



Ventura County Potters' Guild



November 2020 Newsletter

venturapottersguild.org

• For Your Calendar

Nov 23.....**Members Meeting; 7pm.**

See below; voting and a Studio tour

We really need to get a quorum to vote on the new Bylaws!

All members who are in attendance for the vote will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Dec 14 @ 6:30.....**Zoom Holiday Party**

Jan 7; 3-5.....Board Meeting

Members are welcome to join our Zoom meeting

Jan 27.....**Members Meeting; 7pm**

Feb 4.....Board Meeting

Feb 24*.....**Members Meeting; 7pm**

Pre-Jury Workshop; 6:30pm

March 4.....Board Meeting

March 23.....**Members Meeting; 7pm**

April 1.....Board Meeting

April 27*.....**Members Meeting; 7pm**

May.....Board Meeting

May 18 (3rd Mon.)...**Members Meeting; 7pm**

JuneOjai Ceramics Sale?

July

August

Sep.....Board Meeting
Sept.....**Members Meeting; 7pm**
Oct.....Board Meeting
Oct.....**Members Meeting; 7pm**

• **Presidents message**

Dear fellow potters,

After an extremely hot summer we've already had a few mornings with frost here in Ojai. Having a studio that's mostly outdoors the rhythms of work are changing. I've discovered a new porcelain that I love. The feel of the clay has a uniquely powerful presence... I started experimenting with a form that's been on my someday list for over a decade.

The Residencies with Kahrin and Elena are growing wonderfully. They they both doing some very interesting work and it's a delight to have there energy in the studio.

As for the Potter's Guild...

WE NEED YOUR HELP

It's our annual meeting time. This year, at the Member's Meeting on November 23rd, there are 2 items to be voted on. 1) Changes in the By Laws, and 2) the Election of Vice President and Treasurer.

OUR BY LAWS REQUIRE A QUORUM OF 40 MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT. Our normal meeting has 25-30 members. If we don't have a quorum, we can't move forward with our most important By Law change — allowing and using online voting. Attached you'll find both a copy of the proposed By Laws and a summary of the changes.

The election this year is for Treasurer and Vice President. Bill Evans is running for Vice President. No one is running for Treasurer.

If you have a basic understanding of Bookkeeping — at the level of Quicken for your personal use — and a familiarity with basic Excel functionality, you have the skills to be the Guild's Treasurer.

We are a small organization with very few monthly expenses that need to be tracked. Most bills are paid via the bank's Bill Pay. A monthly report is prepared for the monthly Board Meeting.

If you have those skills and an interest in exploring contributing to the Guild in this way please contact me. We can talk about it in more detail.

Happy Potting. And, see you on Zoom at the monthly Members Meeting

Wyn Matthews, VCPG President

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• Members Meeting online, Monday, November 23rd @7pm

Your Guild needs you To Attend and Vote!

On Monday, November 23rd the VCPG will be asking its membership to approve new Bylaws. **It is mandatory that we have a quorum of our membership in attendance to vote on the new Bylaws.** We need at least 41 members to be present when the Bylaws are discussed and the vote taken. We plan to review and approve the Bylaws at the beginning of the meeting, so if you can only attend the meeting for the first 20 minutes or so (from 7:00pm to 7:20ish), we'll take it. And since 'tis the season for giving, all members who are in attendance for the vote will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Now who doesn't want an extra \$25 dollars to spend on

Amazon these days? And if you don't use Amazon, we could be convinced to make it a Starbucks card.

A copy of the revised Bylaws and a summary of changes are attached. But we will also be holding a regular business meeting on the 23rd, and we hope you will stay for that as well. The agenda includes: Discussion of the Bylaws and changes; Board officer positions up for election (Vice-President and Treasurer - we're still recruiting for Treasurer - let Brenda Burgess or Wyn Matthews know if you are interested); Board updates: information on Board meetings and updates on current marketing efforts, the online store and a fabulous Holiday Zoom Party; and a preview of VCPG 2021 and Beyond - a look back at how we've done on the priorities we established for 2020 and a look forward to priorities for 2021. And last but certainly not least, we'll continue our series of studio tours with a look around Brenda Burgess' home studio.

Social time starts at 6:30pm and the meeting and discussion of the Bylaws starts at 7:00pm sharp. Here is the link to the meeting:

Topic: VCPG November Member's Meeting

Time: Nov 23, 2020 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81873979122?pwd=Y0ZZL2haNGl5UDQrekw1bWxQRHd3dz09>

Meeting ID: 818 7397 9122

Passcode: 582362

One tap mobile

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+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

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Passcode: 582362

Tis the Season for Giving

FREE GIFT with \$25 purchase at The Ventura Pottery Gallery

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• Ventura Pottery Online

All juried members can post items for sale on the new website: venturapotteryonline.com. There are over 100 pieces now available for sale - just in time for the holidays. Why not submit your own work? And, we've recently added e-Gift Cards exclusively for the online store. If you're interested, submit your Item Submission form(s) and photos to Stacy Rowe at ventura.potteryonline@gmail.com.

