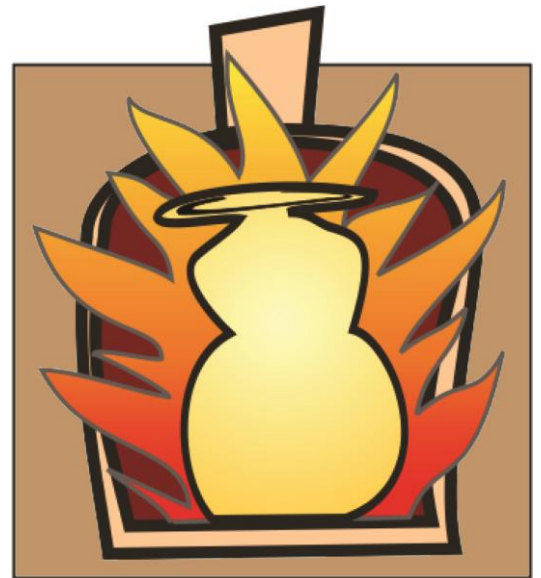




SOUTHERN OREGON POTTERS ASSOCIATION



CLAYFOLK
April 2020
Newsletter

As the Wheel Turns:

As the Wheel Turns: a new normal

The last two Aprils I shared memories of appreciation for being in Clayfolk. Now more than ever I recognize the power of our artists' community and am comforted by the support we give to each other. Okay, it's usually through a monitor or phone these days but things are just a little less bad when we share bits of hope, kind words and some great pictures!

Our communal well of inspiration and creativity that we share with each other is deeper than before. Membership is now over 160. With our member list growing, I encourage you to revisit your [member page](#). Does it make you smile still? Are the images

reflecting what you're doing lately? Perhaps this is a note to me to check in on what I did awhile back. Uh, it's been awhile 😊. The value in revisiting a member page is more than self-assessment. It's an opportunity to check in and answer the question, "How am I doing?"

More gratefulness and thanks to those brave members that attended our recent general meeting via Zoom. I applaud your efforts to try something new, regardless of the experience. The possibility of doing the same thing in June becomes more real every day. If it's dawning on you that this new normal is more likely to continue than a return to the old normal, you're not alone. Sure, our collective tribe of humans will eventually minimize this current

threat as we've historically done but there is danger ahead. If you don't know someone that's got the new flu, chances are you will. Stay safe. Make good choices. We're in this together.

Today is a good day to make something, anything.

Many thanks for making the world a little bit better through art.

Michael

Included with this issue:

- 2020 Membership Directory
- 2020 Show Application

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Melick workshops@clayfolk.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Clayfolk positions seeking good homes:

We're looking for some special Clayfolk members interested in supporting the organization, and oh yes, earning some serious points.

Clayfolk Secretary: An important member of the Clayfolk board. Earns 11 points per year.

Sales Chair trainee: current chair Debbie Thompson

- This is a Show specific position. Some prep work is involved but the position focuses on the Show and not year round; an opportunity for an out-of-town member

Demonstrations Chair trainee: Check with the Clayfolk Show Chairs about this position.

- Set-ups and takes down demonstration area; gets clay and potter's wheel for demos. Does a 1 ½ hr. demo, organizes other demonstrator. Check with the Clayfolk Show Chairs about this position.

For trainee positions please contact the current members with any questions. To apply, send a note of interest to president@clayfolk.org. Include your "why", relevant skills that will help you be successful in that position and any other helpful details.

Positions recently filled:

- Web Support Trainee: Pat Richey
- Workshops Co-chair: Peppi Melick

Complete job descriptions on the Clayfolk website at:
www.clayfolk.org/membership/position-descriptions/

Ellice T. Johnston Scholarship

Offering \$2000 to students
studying ceramic arts

Application deadline

May 15, 2020

www.clayfolk.org/membership/scholarships/



Show Chair REPORT

By: Mickael Mann and Dan Minard
showchair@clayfolk.org

Your Clayfolk Board is monitoring the current restrictions for coronavirus. At this point in time we will plan a 2020 Clayfolk Show & Sale in November. The Board will decide how and if those plans change.

