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Note from the Vice President

Hi Everyone:

We had a great meeting on Sunday the 23rd of April at the Stewart Village Gallery and Studio in Waxhaw. The turnout was really good and a perfect day for the gathering. Bill Stewart demonstrated his throwing techniques which to his chagrin were not those of most of us. He showed us how he did his pulls which brought the clay up like magic. He also taught us the secret German two finger pull for small cups and goblet parts...the Marguerite Wildenhain influence via Tom Mason! Then, Holly Stewart showed us how she packs the pots for shipping with a miniscule breakage rate. She left us with lots of tips gained from much experience packing for wholesale and individual customers. The gallery was beautiful and filled with lovely work by clay, jewelry, glass, metal sculpture and other artists in addition to Bill's work. The studio was great to explore: lots of space filled with racks upon racks of pots, car kiln and more. The food as usual was delicious and made even more enjoyable by the outdoor setting amidst sculptural works and chimes playing in the wind on such a perfect spring day.

The next meeting May 21st will be held at Robert and Marti Hovis's place in Iron Station near Lincolnton. We will dig clay and throw it on the spot. The clay can be fired to Cone 10 as is. It is a potluck. It is also recommended that you bring bug repellent. Please note that the start time has been changed to NOON for that meeting. It is a lot of fun and certainly gives one an appreciation for purchasing clay!

Just a few reminders:

1. We need Volunteers for three Board positions which begin at the Picnic in August 2006: Vice President, Secretary and Webmaster.
2. Please pick up your pots that were at the Airport prior to March at Carolina Clay Connection if you have not done so already.
3. Suze Lindsay has agreed to be our Workshop Presenter February 24 and 25, 2007. So mark your calendars. Price and location, etc. will be announced later on.
4. Contact Cindi Powell by May 1, 2006 if you would like to donate a teapot or small vases for the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation High Tea fundraiser held at the Ballantyne Country Club. The Guild will get print in the programs and you can display your business cards and brochures. The monies will help women in the Charlotte area who need diagnoses or treatment and cannot afford it. **(continued on page 2)**



Artist of the Month Robert Hovis

Robert has been a potter for nine years and enjoys digging and processing clay from the land where he lives in Lincoln County. He enjoys traditional methods of producing pottery with most of the pieces being functional. In 2004 he acquired a gas car kiln and mainly fires in reduction. He has attended pottery workshops by Pete Pinnell, Randy Johnston, Mark Peters, Gaye Smith, Ben Owen III, Michael Sherrill, Lana Wilson, Robin Hopper, Steven Hill and Xavier Gonzalez. His previous trips to China have given him a chance to appreciate works of art from another culture. Robert's pottery has found its way to China, Romania, Poland and England.

Despite his pleasure with pottery, he does not limit himself to one art medium. Commissioned pieces have been in stained glass, cabinetry and filigree carved eggs. Eight years ago he began filigree carving Ostrich, Emu, Rhea, Goose, Chicken, Bantam and Quail eggs. Special recognition was received in 2001 during the Easter season when his carved egg represented North Carolina at The White House. This filigree carved egg is now in a permanent display at the presidential library. In May of 2000 the Lincoln Arts Council presented "The Egg and I" art show displaying his eggs and pottery.

He is a lifelong resident of Lincoln County. He and his wife, Marti have two children and one grandson. Robert is employed by The Timken Company. Robert has served on the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Arts Council and was one of the founding directors of a North Carolina agricultural cooperative. He is a member of the Carolina ClayMatters Pottery Guild, Potters Council and a member of The International Egg Art Guild.

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5. The Barn Sale is May 13. Gary Lee has sent out applications to the membership. As of the April 23 meeting 31 spaces have been taken and only 1 space was left for inside of the Barn. Please remember that to participate you must have paid your dues (which were due September 2005 for renewing members.) Volunteers are needed for the raffle table to help increase our mailing list as to find out which form(s) of advertising work best for the Sale: direct mail, signs, ads in which newspaper, etc. Postcards and Flyers for the Barn Sale can be picked up at Carolina Clay Connection. Please help advertise with these cards and flyers to get the word out about the Sale and attract new customers.

We missed you Cindi Powell, and we eagerly anticipate your return to the May events! Look forward to seeing a lot of you at the Barn Sale and even more at the Hovis clay dig May 21st at NOON.

