Cowichan Clay Guild Meeting: April 28th 2025 @6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

the Hub at Cowichan Station,: 2375 Koksilah Rd, Duncan, BC V9L 6M5

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*Guild meetings will be held the 4th Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM @ The Clay Hub – Heritage Room. Space costs $50.00 per month.

*Guild has registered as a non-profit "Cowichan Clay Guild". A bank account will be set up next at Island Savings. Then we can collect membership fees

*Potluck at Laura's Sunday June 1st at 5 PM at Trembling Aspen Studio, 2884 Laurel Street, Chemainus BC.

*Our next Guild meet will be on May 26th where Peter Flanagan is going to do a presentation on Gas Kiln and his work. Peter donated his Gas Kiln to the Clay Hub and it is in the process of being set up there and becoming a Community gas kiln – Thank you Peter.

*Community Gas Kiln is a Bailey Car Kiln 60 cubic feet, plus metal sheds 11x12 ft (these sheds cost $8000.00) They will be insulated likely with spray foam. The plan in the future is to add a Salt/Soda kiln to this space.

Cathi Jefferson is in need of volunteers to help with the community gas kiln. If you are able to help please email Cathi@cathijefferson.com

*Gallery Show – last year, Art of Fire was held at the CVAC Annex, 2687 James Street, Duncan, BC. There were 13 individuals in the sale. This year the thought is making it a Guild Sale for guild members. The CVAC is booked for next year November 17th to December 6th 2025. Cost would be divided amongst participants (Rental of space $1200, website 250+, and a few other costs)

*Alecyn is looking after social media for the guild – need two more volunteers

*Creating a website for the guild. Would like the square to be connected to the website to take online payments. Laura will look into various platforms for the website.

*Education Committee – Cathi Jefferson and Heather Vale

*Grants Cathy Lombard and Laura – the guild needs two years of financials to be eligible to apply. Maybe Fundraiser with a bowl and Chili. Pat will check about being a non-profit society and fundraising – Provincial.

*Jasmine would like to see visiting artists at Berkley connect with us as well if possible and the interest.

*June meeting, please bring a piece you made for show and tell.

TEA BREAK

After the break we went around the room to talk about things we do and would like to see with the guild.

Community – a place to share information, problem solve, camaraderie with fellow potters.

Workshops and Learning: Hand building, sculpture, functional - both hand and throwing, atmospheric firings, glaze chemistry, mold and slip casting, decorating, silk screening

Louise mentioned she makes spiritual rattles and would be interested in an experimental workshop for us to learn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Attendance:

Michelle Ainsworth	
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