You can also reach out to Stacy if you have any questions about the Online Store.

Resources, guidelines and forms for the Online Store are available on the VCPG website at: <http://venturapottersguild.org/vcpgarchives/>. You will need to sign-in with your username and password to access the documents.

• Save the Date;

• VCPG Holiday Zoom Get Together

• Monday, December 14th at 6:30pm!

We're pivoting our December Member's Meeting into a Zoom party! We'll start with a social time and then we'll have a Show and Tell when

members can show a piece they've made that they are particularly excited about - it can be holiday-themed or not. You can either show the piece live during the Zoom meeting or show photos via Screen Sharing. If Screen Sharing seems scary, you can send photos of your piece to Stacy at venturapotteryonline.com and she'll handle all that technical stuff during the party. You might also want to brush up on your pottery/VCPG trivia, because there may be a fun competition! Plus they'll be a surprise announcement of future fun activities. Check your inbox for more reminders and the link to the party in December!

- **Welcome New Members**

Ian Bermann

Evelyn Chezum

Amanda Mason

Xananda Wollard

Dan Cooper

Lou Ann Smith

- **2021 VCPG Membership Will expire on 12/31/20**

Please use 2021 membership form included

- **Sponsor a Member**

Last year I had two members approach me asking to sponsor a member who could not afford their membership. They sent me a check and I notified the artist that they now were a member - those calls were really fun. This year, I have easily been able to identify four artists that need help this year - it has been a tough year. If you are able to help these artists let me know but there is one caveat - it is all anonymous. They don't know who helped them out and you don't know

who you helped. If you know of an artist that needs help this year, let me know and I will put them on my list.

Brenda

bburgessinventura@gmail.com

• **Volunteers!!**

I am looking for a couple of volunteers for a project to help me gather information for the Outreach program. I would like to reach out to all of the clay schools and studios in Ventura County so that we can contact them about VCPG, understand their services and establish a contact person. An example of a clay school/studio would be The Ojai Clay School, VITA or someone that teaches through their private studio. This would involve internet searches and personal knowledge followed by telephone calls and recording your results. Anyone game?

Brenda Burgess

805-290-4741

Workshops to consider:

• **Mixing Slips 101**

[-What- Virtual Workshop: Mixing Slip 101](#)

Virtual Workshop via Zoom Live and Recorded

November 13, Friday, 7 PM (CT) {approximately 2 hours long}

This workshop will focus on the basics of mixing a recipe from dry materials to make a white slip and colored slips. A list of supplies and tools will accompany the workshop

Dry materials and the purpose of each in the recipe.

Slip recipes tested at cone 04 and cone 5/6, though the techniques and skills are applicable for all temperature ranges.

Discussions on color theory, developing a color palette, and color additives for testing {mason stains vs. oxides} will also be covered during the workshop.

In addition to mixing a white slip base recipe, you will receive 5 color recipes to build upon and try out in your own work.

- **Ceramic Congress 2020 Korea**

NOV 27-29, 2020

<https://ceramic.school/the-ceramics-congress/>

- **Neshkinukat "We are all Related"**

At Greenly Art Space, 2698 Junipero Ave, #113, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

Open by appointment: 562-533-4020

On-line www.GreenlyArtSpace.org

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- **Free • Canopy and Books**

Canopy: 10' x10' with 4 sides. Good condition.

Books: Online Merchant Internet 101, Selling art on eBay, and
Art Marketing 101, Handbook for the Fine Artist

Contact Marilee Stockman at 949 689 8982

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- **Do you know of a kiln repair man?**

Please contact **Sonja Gary** at sonjakgary@yahoo.com

- **Start up Studio is looking to buy;**

Opening a community based studio and in search for —wheels, slab roller, extruder, etc.

Contact **Veronica Medina** at 646.709.7861 or

veronicamedinaclayworks.com

- **A bluebird clay mixer/recycle for sale**

Can mix up to 150 lbs. in 6 minutes. bucket will roll downward and dump clay. \$2000.

Please contact Victor Mccaslin (805) 402-8560

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- **Skutt 1227 kiln km for sale**

Everything electrical in it is new.

Interior brick is used but in good shape.

28"x28"x27" • cone 8 • \$2250.

58 amps, 240 volt. single phase

805.402.8560

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- **Bartlett Pyrometer**

Used for measuring temperature in kilns. \$40.00

Contact 818.613.7256

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- **Your Guild needs help!**

We will help you to help us;

**Show & Sales Chairperson, Program Chairperson, Librarian
Coordinator**

- **VCPG Website;**

<http://venturapottersguild.org>

- **Check our YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2lzebZHcq-j01UucykUVpg>

• **VCPG Board of Directors:**

President: **Wyn Matthews** wyn@wynmatthew.com 805.207.3122

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Librarian: **Would you like to volunteer?**

Our Mission Statement:

The Ventura County Potters' Guild is a nonprofit organization committed to stimulating public interest in ceramic arts by providing networking, education and sales opportunities in an inclusive environment for all levels and interests.