Her workshop will focus on sculptures made from reassembling thrown forms. Deborah's workshop is scheduled for September 26-27.

You can view their work on their websites at:

- Richard Roth: <https://grandprairiedesigns.com/>
- Deborah Schwartzkopf: <https://ratcitystudios.com>

As usual, the registration forms and information about the workshops will be on the Clayfolk web site a few months before the workshops. They will also be announced via enews. Hopefully we can show off our work again at the 2020 Clayfolk Show!



2019 Show RECAP



We had a bumpy ride this year with the loss of our venue a week before the show, but it worked out in the end. The crowds packed the Toys r Us building and the sales were way up. Many people helped make this possible. In fact, it is impossible to name just one who single handedly did it. It takes everyone's contribution.

Above all, we should thank the Market of Choice and Dickerhoof Properties for the use of the building.

Next steps

We now turn toward the future as we start the process of creating the 2020 Clayfolk Show & Sale. The first step is a review at a Wrap Meeting to discuss what worked and what didn't.

Please consider attending the Wrap Meeting on January 25, 2020, at the Umpqua Valley Arts Association building, Roseburg, at 2:30 PM (Address: 1624 W Harvard Ave, Roseburg, OR).

The Show Chairs will be submitting reports and the Show Chair meeting is scheduled for the same day and place, but that meeting starts at 1:15 PM.

Thank you, Clayfolk potters, for helping to create another successful show in 2019. Let's do it again.

Mickael Mann and Dan Minard
Clayfolk Show Co-Chairs

NEXT SHOW:
November 20 – 22, 2020

Vince Pitelka's Jar RAFFLE

Win a beautiful jar created by nationally renowned ceramic artist Vince Pitelka.

Vince built this jar during his September 12-16, 2019 Clayfolk workshop at the Talent Maker Space. He donated this piece with the request that proceeds go to benefit the Clayfolk organization.

This raffle is open to Clayfolk members only.

Ticket are 1 for \$ 5, or 5 for \$20

The jar will be displayed, and winner drawn at our January Clayfolk general meeting (see page 8 for times and location details).

You don't need to be present to win... but it would be really fun if you were there!



Cut out and mail with membership form and dues, or bring to January meeting.

Vince Pitelka's Jar Raffle TICKET

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please print clearly so we can call you!

Ticket(s): 1 for \$ 5, or 5 for \$20 _____

OF TICKETS PURCHASED: _____, TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

The jar will be displayed, and winner drawn at the January Clayfolk general meeting.
You do not need to be present to win.

Candidate STATEMENTS

Board Member at Large (alphabetical by last name)

Kathy Hacker: Chad and I moved to Southern Oregon from Arizona in November of 2017 and have been members of Clayfolk for two years. In Tucson I taught beginning and intermediate clay classes with Pima County Parks & Rec for 5 years. I was also a member of SACA (Southern Arizona Clay Artists), serving as Member at Large for one year and Shows Chair for three years. While teaching, our studio with the County also coordinated & participated in a large Empty Bowls event every Spring. Chad and I are excited to be part of Clayfolk and the Southern Oregon clay community. I believe I can bring my experience from working with other clay artists and my time working with SACA on Empty Bowls and Shows.

Jim Nordal: It has been a privilege to have served on the Clayfolk Board as a member-at-large for the past two years. This board is made up of a great group of people who represent Clayfolk well and I look forward to serving for another year.

Sally Pursell: I have served as Member at Large for two terms: if you're not tired of me, I'm very happy to serve another go around! I really enjoy working with the board, getting to know all the Clayfolk members and serving in whatever capacity I can. I would be honored to receive your vote.

Janice Shenker: I would like to be considered for the Board Member at large position for 2020. I am new to pottery starting in 2016 with a community education class at RCC after I retired from a 40-year career in nursing. It was always my desire to get involved in the arts, but life just got in the way.

I have been a member of Clayfolk for a few years and participated in my first show this year. I also co-chaired the Josephine County Empty Bowls event this year. I believe this organization offers both new and experienced potters a community for growth, learning and family. As a member of the board, I would hope to bring a new potter's perspective to our organization moving the organization forward, encouraging new membership, and participate in decisions for the future of the organization.

