

Cowichan Clay Guild – February 23rd 2026 –Minutes.

Attendance: Michelle Ainsworth, Wendy Butchart, Christine Carter, Rosemary Danaher, Cat Jefferson, Cathy Lombard, Valerie Massy, Alecyn Lea, Pat Howe, Kerrie Miller, Meira Mathison, Jeannie Vasilakos, Laura Gosnell, Caroline Griesse, Jasmine Oberste, Alma Oberste, Kylee Taylor.

Meeting called to order: 6:37 PM

- 1.) Minutes from January 2026 to be reviewed and approved.** Cathy Lombard motioned to approve the minutes for January 26th 2026. Wendy Butchart 2nd.

Committee Updates:

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

Cowichan Clay Guild Month End to January 2026:

Revenue – Membership fees \$2,250.00 (45 paid members)

Expenses:

Bank Charge	\$5.00
Clay	\$166.70
Registration	\$384.00
Room Rental	\$275.00
Square fees	\$66.00
Website	\$488.45
 Total expenses	 \$1385.15
On deposit	\$864.85
 Total:	 \$2250.00

2.) Website Directory: For members that would like to be listed on the directory, please send the following:

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

Action Item: Send the above info to laura@tremblingaspennpottery.ca

Website also has links to the minutes from previous meetings and the link to our WhatsApp group.

3.) New Guild WhatsApp Forum: Highlights threads – open for members only.

A number of threads – ride share – tech help – share pots – shows.

4.) “Art of Fire” Gallery Show: Linda – recap next month

Booked at CVAC – November 16th to Dec 11th (maybe the 16th
–confirm at March meeting)

Question would electric saggar be ok to put in the show?

5.) Gas Kiln Update: Cathi Jefferson – work party happened a week ago Friday

Door frame, hooked up gas –start test needs to be done. Partition wall, spray insulation and shelving still needed

Jeannie Vasilakos – has wood that could be donated for shelving – along with David who could build the shelves (Jeannie’s Partner)

Kiln is 40’ cubic feet Cone 10 glaze will be provided in the cost of firing.

Cone 10 clay needed to use kiln.

6.) Education: Classes: Alecyn – Clay Hub – Teen throwing, Kids Hand building, Foundations 1 and 2

Laura – Clay Hub –Mastering Multiples, Throw big or go home, and Intro to Casseroles

Laura – Trembling Aspen Pottery Studio – glaze workshop this week.

Jasmine looking into renting Soda Kiln @Shadbolt for maybe a guild field trip

MISSA is back this year at Pearson College, and Conner Burns will be returning. There are various clay classes offered over two weeks July 18th to 31st

Meeting demonstration, presentation ideas: Head shots, Larry Agular, Holly Mckeen – crystalline glazes, Bring in Clay to make pots for raku fundraiser.

7.) Social Media: (Alecyn)

*Updates – classes, sales, workshops, headshots, Clay Hub workshop photos – posts can be tagged to the guild when You post on social media.

Any photos of pots taken from last month's guild meeting can be forwarded to Alecyn

LOGO: still brainstorming. Any ideas can be posted to WhatsApp for members to see.

8.) Fundraising/Grants:

Guild sale committee brainstorm update (Alecyn and Megan)
Megan- likely a spring sale, indoor – Mother's Day sale – venue option maybe Oak and Vine Estates – sale aim to happen 2027.

Raku fundraiser – need someone to spear head this for the Easter Raku at the Hub April 2nd. People can buy then glaze and have their pieces fired at the event. – Make pieces at meeting for Raku fundraiser.

15th, North Cowichan deadline October 15th. CRVD opens December 1st and closes January 1st. BC lottery grant – must have applied and received a smaller grant 1st before able to apply.

Long term goal: need a project to apply for grant. Some grants you can apply at one year, others after 24 months – the guild is coming up to one year.

Canadian Clay Symposium – Saturday March 21st, Shadbolt Center

- Offsite keynote on Friday, March 20th, 7 PM at Emily Carr University, Reliance Theatre. 520 1st Ave, East Vancouver: Jesse Birch (Nanaimo)
- Mug donations for fundraiser to studio 102
- Calls for artists Sur la Table, BC potter's guild members show
- Donate mug for fundraiser at Symposium.

Show Calls:

- Art Pod in Metchosin call for "Fire: Destructive-Regenerative-Sacred" deadline March 6th
<https://apfire.artcall.org> (juried)
- Clay Symposium hosting the BC potter's guild "Sur la Table". Submissions to be made by March 15th (non-juried, but need to be a member of the BC Potter's Guild)
<https://form.jotform.com/223507391050044>
- Cowichan Valley Fine Arts Show. Registration opens February 13th and closes April 20th (or until capacity is reached) Show dates May 4th to 30th
gallery@cowichanvalleyartscouncil.ca Entry fee \$35.00. Must be a CVAC member in good standing, all work must be for sale. CVAC commission is 25%
- Clay and Photography, Ladysmith BC
Temperance Hotel, 32 High Street.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- March 23rd 2026
- April 27th AGM
- May 25th
- June 22nd potluck

- (no meetings July and August)

Tea Break – meeting adjourned at 7:30PM - Part 2 Artist talk – Meira Mathison.