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**Note from the President**

Hi Everyone:

Well again we had a wonderful meeting on Sunday the 19th of March. The turnout was huge and Richard Marshall was really a treasure. His presentation of his Woos was casual and informative. We also had a lot of new members who attended. Welcome to all of you who came and please keep coming back. The guild is happy to have you attending and hopes that you continue to give us your input. The food was also wonderful as always and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Our next meeting is in Waxhaw, NC at Bill and Holly Stewarts beautiful facility. They have a lovely gallery and studio where Bill will demonstrate throwing and Holly will inform us about the appropriate packing of our work for shipping. The meeting will be informative and as always fun and delicious. Waxhaw is not too far from Charlotte and is directly down Providence Road. Exact instructions will follow in this publication.

Linda and Jim Dalton have exchanged the work you have exhibited at the airport. Please pick up your pieces at Carolina Clay as soon as possible. We are still in need of several things from our membership. First the board will be changing over at the picnic in August and we are still in need of a Secretary and Web Master. Volunteers would be appreciated. We are also looking for suggestions for the workshop in 2007. Please send an email to Gary Lee and Greg Goodall. Greg is our new Program director for 2007. I also brought up the guild donating teapots and or small vases to the High Tea for hope benefiting The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for research as well as local women who do not have means to get appropriate diagnostic workups or medical treatment. These donations will be made in honor of the recovery of our very own Kim Lewis. Please contact me before May 1 so that I can get the donations to the Ballantyne Country Club where this event will take place. The people in charge of this event have assured me that our guild will get print in the program as well as your cards or brochures will be exhibited on a special table dedicated to the guilds support of this event. I will also go and make a statement to those in attendance. This is a wonderful way to let people know about us and do good at the same time. The teapots will be raffled off and the vases will also be a part of fund raising. Thanks in advance for all of your donations.

Gary Lee announced that the Barn Sale applications would be out in the next week or so. Corine also said the postcards and flyers would be at Carolina Clay soon. **(continued on next page)**



## Artist of the Month Bill Stewart

Bill Stewart has been a studio potter for 26 years. After moving to Charlotte from Lafayette, CA, he began attending UNC Charlotte. Taking a ceramics class as an elective proved to be a life changing event for Bill. He studied under Tom Mason, of Tyler, Texas and later Mary Law of Berkley, CA, receiving a Bachelor of Creative Arts degree in 1978. After building a house and studio in Lincoln County, NC with wife Holly, he established Stewart's Stoneware and Porcelain, selling locally and doing craft fairs. In 1986, the business was moved to an industrial warehouse space on Bland Street in downtown Charlotte and Bill and Holly moved their home to Weddington, NC. During this time the focus of the business changed from primarily retail craft fairs up and down the east coast, to an increased gallery representation, with over 100 different accounts across the US. The Buyers Market of American Crafts offered wide exposure and the business grew again. And so did the family, with the birth of daughters Meagan and Simone.

In 1992, Bill and Holly purchase property in downtown Waxhaw, NC and Bill built another studio. The existing 1890's house was converted to a gallery, which carries the work of over 250 American craftspeople, with an emphasis on pottery and jewelry. Having many years in the craft industry has helped Bill and Holly create a treasured spot in Waxhaw.

The world of fine crafts has allowed Bill to meet many wonderful people over the years, both fellow artists and customers. His work has made its way all over the globe to the far reaches of Japan and Australia. The opportunities that clay has yielded Bill have influenced his work and help make each day new and exciting.

### (Note from the President continued from front page)

Babs Goodall also brought a proposal to the membership which required our prompt attention to get our work into the 2007 NCECA. Slides of pouring vessels are needed and Babs would attempt to get this information and proposals to the appropriate channels before March 31, 2006.

The Board wanted to let the membership know that a decision was made to make this years dues valid until January. The renewal notices will be mailed out in November of 2006 with a January 15, 2007 deadline for renewing. A second reminder will be mailed out in December 2006. If renewals are not received by continuing members by January 15 then the members name will be dropped from the mailing list and all benefits of the guild membership will not be available to that member (including the barn sale, newsletter, workshops or gallery exhibit opportunities). Also this is the last year that the Board members will take on their responsibilities at the summer picnic. This new board will serve from August 2006 until the holiday party of 2008.

Hope to see all of you soon. Cindi Powell

**Newsletter Deadline.** The deadline for submission of information for the Newsletter has been changed to the 25th of the month previous to the next Newsletter. Example: Information for May will be due by April 25th. This is to ensure that the Newsletter will be out by the 10th of each month. Send all submissions to [claymattersnews@yahoo.com](mailto:claymattersnews@yahoo.com) or call Ron Philbeck at 704 480 6046.

