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Playing with clay

Students get their hands dirty with the North Peace Potters' Guild

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NORTH PEACE POTTERS' GUILD

It has been a busy and successful year for the North Peace Potters' Guild, with many students taking part in classes at the ArtsPost. Many students go on to join the guild, allowing them access to the studio to work on their craft.

New classes will begin at the ArtsPost January 2010. A brochure and registration forms will be available on Nov. 26 at the ArtsPost. If you wish to receive the electronic brochure, please send your email address to Heather Hannaford at scarab@xplornet.com. With the ever growing interest in our pottery classes, registration will be on a first come basis. You may book your space with a \$25 non refundable deposit at the ArtsPost.

Recently, guild members participated in the Christmas Craft Fair at Dr. Kearney School. This opportunity allowed new potters to test their work in the market place. Exhibited pots were created by potters with two to three year's experience and was a successful event.

The North Peace Potters' Guild is a non-profit society that offers education and working space in the community. Space is sublet from the Fort St. John Community Arts Council in the ArtsPost building at 10320 - 94th Avenue. The building rents at commercial rates so fund raising is an ongoing commitment. If you or your business can help the guild we would love to hear from you.

The guild primarily orders their supplies, such as clay, from a company in Edmonton, AB, and occasionally



Photo by Heather Hannaford

Debbie Paulson works on a large pot at the beginner hand-building class at the Guild.

Surrey, B.C. In order to reduce the costs associated with freight, we frequently rely on volunteers in the community who have been most generous in combining a personal or business trip with a pick up run for us.

The guild is seeking a sponsor for two large tents for the annual Chili Bowl Bash held at the end of June. This very successful fund-raiser for the Potters' Guild would benefit from extra space at the studio for the this event.

The Guild regularly contributes to

fund raising events in the community and is an active member of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council. Don't miss out on the Arts Council's upcoming Festival of Trees Gala Dinner and Auction on Dec. 3 at the Quality Inn Northern Grand. The Potters' Guild has created a one of a kind, hand crafted vase which will be available for auction at this event. Tickets may be purchased for \$60 at the North Peace Cultural Centre. All proceeds of this event supports the Fort St. John Community Arts Council.



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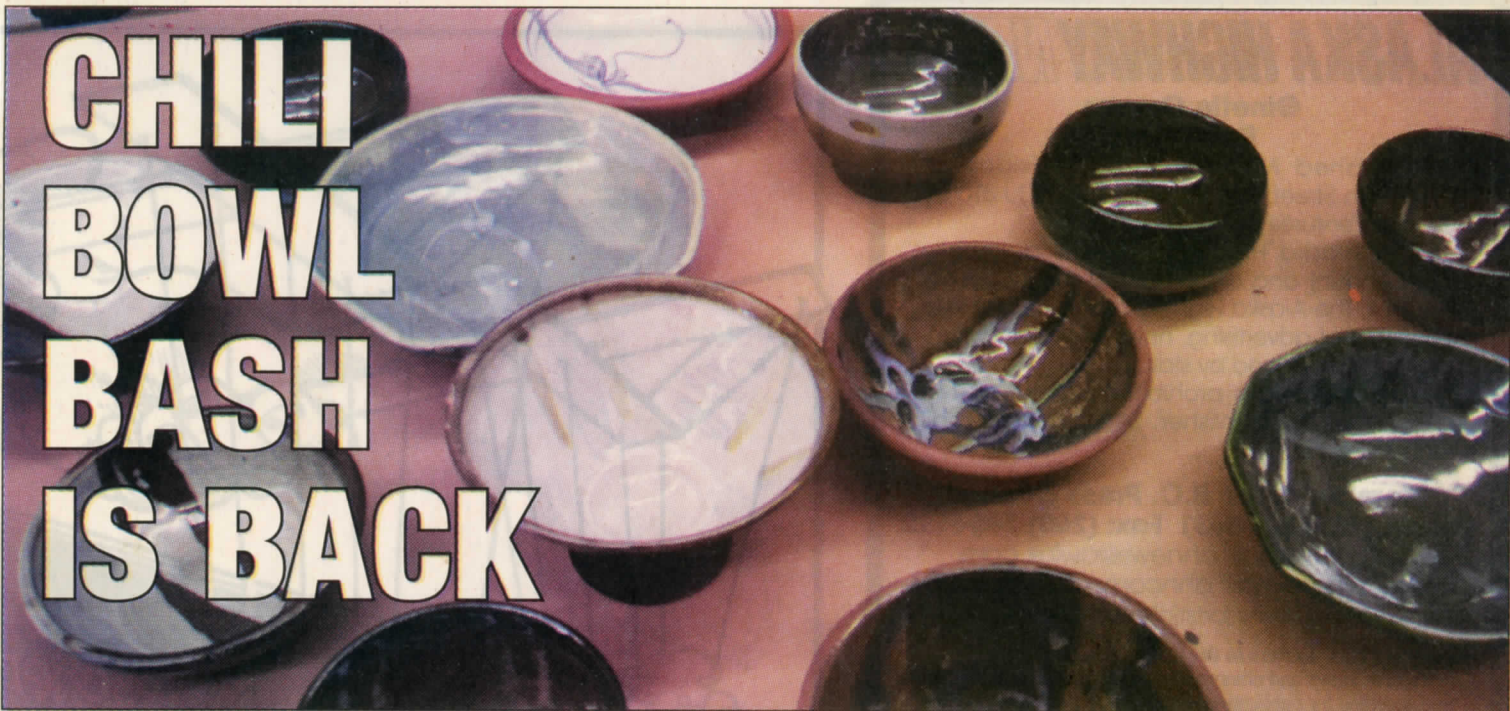
Heather Hannaford shows Michelle Frazer how to make the sides of her bowl stay upright during the beginners hand-building pottery class at the North Peace Potters' Guild studio Tuesday night. Students are learning the fundamentals of hand-built pottery and have made tiles, mugs and bowls so far.

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CHILI BOWL BASH IS BACK



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Some left over bowls from last year's Chili Bowl Bash held by the North Peace Potter's Guild. The event will take place on June 19.

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ALASKA HIGHWAY NEWS

Art lovers are invited to choose one of 100 bowls to keep and scarf down some chili at the second annual Chili Bowl Bash held by the North Peace Potter's Guild.

Director of the Guild board and coordinator of this year's event, Wendy Schmidt said planning had been on everybody's minds since last year's event and believes this year will be well received.

"It's a good deal and it's a good time and we get to fundraise for a little bit for the potters guild and the various expenses we have here to run the studio," said Schmidt.

The event will be held at the North Peace Potter's Guild Studio, which can fit 100 people. So far half the tickets have been sold and organizers are hoping for a full house.

Schmidt said there's about 10 makers of the 100 bowls, and they differ from people like herself, who have two years experience, to experienced and well known potters like Heather Hannaford, Louise Framst and Shannon Butler.

"You show up and pick the bowl you like, which is a very tough thing to do to be honest. There's some pretty nice ones, then you come and grab the bowl that you like and start tasting," said Schmidt.

Sample cups will be provided so people can figure out just what chili they wish to fill up their new bowl with.

The Guild provides the ingredients for the chili, and so far five community chefs provided their recipes, and have committed



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Coordinator of the chili bowl, Wendy Schmidt holds two of the bowls she's made and has yet to paint for this year's second annual event.

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