The 2020 Clayfolk Show & Sale application is available on the Clayfolk website or use the handy link below.

[Go to the 2020 Clayfolk show application HERE](#)

Please read the application carefully before filling it out and signing it.

Please do not mail any applications before Tuesday, April 10th. They will not be valid without an April 10th or later postmark and they shall be returned to you. (This is to be fair to those who do not have online access to the application.) Please make sure to only use the 2020 Clayfolk Show & Sale Application. The application period is closed for postmarks after Monday, June 1, 2020. Late fees apply after that date.

Here are some things to remember in this year's application:

1. When two or more applicants have the exact same number of points, their position on the Participant List will be determined by the postmark. Late Applicants are placed at the bottom of the Show Participation list.
2. You must be a current member in good standing to be eligible for the Show.
3. We have 3 pop-up booths available, first come first served. Please send a separate \$25 check in with your booth fee if you are interested.
4. It is important to indicate on your application your first, second and third choices for booth size.



Cups by Russell Richmond

5. Updates on the application list will be posted on the Clayfolk website as soon as practical up to the week before the Show. You can also find out if we received your Show Application on the Clayfolk website, and the final list will appear after the application deadline has passed.

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a Clayfolk Committee Chair trainee. This year we need a Sales Chair trainee and a Demonstrations Chair trainee. Job descriptions are [online](#), or contact the [Show Chairs](#) if you do not have online access. Committee Chair work is a great way to earn points for future shows and to give back to our Clayfolk community.

Stay safe!

WORKSHOP REPORT

By Carole Hayne, workshop chair

Welcome Peppi Melick as the new Workshops Co-chair!

May 2021 Featured Artist:

Richard Roth

Richard Roth's workshop is canceled for this year but we have him scheduled for May 2021 so please stay tuned!



View Richard's work at
grandprairiedesigns.com/gallery/

September 2020 Featured Artist: Deborah Schwartzkopf

Deborah's class is still scheduled for September 26-27. If this changes the Workshop chairs will send out a notice.

In the meantime, please check out Deb's weekly Zoom classes. More video info at:

<https://ratcitystudios.com/online-workshops>



DATES: September 26 - 27

Venue, schedule and fee have yet to be decided.

View Deborah's work at

ratcitystudios.com/deborah-schwartzkopf/

Also canceled is the RCC student studio sale
scheduled for Saturday, May 2.

Clay Fest UPDATE

Applications for Clay Fest, still scheduled to be held October 9-11 in Eugene, are available at: <http://clayfest.org/ClayFest/cf2020app.pdf>

Should the show be cancelled, your show fees will be refunded. If you are not yet a member of Local Clay, you can get the membership form at <http://clayfest.org/LocalClay/Join.html> and send that in at the same time as you apply to the show. (Membership fees will not be refunded.)

Deadline for the application is May 8; applications postmarked after that date are considered after on-time applications have received booths. If you have questions, you may contact chairperson@clayfest.org

Karen Washburn, Clay Fest Chair





Josephine County Empty Bowls will take place in October

We are in need of bowls for the event from all of our members.

Clay is available if needed.

Arrangements to get clay can be made by emailing:

Bernie berlel@hotmail.com

Janice. tymtrvl@yahoo.com

UPCOMING Clayfolk Meetings – in person or via Zoom:

[Check](#) the Clayfolk calendar for updates.

Month	Meeting type	Meeting location
June 11 (Thursday)	Board	Jim Nordal (Cave Junction)
June 27 (Saturday)	General	Nancy Leever's (Medford)
August 13 (Thursday)	Board	TBA
August 23 (Sunday)	General	Susan Casalleggio's (Jacksonville)
October 15 (Thursday)	Board	Pat Richey's (Merlin)
October 25 (Sunday)	General and Booth Pick	Grants Pass Museum of Art
November 20-22	Show	Medford Armory

Stay home, stay safe.