Officers

Secretary:

Patricia Richey: I, Patricia Richey, am submitting my name to continue to be the Clayfolk secretary. I have been the secretary for the last three years and have done a reasonable job in producing the minutes for the Board and General meeting. I have fulfilled the requirements of the secretary and have only missed a few meetings. But even with missing the meeting I was able to produce the minutes with notes taken by others that attended the meetings.

Treasurer:

Debbie Raddatz Thompson: I would like to be put on the ballot for Treasurer of Clayfolk. I think one of my most important qualifications is my desire to see Clayfolk succeed and flourish as an organization. I've enjoyed being Treasurer and hope to continue. Thanks for your consideration. The practical qualifications are:

- I have been a current member of Clayfolk since 1995.
- I manage all financial aspects of our rentals: this includes all bookkeeping, entering all the data monthly into spreadsheets and Quicken for each rental, balancing accounts, paying bills, transfers between accounts, tracking expenses, yearly organization for taxes, selecting/interviewing potential tenants.
- I have been Show chair for 4 years, Sales chair 2 years, Transportation chair, Points Chair, I am currently Treasurer and Show sales chair.

President:

Michael McKinney: As president, I am passionate about supporting our Clayfolk guild of clay artists;

- Managing our growing organization,
 - *Clayfolk operations are about connectivity, access, and efficiency. The members in leadership positions work together to help us function smoothly. I see the President as lead facilitator.*
- The culture of learning and sharing with other artists
 - *Clayfolk believes in learning together through formal workshops, programs/activities at general meetings and other shared experiences. This continues to be relevant; a valued piece of our collective personality.*
- Our members and participating in Clayfolk
 - *Every Clayfolk member, new or returning has expectations for what membership means. When I joined, those expectations included: feeling welcome, invitations to participate in activities, being in the Show, and community. New members deserve a warm welcome. Continuing members deserve validation of their contributions over time.*

Vice President:

Bonnie Morgan: I have been a member of Clayfolk since it began some 44 years ago. I have had the privilege of helping Clayfolk grow and change over the years to meet the needs and interests of its members. During this time, I have held many jobs including Secretary, Newsletter, Library, Program, Scholarship, Show chair, Publicity, and Empty Bowls. With your vote I look forward to serving as Vice President. As we look to the future it seems important to make sure that Clayfolk continues to be a relevant and vital organization.

Month 2020	Meeting type	Meeting location	Host	Activity	Time
*January 16 (Thursday)	Board	Michael McKinney's (Grants Pass)	Michael McKinney	NA	6:00-7:30
*January 25 (Saturday)	Show Chairs	Umpqua Valley Arts Association (Roseburg)	Mickael Mann, Dan Minard	Committee Chair reports	1:15-2:15
*January 25 (Saturday)	General	Umpqua Valley Arts Association (Roseburg)	*TBA	Potluck & Gift Exchange	2:30-4:00
*March 19 (Thursday)	Board	Bill and Debbie Thompson's (Eagle Point)	*Bill and Debbie Thompson	NA	6:00-7:30
*March 29 (Sunday)	General	Bill and Debbie Thompson's (Eagle Point)	*Bill and Debbie Thompson	Pot Luck & Pit Fire	2:30-4:00ish
*June 11 (Thursday)	Board	Jim Nordal (Cave Junction)	*Jim Nordal	NA	6:00-7:30
*June 27 (Saturday)	General	Nancy Leever's (Medford)	*Nancy Leever	Program/Activity TBA	2:30-4:00
*August 13 (Thursday)	Board	TBA	*TBA	NA	6:00-7:30
*August 23 (Sunday)	General	Susan Casaleggio's (Jacksonville)	*Susan Casaleggio	Program/Activity TBA	2:30-4:00
*October 15 (Thursday)	Board	Pat Richey's (Merlin)	*Pat Richey	NA	6:00-7:30
*October 25 (Sunday)	Show Chairs	GP Museum of Art (Grants Pass)	Dan Minard, Mickael Mann	Show Chairs' reports	12:30-2:00
*October 25 (Sunday)	General	GP Museum of Art (Grants Pass)	*Carole Hayne	Booth Pick	2:30-4:00
November 20-22	Show and sale	Medford Armory		Show & Sale	

*This is a tentative meeting location/host.

Next meeting**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

Show Chair meeting 1:15 PM

General Meeting, Potluck, Gift Exchange and Raffle
2:30-4:00 PM**Umpqua Valley Arts Association**

1624 W Harvard Ave, Roseburg, OR

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