Babs Goodall

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

I first saw Kevin Crowe's work in the Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway back in the early 90's. I was immediately drawn to his forms and simple decorative lines. Kevin continues to produce beautiful and functional work at his pottery in Amherst, Va. Visit his site www.kevincrowepottery.com



Claymatters member Kim Frazier has recently given her website a makeover. Her new site is very interactive and well designed. The site features Kim's outstanding pots; it also includes a page about her farm, and more. It's one of the best sites I've seen. Visit www.frazierpottery.com to check it out.

Carolina Claymatters Guild Calendar 2006

Meetings are held at Carolina Clay Connection unless otherwise noted.

Potluck dinner follows. Bring a favorite dish

May 13th		Claymatters Pottery Sale at McAlpine Barn
May 21st	Noon– until	Clay dig and potluck at Robert and Marti Hovis' home. Directions below
June 25th	3pm	Meeting featuring Julie Wiggins. Julie will be giving a Power Point presentation on her 3 month trip to China.
July		No Meeting in July
Aug. 20th		Lake Party at Janet Johnson's home. Directions and info. to be announced
Sept. 17th	Noon– until	Raku at Rising Sun Pottery. Potluck dinner.
Oct. 14th		Claymatters Pottery Sale at McAlpine Barn
Oct. 22nd	3pm	Meeting featuring Amy Sanders. Amy will be demonstrating sprig molds.
Nov. 19th	3pm	Meeting featuring Mary Mason. Mary will demonstrate how she makes her pots as well as a tool making demo.
December		No meeting in December
January 20, 2007		Holiday Party. Location and directions to be announced.

Directions to Clay Dig Meeting at Robert and Marti Hovis'.

From from Charlotte:

Take I-85 to Exit 17 (US 321 North) and turn left at the traffic light onto Highway 321.

Continue on Hwy 321 and exit onto the Lincolnton/High Shoals exit (Exit #20) and turn right on old Hwy 321 go 0.3 miles. Turn left on Salem Church Road go 2.2 miles. Turn right on Keever Dairy Road – continue 1.3 miles. Arrive at 2793 Keever Dairy Road, Iron Station, NC

From the Lake Norman area:

Take Highway 73 or Highway 150 – both roads will merge with Highway 27 - turn right and follow Highway 27 (Lincolnton) Turn left on Salem Church Road – go 2.9 miles. Turn left on Keever Dairy Road – go 1.3 miles. Arrive at 2793 Keever Dairy Road, Iron Station, NC.

Need help? Call Robert & Marti Hovis – 704-735-5946.

Kent McLaughlin Workshop at Clayworks May 20, 2006 10:00am – 4:30pm Tuition \$50

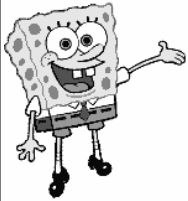
Kent works primarily in porcelain, making pots for daily living and experimenting with traditional Eastern glazes which include carbon-trap shinos and celadons. Kent will do a throwing demo that will include several forms that he makes, including a larger bowl, pitcher, platter and an oblong teapot. He will talk about handles, feet and rims. He will discuss using waste oil as an alternative fuel source for firing kilns.

To register contact: Adrienne Dellinger Executive Director Clayworks Studio and Gallery 301 East 9th Street Suite 150 Charlotte, NC 28202 704-344-0795 ADellinger@clayworksinc.org www.clayworksinc.org



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Sponge Tips

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

Of Interest

Studio rental space available with 24 hour access to wheels, slab roller, extruder, etc.
Call Vicki at 704-824-9928, Bluegill Pottery, for details.

Bluegill Pottery Studio Opening and Spring Sale. Vicki Gill, potter. May 20, 11 am to 4pm.
4522 W. Wilkinson Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28056 www.bluegillpottery.com 704-824-9928

For Sale:

Opulence reduction-look dry glaze, usually sells for \$3/lb.

#606 Smoky Mtn Mist (light blue gray) approx. 20# \$40. #605 Blue Monday (dark blue gray) approx. 25# \$45.

Laguna Glaze, 5# prepared in 3.5 gallon bucket, #MS125 Sunrise (pale yellow) \$9.

6 Axner large plate setters, 15" for 14" plates. Sell new for \$20 plus shipping. New condition \$90 for 6 .
30 Wood Goblet Stems. From Aftosa, extra nice. 15 stained dark, 15 light. All are finished and waxed.
Sell new for \$1.89 each, unfinished. \$45 for all. Can deliver to May meeting in Lincolnton.

Contact Kim Frazier 704-477-8406 kf@frazierpottery.com