



March 2023 Potluck Newsletter

Our next NH Potters Guild meeting is scheduled for March 12.

This is our public meeting. The election of new officers (Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary) for the coming 2 years is postponed until our June Meeting!

It will be held at Kimball Jenkins, 266 N Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

The Kiln Committee will meet at 12:30 -2:00

The Board will meet from 1:00-2:00

The Public General Meeting will meet at 2:00

Potluck will follow the General Meeting

Chairman's Message

The only constant in life is change, sometimes good, sometimes not so good. I am embarking on a good change as I step down as Chair of the Potters Guild.

My wife, Mim, and I have been spending quite a bit of time away at our grandson's. I am not participating in the League of NH Craftsman's Fair with a booth. This is freeing me up to be the grandpa and pursue other interests.

I am hoping to be a help with kiln shed building and building the kiln.

But it's not all about me. This opens the door for someone new who is committed to the advancement of the guild community to be the all-inclusive dynamic vital organization.

As things change, friendships and growth will continue. I'll be around and look forward to seeing you at the March meeting or at the kiln.

Love, Andy

Community News

2023 Have forgotten your membership Dues, here is the form to do it! [Here](#)

Reminder- you must be a current member to participate in the wood kiln!

Members:

If you have signed up for a Professional Profiles Page on our website, please take the next step to get you there. [Professional Profiles setup](#)

NHPG Community Wood Kiln

From the Kiln Committee

Pouring the foundation for the new kiln. September 2022

In January, the kiln committee met before the general meeting at League headquarters in Concord. After the reports of several sub-committees and some discussion, the decision was made to build the kiln shed addition and woodshed in 2023 and the new kiln in 2024. Fundraising will continue in 2023 to raise the full amount needed.



Peeling hemlocks May 2022

Kiln shed extension and wood sheds.

We plan to start this project in April of 2023 weather permitting. The groundwork, sono-tubes and cement pads are in place. Some site work remains for the positioning of the woodshed or sheds. We also have the hemlock poles ready to go.

We are looking for a leader, or leaders for this project. We have the plans and measurements for the new trusses based on the existing kiln shed built in 2008. The leader should have building and construction experience and will work with someone to purchase the materials. Please contact Barbara Sorce @ 603-568-4731 with any questions or ideas.

Retaining wall and stairs

An additional project has been created to finish the work and kiln loading area around the kiln, including a retaining wall and stairs for safe entry on the North side of the kiln building. This is envisioned as bricked or stone flooring. If anyone is interested in helping with this project or has access to products please let us know.

Anagama kiln construction will begin in the summer of 2024 and will be lead by Eric Maglio and Belinda Bodnar. We are in the preliminary phase for this project with drawings of the new kiln and a materials list. We also have many donated used bricks on site, collected for the project. The cost for this project will be in excess of \$20,000.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to help with the build please contact [Barbara Sorce](#). To volunteer for fundraising or other work, please contact [Lydia Grey](#). We are also looking for a volunteer to manage a photo library to record NHPG activities and use for social media and fundraising.



2023 firings

We will continue to fire the old kiln in 2023, with two open firings and 2 professional or closed firings scheduled so far. We have simplified the signup process so that it can be completed in one step. Open firings will be May 26-28 and June 23-25. The link to sign ups is posted on the guild website [here](#).

[New England Wood-fire Conference](#)

NHPG is participating in the first ever NEWFC! We are the only kiln from New Hampshire and the only community kiln to participate. Whether you wood-fire or not, this is an opportunity to visit wood-fire kilns and meet potters from New England and beyond. June 21-29 is the firing week. During the June 23-25 open firing, we will host guests from the conference. Visit Trevor Youngberg's Kiln Yard in Connecticut during this week where Wendy Jackson will be firing the Guppie Gama! June 30 to July 1, the

conference centers in Connecticut at and around Trevor Youngberg's Kiln Yard with activities including guest speakers, kiln and gallery openings, guest speakers and more. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up for the conference.

Fund Raising Committee for the community wood kiln.

February 2022 meeting Minutes

[NHPG Meeting Minutes for 1.22.23](#)

Social Media and Website

Website:

Pam Nowell has started the new professional Page on our website. [Professional Profile Page](#). Make sure you are a member so you can participate in this exciting development. If you have already paid your dues and signed up for a free page be sure to take the next step by sending Pam your information. Here is what she needs to help you get on our website. [Professional Profiles setup](#)

We now have a Google for nonprofits account which will streamline our media presence and help coordinate our email addresses for better communication.

Next will be our members only page. Stay tuned!

Social Media:

Rebecca Hillman, Pam Nowell and Tammy Ackerman have been busy this month streamlining our social media. It sure does take a village!

We would love to have. All members be able to post! We can help. Email your questions to [Rebecca Hillman our Social Media Coordinator](#).

Facebook:

You can post your photos and events by “liking” our Facebook, [NH Potters Guild Facebook Page](#)

Instagram for our wood kiln lovers,

we have an Instagram page just for our wood kiln: [NHPGKiln](#)

Instagram:

Our site is in the midst of a review. It will be changing to be connected to our FB page and hopefully get an update so that more of our membership can post directly to it!

Please be patient while we maneuver and streamline these separate parts to our social media format. It is currently in review by Pamela, Rebecca, Tammy and Lydia..

https://www.instagram.com/new_hampshire_potters_guild

For Sale:

Bob Roy is closing his studio in Goffstown.

These items are for sale.

He can be reached on his home phone:

603-497-2821

Raku

\$50: 6 glaze buckets

\$50: 3, 3-foot tongs

Ransom gas burner with pilot. \$250.

\$150: 2 triple Bean scales

2 electric kilns

KM 1027-3

One with a kiln sitter, \$900

One with a computer, \$1,200

Kiln elements have changed out, 5-6 years ago.

2 cabinets, counter height

One three feet, \$50

One 7 feet, \$100

Damp box: \$50

Many books

Opportunities



Check out the Sharing Arts Ceramics Center in Dublin NH for classes, workshops and membership opportunities. Spring and Summer offerings will be coming soon. This is part of the MAXT Makerspace in Peterborough, NH. <https://www.maxtmakerspace.org/ceramics>



Important exhibit at MFA Boston March 4 —July 9, 2023. <https://www.mfa.org/exhibition/hear-me-now-the-black-potters-of-old-edgefield-south-carolina>

Mud City Clay

Classes are back!

Check out their website for more information!

[classes link](#)

Center For the Arts

<https://centerfortheartsnh.org/visual-artists>

NH State Council on the Arts

<https://www.nh.gov/nharts/newsandcalendar/e-news/e-opps.htm#Awards>



WATERSHED
center for the ceramic arts

Check out current opportunities at Watershed!

<https://www.watershedceramics.org/>

The Clay Studio

<https://www.theclaystudio.org/exhibition-call-for-entries>

Rudy Houk Scholarship Fund

Application Form For more information please visit the website at [Rudy Houk Scholarship](#)

To fill out the application download [application form](#)

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Kiln Shed Addition *Design, sourcing materials, budget, organizing work crews.*

Don Woods

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Patsy Belt

Selinda Chiquione

Kiln Building Workshop *Design, sourcing materials, budget, site preparation, instruction*

Eric Maglio

Belinda Bodnar

Barbara Sorce

Patsy Belt

Lil Bailey

Kiln Building Workshop - PR and Registration *Getting the word out, signing up participants (registration, collecting \$, lodging info, mid-day meal)*

Lydia Grey

Linda Fletcher

Wendy Jackson

Joanie Curry

2023 Firings, including NW Wood Firing Conference firing.

Frank McGinn

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Fundraising

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