

Boulder Potters' Guild

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The Boulder Potters' Guild is a non-profit organization which was begun to further the appreciation of the art and craft of ceramics among the community and its members.

The Guild facility provides community work space for members and students. The Guild's studio provides wheels, a slab roller, a clay extruder, work tables, and a spray booth as well as clay and glaze mixing facilities. In the kiln yard are three high fire kilns, a raku kiln, a salt kiln and two electric kilns. A limited number of small studio spaces are available for rent to members.

Membership fees are \$40 per month. There is also an entrance fee that is payable over 6 months time. All firings and material costs are extra. New members are expected to be able to work independently and are probationary for 6 months. Twice yearly the members have a sale of their work with a portion of the proceeds going to the Guild's capital fund. Members are expected to help with this event and to participate if possible.

Guild memberships are limited in number. Currently, there is a wait list to be interviewed. If you are interested in membership, please fill out an application and send it to the Membership Chair to be put in the cue. The waiting list is not a first come, first serve basis to entry.

Members will be chosen by a jury of Guild members using criteria deemed beneficial to the sustenance of the Guild. Boulder Potters' Guild members must be willing to commit time and energy to the running of the Guild as well as toward its goals. A membership acceptance requires a dedication to artistry in clay work and proficiency with the medium. Experience in using kilns and mixing glazes is expected. A community spirit and dedication to the Guild are of utmost importance.

In addition to membership positions the Guild also provides for 7 additional apprenticeships. Apprentice members serve as bisquer, clay maker, cleaner, maintenance person and as class sitters. These positions require a minimum commitment of one year. In return for work, membership fees and dues are waived. An apprentice has all the rights and responsibilities of membership except for a vote. Apprenticeship seekers, like those seeking regular membership, must have a membership application on file with the Guild. If you are interested in an apprentice position, please indicate this on your membership application. Acceptance for regular membership by apprentices is not automatic, nor scheduled within any time frame

APPRENTICE MEMBERS BOULDER POTTERS' GUILD

The guild gives seven people the privilege of using the facilities of the Guild in exchange for work done for the Guild.

BISQUER- who loads and fires bisques for the classes, responsible to the Second Vice- President (kiln director).

CLEANER- who cleans the facilities weekly and before scheduled workshops, responsible to the Third Vice-President (maintenance chairperson).

CLAYMAKER- who mixes clay for all classes and workshops as needed and who is paid for mixing clay for guild members, responsible to the First Vice President (purchasing chairperson)

3 STUDIO ASSISTANTS- who are available for class practice sessions and firings, to supervise and assist students. They will make glazes, slips and washes as required by the teachers, responsible to the class chairperson.

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT- who will maintain equipment at the guild, doing minor repairs and routine maintenance and who will arrange with the Third Vice-President for major repairs, responsible to the Third Vice-President (maintenance chairperson).

Apprentice members pay no membership fee and no dues for the duration of their apprenticeship. They do pay for shelf rental, clay, glazes, and firings as do all members. They have no vote at guild meetings. They must meet the eligibility requirements for Guild membership and have an application on file. Acceptance of an apprentice position is expected to be a minimum of a one year commitment. After a year, his or her application for regular (probationary) membership may be considered along with all other applications when openings occur, unless the apprentice wishes otherwise. If openings do not occur at the end of a year's time the apprentice should continue to function in then-assumed role until there is such an opening. However, acceptance for regular (probationary) membership is not automatic, nor scheduled with any time frame. When an apprentice becomes a probationary member, the current membership fee and dues become applicable and are to be paid on a monthly basis.

An apprentice member may continue his or her position for up to three years, as long as his or her performance is good, and he or she wishes to stay. Apprentices may be dismissed for non performance, noncompliance with rules, non payment of bills or for long absences. If for some reason an apprentice is unable to carry out the work in any particular position, he or she may be considered for a different apprentice position when available or released with the possibility of keeping an application on file for regular or apprentice membership.

If an apprentice is ill or cannot work for a short period of time, he or she should make arrangements with another apprentice or guild member to cover the work for that time. The appropriate officer should be advised of the arrangements.

BOULDER POTTERS GUILD Membership Application

Date _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone _____

Email address: _____

How long have you worked in ceramics? How did you get started in clay?

Formal Class Training:

Location

Date

Teachers

Have you done your own: Throwing? _____ Firing _____

Electric Firing? _____ Gas Firing? _____ Glaze Mixing _____ Other _____

Rate yourself as a potter: advanced _____ intermediate _____ beginner _____

Comments: _____

Do you have access to other studio space? _____

Are you interested in renting a private studio at the guild? _____

Are you interested in an apprentice membership? _____

Which apprentice position(s) would interest you most? _____

Describe your ceramic work. _____

Why do you want to join the Guild? _____

Which Guild facilities do you plan to use?

Have you entered any ceramics shows or exhibitions? Where and when?

Awards for special recognition?

List three references familiar with your work/training in ceramics:

Name:	Address:	Phone:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Applicant signature _____

Please return form to the Membership Chairman: Mydra Miller
1051 Gapter Rd
Boulder, CO 80303
mydramiller@yahoo.com

BPG VOLUNTEER TIME AND TALENT CHECK LIST

The Guild needs volunteer time from each member to operate. Willingness for involvement is one of the criteria that will be considered for prospective membership.

Please check as many as possible of the following ways you will be able to volunteer your time, talent and equipment to help with specific Guild needs.

OFFICE:

- Typing
- Library _
- Phone Calling
- Mailings
- Bookkeeping

SPECIAL TALENTS:

- Photography
- Work with children
- Writing skills (grants, press releases, letters)
- Organizing skills
- Purchasing skills
- Computer skills
- Teaching skills
- Assisting a class
- Making posters or signs

TECHNICAL HELP:

- Glaze

EQUIPMENT:

I own and might be willing to use for the guild.

- Truck
- Video Camera
- Other

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assist with workshop
- Hospitality for special events
- Willing to "class sit" _
- Help organize special shows

PHYSICAL PLANT:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Kiln Work
- Carpentry
- Painting
- Landscaping
- Yard
- Maintenance
- Kiln Yard
- Cleaning (we all help)

Please circle those areas of Board or Committee responsibility which you would be willing to do at times:

BPG BOARD

President
Secretary
Membership

VP
Maintena
nce VP
Purchasi

ng VP
Kilns

Workshops
Treasurer

Classes
Publicity

HEAD OF COMMITTEES

_Special shows or events

_Newsletter

_Fall or Spring Sale Chair

