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# Clay Comments

by  
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## NEWS

Hi to everyone.

As the new publisher of the RPC Clay Comments newsletter, I am hoping that I will be able to keep everyone up to date in the world of RPC. I encourage everyone, to submit items of interest that can be published in the newsletter. It may take a couple of issues for me to get up to speed, so please be patient with me.

In future issues I will be attempting to insert pictures into the newsletter, to show anyone not associated with the RPC, what we do, and what is for sale. I would like to have the newsletter posted on the web site in the near future, so that anyone can see what we are doing, and what sales and events will be happening.

I will be sending this to everyone by e-mail as a PDF document. It makes it easy to read, and doesn't take up too much room in an e-mail. I recommend that in order to read the newsletter, that people download Adobe reader. It is free and any PDF document opens automatically when clicked on.

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## EVENTS

### RICHMOND POTTERS' CLUB CHRISTMAS SALE

The Richmond Potters' Club 2010 Christmas Sale will be held on the weekend of November 26, 2010

The sale will have works from about 20 potters who work in many styles. You will find functional work such as casseroles, mugs, serving plates and vases as well as wonderfully decorative work. There is ovenware and table ware. Our potters produce hand built pieces and work made on the wheel. We have clay pieces fired in wood kilns, sawdust kilns, gas kilns and electric kilns. Pots will be available in price ranges to suit your wallet. In short there is something for everyone.

The sale is in the Lecture hall at the Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate.

**Hours: Friday, November 26th, 2:30 ? 9pm**

**Saturday, November 27th, 10 am- 4pm**

**Sunday, November 28th, 10 am ? 3:30pm**

# Christmas Party

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Dec 2nd. This is a pot luck dinner. Everyone brings a casserole or a salad or a dessert, etc to share for dinner. As well as your food you might want to bring wine. Do bring a plate, cutlery and serving pieces, mug and/or wine glass.

We also have a gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift , value about \$10, preferably pottery or something handmade. The gift exchange is done as a Secret Santa game so don't put your name on the gift. This is always a fun evening and the food is great!

## Membership

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Welcome our new Members *Bee , Zorica , Jean , and Irina .*

Remember to renew your membership. Membership fees were due in September. There are new people on the desk at the Cultural Centre, that will only let you have the key to the room if you have your membership card. The newsletter will continue to be sent through November at which point, they will not be sent to any member that has not paid their fees.

## Workshops

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Shirley and Jenny are still looking for more suggestions for future workshops.

Our October 21st meeting was inspired by Lin, Shirley and David. They shared their techniques in various aspects of making their pots. Lin described how she wire cuts and stretches clay to fit in a bowl form and then how to attach a driftwood handle. Shirley also used wire cut and stretched slabs to form pots. She went through the whole process of making a vase and described her method of joining slabs with "magic water" (  $\frac{3}{4}$  tbsp sodium silicate,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tbsp soda ash, 4 1/2 c water) which is used instead of slip or water. She also showed how she uses a positive cut on one side and the negative cut on the other side of the pot. David threw a tall pot giving details of his method while throwing. He also demonstrated pulling a handle and he attached a handle he had formed and let set up before the meeting. We all learned a lot.

## Refreshments

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for the Nov. 18th meeting will be provided by: Mary, Laura, and Shirley .

## Items of Interest

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### CHEMICALS FOR SALE

There are a number of chemicals which are not being used in our glaze recipes and David would like to have the room that they are taking in the cupboards. He has a list of the not needed chemicals and a suggested price list. Contact David for the list and prices.

### CERAMICS MONTHLYS FOR SALE

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## NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Seann Sheriland has taken over formatting the Newsletter from David Lui. Seann will also look after the Website. Lin asks that information for the Newsletter be given to her in writing at each meeting. If you want published who is going to give a workshop, who is on for housekeeping duty, who will be bringing refreshments it would make it much easier for the Newsletter writer if the information is written down.

Note from Seann.....HELP..... in whichever way you can. Suggestions of what you would like to read in the newsletter will be taken into consideration.

## Next Club Meeting

November 18, 2010

7 pm



## Studio Hours

Thursday-Friday 9 am-9:15pm

Sundays 10:30 am-4:45pm