### Turning on the Web Ron Philbeck

If you have a website that you would like reviewed or mentioned, e-mail me at [claymattersnews@yahoo.com](mailto:claymattersnews@yahoo.com)

I met Jerilyn Virden several years ago while I was attending Penland School of Crafts. At that time she was beginning her residency at the school. She is now working as a full time artist in Bakersville, NC. All of Jerilyn's functional and sculptural work is hand built using various methods of construction. She has shown at SOFA in New York and Chicago and she will be exhibiting this month at the Smithsonian Craft Show in Washington D.C.

Visit her website [www.jvirdenceramics.com](http://www.jvirdenceramics.com) Visit the Smithsonian Show site [www.smithsoniancraftshow.com](http://www.smithsoniancraftshow.com)



## Carolina Claymatters Guild Calendar 2006

Meetings are held at Carolina Clay Connection unless otherwise noted.

Potluck dinner follows. Bring a favorite dish

<b>April 23rd</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Meeting at Bill and Holly Stewart's Village Gallery in Waxhaw, NC.</b> See information box below for details and directions. Throwing demonstration and demo. on how to pack pottery for shipping.
<b>May 13th</b>		Claymatters Pottery Sale at McAlpine Barn
<b>May 21st</b>	<b>Noon– until</b>	Clay dig and potluck at Robert and Marti Hovis' home. Directions coming soon.
<b>June 25th</b>	<b>3pm</b>	Meeting featuring Julie Wiggins. Julie will be giving a Power Point presentation on her 3 month trip to China.
<b>July</b>		No Meeting in July
<b>Aug. 20th</b>		Lake Party at Janet Johnson's home. Directions and info. to be announced
<b>Sept. 17th</b>	<b>Noon– until</b>	Raku at Rising Sun Pottery. Potluck dinner.
<b>Oct. 14th</b>		Claymatters Pottery Sale at McAlpine Barn
<b>Oct. 22nd</b>	<b>3pm</b>	Meeting featuring Amy Sanders. Amy will be demonstrating sprig molds.
<b>Nov. 19th</b>	<b>3pm</b>	Meeting featuring Mary Mason. Mary will demonstrate how she makes her pots as well as a tool making demo.
<b>December</b>		No meeting in December
<b>January 20, 2007</b>		Holiday Party. Location and directions to be announced.

### April Guild Meeting Information

Bill and Holly Stewart will be hosting the April 23rd meeting at their gallery in Waxhaw. Holly will do a demo on boxing up pots to ship and Bill will demo throwing. The meeting starts at 3:00 and a potluck will follow so please bring a dish to share. This will be a great meeting; we hope to see you all there.

Stewart's Village Gallery

116 McDonald Street

Waxhaw, NC

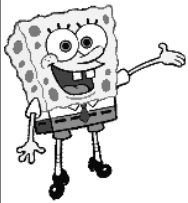
704-843-5638

Directions: Follow Hwy 16/ Providence Road into Waxhaw. Right before coming into the village of Waxhaw take a right onto McDonald Street (right after the brightly yellow colored gas station, just before the railroad tracks) and you're there at Stewart's Village Gallery. The Gallery is on the right and Bill's Studio is a block building on the right.



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### **Sponge Tips**

This sponge tip is from  
Marjorie Hawthorne.  
When preparing to sign your  
overdry pots by wetting them a  
little... Instead of dipping a  
sponge in water and squeezing it  
out and getting your hands wet, over and over as  
you sign pot after pot, try using a sponge on a  
stick or a foam paint brush. Your hands stay nice  
and dry that way.

Send your tips to Robert and Marti at 704 735  
5946 or hovisr@bellsouth.net You'll win a  
sponge if published!

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## **Of Interest/For Sale**

### **Corine Guseman and Hal Dedmond Spring Home Sale**

Saturday, April 22 10 AM - 4 PM

537 - 1 Belwood Lawndale Rd Lawndale, NC

704-538-1057 e-mail for directions: peacepots@mindspring.com

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### **VAN FOR SALE** Great for shows, it's a rolling storage building!

1994 Chevy G20 (3/4 ton), 5.0 L V8 ,basic white cargo van with towing package. Power Steering, ABS, AC, AM/FM Stereo It is nothing special, has a few rust spots and some visible wear inside and out; however, it is in good mechanical condition and has less than 49,000 miles. \$2400

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**For Sale:** Laguna Clay Co. Gerstley Borate - \$40 for 50 lb. bag (300# available)

30 ¾ inch silicon carbide shelves; all flat, slightly used - \$35 each or \$900 for all

Call Jody or e mail neverblue@tds.net 828 696-8121

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### **Kiln for Sale**

**Olympic 1827H**, with limit timer and kiln sitter. Cone 10, 4 cubic ft. Great hobby size. List price new \$1245. Well used, but in good condition, \$300. Lots of furniture to fit 18" kiln, \$75. Six large plate setters, 15", fit great in 18" kiln, sell new for \$24 each, asking \$100. Or buy the whole lot for \$450.

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