



## Ventura County Potters' Guild



[venturapottersguild.org](http://venturapottersguild.org)

### Members' Meeting: January 27th, 2020

7:00pm.....Meeting room opens for Social Time  
7:15pm.....President's Report  
7:30pm .....Program: **Sculptured Porcelain and Slip Casting**  
with **Shelley Rogers Johnson and John Truer**

### For Your Calendar:

Jan 27.....Members Meeting; 7pm  
Feb 2nd.....Board Meeting  
Feb 24\* .....Members Meeting; 7pm  
Pre-Jury Workshop; 6:30pm  
March 1st.....Board Meeting  
March 23.....Members Meeting; 7pm  
April 5th.....Board Meeting  
April 27\* .....Members Meeting; 7pm  
Jury Workshop; 6:30pm  
May 3rd.....Board Meeting  
May 18 (3rd Mon.)...Members Meeting; 7pm  
June 13, 14 .....Ojai Ceramics Sale  
Sep 13th.....Board Meeting  
Sept 28\* .....Members Meeting; 7pm  
Pre-Jury Workshop; 6:30pm  
Oct 4th.....Board Meeting  
Oct 26.....Members Meeting; 7pm  
Nov 1st.....Board Meeting  
Nov 23\* .....Members Meeting; 7pm

Jury Workshop; 6:30pm

Dec .....**Holiday Party**

**Meeting Location:** Ventura Adult Center; 550 North Ventura Avenue., Ventura, Ca 93001

- **Presidents message**

As the new Guild President I want to thank **Genie Thomsen** for being the beacon that kept us focused during the last 4 years as we moved from a context of chaos and uncertainty to one of stability and trust. Our current Board of Directors is a strong group that plays well together while challenging each other to increase our effectiveness. We have improved and stabilized our systems, processes, and reporting. The gallery is doing better than ever. The Ojai show is successful and strong. Our marketing group is exposing us to new people and bringing new customers to our events. We have built a really strong foundation from which we can continue to expand.

On January 4th, 20 members of the Guild met to envision our next 4 years. The need for this was proposed by **Brenda Burgess** early last year and the board agreed. This visioning event was a very powerful day. We wrote a new mission statement, core values statement, and four primary foci for 2020. The details of this will be shared at our Members' Meeting on the 27th and emailed to the whole membership after that date. As you read through and digest what your Guild is up to this year, I hope that you'll feel an urge to come and play with us as we create a larger sandbox for us ceramists. If so, please contact me to share how you're called to contribute.

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- **Program**



Sculptured porcelain requires a multi step/multi skill process to bring an idea into fruition. Shelley Rogers Johnson and John Truer will take you through this process both with slides and demonstration. Shelley will discuss sculpture principles and sequence. John will describe his process in mold making for porcelain slip casting. Both will inform the audience in ceramic principals of assembly hand building, firing, glazing and over glazing. John and Shelley have been collaborating since 2013.



Shelley has been studying porcelain art since 2003 and works to realize the full potential of the hand, eye and heart through the creation of beautiful objects. Recently she's been teaching at the California Sculptors Symposium and also serves on its Board.

Shelley has an art studio called Handworks that is located in Ventura. Services are available to the public .

The community is welcome to all VCPG talks/demonstrations

## • 2019 Election of Officers

The election of our five Board officers at the November 25th members' meeting was unsuccessful because we did not have a quorum attending the meeting - with 159 members 40 are necessary. Because the terms of the President, Secretary, Director of Show/Sales, Director of Programs and Director of Communication expired on 12/31/19, the Board of Directors appointed the members to the positions listed below:

President - **Wyn Matthews**

Secretary - **Stacey Rowe**

Shows/Sales - **Diane Hedding**

Programs - **Cecile Faulconer**

Communications - **Ruty Levy**

Due to Vera Maguire's recent resignation, **Genie Thomsen** was appointed as our new Director of Workshops.

### • **2020 and Beyond Workshop**

On January 4th, twenty members of the Guild gathered at the Senior Center in Ventura to make plans for the Guild's future. Our goal: To create a VCPG mission statement, identify our core values and write no more than four 4-year goals.

The Board and VCPG members will accomplish this by completing the activities in an open and collaborative manner. Accomplishing this goal will benefit VCPG by providing us with clarification of our mission, values and set goals for the future.

It was an interesting and challenging day and with the help of member John Grisafe, our facilitator, we were able to stay on task, concentrate our efforts and were able to leave one hour early satisfied with our efforts.

The "deliverables" were presented to the Board at our 1/12/20 Board meeting and approved. Wyn and I will be presenting our mission statement, core values and four 4-year goals to you at the members' meeting on the 27th. You will receive a copy of our work in advance of

the meeting. Our hope is that you are able to review the goals and see if there are any that peak your interest - we will need help from our members to realize these goals.

Any questions, please contact me at 805-612-1607 or [bburgessinventura@gmail.com](mailto:bburgessinventura@gmail.com)

• **Two day workshop with Julia Feld • 4/25-26 • Ventura**



Julia Feld is coming in April for a fabulous two day hands-on workshop on underglaze decoration. Whether you are a hand builder, a wheel thrower or somewhere in between, this workshop will show you how to enhance your work with a painterly surface treatment that mimics watercolor.

Julia will show you how to use Velvet Underglazes, underglaze pencils and chinks to create multi layered imagery.

First you will practice on a bisque tile then work on one of your own bisqued pieces.

So save the date: April 25-26. Time: 10am - 4pm. Location: Ventura Avenue Center where we hold our monthly meetings. Applications will come in the February newsletter.

• **The VCPG Annual Ceramic Sale in Ojai**

Ojai Sale will take place on Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th of this year. Each participant must be an active member of the guild for the previous 6 months and have had examples of their work accepted by the VCPG jury.

Our next pre-jury is February 24th with the final jury on April 27th. Membership, Jury Registration can be found on the VCPG website.

Please contact Show Coordinator, Diane Hedding if you have questions regarding this event at [d\\_hedding@yahoo.com](mailto:d_hedding@yahoo.com).

- **Clay Studio is opening in Goleta**

Clay Studio is a community art center committed to fostering the creative process in a welcoming and supportive environment. Our goal is to enrich lives by teaching and promoting the ceramic arts.

Clay Studio will be having a drop-in open house on Saturday, January 18th. Please join us between 1 and 7pm to check out the studio, meet the staff, and to learn about courses, memberships, workshops and more. All are welcome!

This event is FREE and open to the public. Please feel free to help us spread the word by sharing the link below with your colleagues, friends, family, students, etc.

To receive updates on our studio and class schedules, please sign up for our newsletter on our website.

Event page (please note - registration is not required but will help Clay Studio better plan for the event).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clay-studio-drop-in-open-house-registration-87065578489?aff=affiliate1>



- **For Free**

Former VCPG member David Skinner, Buellton, CA, would like to give away his electric Cress kiln model #LT-4K. He hasn't used it in 12 years and can't vouch for whether it still runs. Free for whoever picks it up. Call him at 805-680-9423 or 805-680-4469.

## • 2020 VCPG Membership

Your VCPG membership lapsed on 12/31/19 and although many of you have already paid your dues for 2020, many have not. I have included a copy of the membership form in this newsletter and please forward your dues to me at the address included in the form. If I have not received your dues by 02/29/19 (ie., two month grace period) you will not have any of the benefits of being a member and if you rejoin later you will need to re-jury to sell or show with the Guild. I look forward to hearing from you.

## • VCPG Board of Directors:

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