Cowichan Clay Guild –March 23rd 2026 – minutes.

Attendance: Michelle Ainsworth, Duane Weaver, Angela Straub, Laura Gosnell, Wendy Butchart, Linda Helms, Cathy Lombard, Ellen Jewett, Jen Rose, Alecyn Lea, Jeannie Vasilakos, Annette MacGregor, Karen Dance, Franziska Ebbesen-Ditter, Jasmine Oberste, Alma Oberste, Jacinda Hames, Kylee Taylor, Kat Hammick, Sarah Ritchie, Cat Jefferson.

Meeting called to order: 6:40 PM

1.) **Minutes from February 23rd 2026 to be reviewed and approved.** Jasmine motioned to approve the minutes from February 23rd 2026. 2nd by Kat Hammick.

Committee Updates:

1.) **Membership and Treasury:** Currently have 45 members with the guild 2 honorary members (after tonight 3)

Cowichan Clay Guild Month End to February 2026:

Revenue: membership fees $2250.00

Expenses:	Bank Charge	$6.25
	Clay	$166.70
	Registration	$384.00
	Room Rental	$368.00
	Square Fees	$66.00
	Website	$488.45
	Total:	$1479.40
	On Deposit	$770.60

1.) April 2026 is our Annual General Meeting

2.) Membership Renewal will be May 2026

3.) Website – need more members on our directory. Please send to Laura at laura@tremblingaspenpottery.ca

- **1 portrait photo**
- **4 photos of your work (professional)**
- **A short Bio**
- **Links to website and/or social media if appropriate**

Jasmine will create a google form to make it easier to upload.

4.) Gas Kiln Update – Cathi Jefferson: Progressing. Metal Partial Wall, Metal Siding, insulation, rack wall. Ribs in on Sunday. Jeannie and David donating wood for framing. Goal to be done by May. Email Cathi to be put on the list to help. Gas fitter still needs to do a fire test, but the work needs to be complete before that could take place.

How is the community kiln going to work? Sign up and pay online to buy space in the kiln for a firing. Cone 10 is needed. When you buy space in the kiln – the glazes are provided, plus you are buying space and fuel for firing.

The kiln is attached to the Clay Hub – but we can add a link to the guild website. Average # of pieces – a milk carton space – measured cubic inches.

5.)Education: MISSA Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts

Will be back at Pearson International College in Metchosin on July 18th to 31st – roughly 35 classes will run for the two weeks 2 day classes on the 2 weekend and 5 day classes on the week days – there are two classes which run 7 days. Accommodations and meals are available. It is a fabulous experience where you can meet like minded people.

Laura: Throwing Big, Casserole and Luminary class at the Clay Hub.

Silk screening April 18th At Laura's studio – trembling aspen studio.

6.) <u>Social Media:</u> Send any media to Alecyn. Tag the Cowichan clay guild as a collaborator, shows involved in, something cool you made.

7.) <u>Atmospheric Firing Show</u> – Linda Helms. Last year was the second show, but the first as a guild show. Takes place November 16th to December 11th 4 weeks. 10 potters have committed to next years show – able to have 16 people. Kat is willing to do a spring and fall sawdust/smoke firing.

$1800.00 for space rental for the four weeks – based on 12 it is 150.00 per person. Think Gallery for your pieces 8" medium to large pieces, make sets of smaller pieces, have lots of wall space to use. There may be costs beyond the $150 for advertising and food. Mug wall at this years show – must donate 2 small pieces for the wall to be sold as a fundraiser for the guild, anyone can donate to the wall – do not need to be in the show to donate and any type of firing is welcome. 20% to gallery and 80% to guild.

8<u>.) May Sale 2027</u> Alecyn and Megan. Have list of spaces to consider

***Birds Eye Cove**

***Keating farm**

***Providence Farm**

***Cowichan Exibition Grounds**

***Centennial Hall**

***Somenos Community Hall**

***The Hub @ Cowichan Station**

***Cowichan performing Arts Centre**

*** Cherry Point Estate Wines**

***Blue Grouse Estate Wines**

***Oak and Vine Estate Wines.**

Keating farms is really into promoting Eco Tourism – the venue would also help get the word out for the sale.

Cowichan Green Space – bigger building to be completed by October may be good for sale

9.) <u>Fundraising</u> : Cowichan green space would be good to collaborate with for fundraiser. Hungry bowls.

Comox does the Yana fundraiser every year where the bowls are donated and Chili is served the profits are split.

Cobble Hill winery – Kat meeting with the owner in April to discuss wine glass/tasting with Guild and Winery.

10.) Clay Symposium was on the weekend – it was a great day. Demonstrations done by Vin Arora, Lael Chmelyk, Jai Sallay- Carrington, and Grace Han. Lots of vendors with pottery tools.

11.) Scam Alert – Clay Hub instructors. Wanted a piece of pottery made – simple pot 8" wanted 7 of them. Cathy wanted 50% down for commission pieces and they wanted to send a driver to deliver – each interaction had a different name – appeared to be targeting clay hub teachers.

Laura had an open house and someone tried to get booth fees for her open house at her house.

<u>Teabreak: 7:35 PM</u>

<u>Sarah Ritchie</u> talking about her journey and work in clay (8:40 PM)