



Eva Gallagher's "Nuclear, eh!" is just one of the highlights of "Deep in Clay," the Deep River Potters Guild show now on at the Deep River Library.

Photo: Terry Myers

REVIEW

# Old and Hot: "Deep in Clay" show

BY ARGUS

This year, spring has been slow in arriving and flowers are late in blooming.

Fortunately, local artists have brightened the Deep River landscape.

In the first weekend of the month, we enjoyed the action-packed play "The Three Musketeers," superbly produced by the Deep River Players.

Last weekend we were entertained by music concerts performed by the Deep River Choral Group and the Deep River Community Band.

In addition to enjoying performances by our talented thespians and musicians, this month we are also afforded the opportunity to appreciate the creativity of artists who bring clay to life in their work, now on display at the "Deep in Clay" show and sale in the Deep

River Library program room.

This year, the Deep River Potter's Guild is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee.

To mark the anniversary, the Deep River Library Arts Committee is presenting "Deep in Clay," the Deep River Potters Guild 60th anniversary show and sale, in the program room of the Deep River Library.

The show opened on May 5 and continues during library hours until May 17.

Visitors who attended the opening reception were treated to a performance on ceramic drums made by local potters. The drums used in the ceremony form part of the exhibit.

The Deep River area seems to have a rich history in pottery – a 2,500-year-old pot discovered by local amateur archaeologist Barry Mitchell is on display in the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa.

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

10 am - 12 pm, Renfrew County Paramedic Service free walk-in "Wellness Clinic," Stonecliffe township hall & North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre, Deep River

10 am - 5 pm & 7-9 pm, "Deep in Clay," Deep River Potters Guild 60th anniversary show & sale, sponsored by the Deep River Library Arts Committee, DR Library program room (show continues during library hours until May 17)

10 am - 4 pm, Canadian Clock Museum fall-winter hours (Tuesday to Saturday), 60 James St., Deep River \*

12-1 pm, Final Soup & Sandwich Luncheon, St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River

12:30 pm, Weekly Progressive Euchre, play starting at 1 pm, Chalk River Legion \*

6:30 pm, Deep River Ballet Club annual Spring Gala recital, Childs Auditorium, Mackenzie CS

7:30 pm, GriefShare program meets (weekly to June 25), St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River (for information, call 584-3667 or 584-3618)

### THURSDAY, MAY 15

6:30 pm, Lions bingo, Chalk River Lions Hall \*

7 pm, Summer Social Bridge, Deep River Lawn Bowling Club \*

7 pm, Al-Anon meeting, everyone welcome, Laurentian Hills municipal hall, Point Alexander \*

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

10-11:20 am, Coffee morning, everyone welcome, Deep River Community Church \*

8 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Laurentian Hills municipal hall, Point Alexander \*

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

11 am - 1 pm, Relay for Life BBQ, all proceeds to Canadian Cancer Society, Rexall Pharma Plus, Champlain St, Deep River

5 pm, BBQ Supper, Deep River Legion

7 pm, Saturday night Fun Darts, Deep River Legion \*

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

### MONDAY, MAY 19

10 am - 1 pm, Deep River and Area Food Bank open (except holidays), at the Deep River and District Hospital (for more information, phone 584-2484) \*

1 pm, Golden Oldies Euchre Club, CR Legion \*

7:30-10 pm, Country Line Dancing, Bear's Den, Hwy 17 Deep River (for information, call 589-2644 or 589-2146) \*

8 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Laurentian Hills municipal hall, Point Alexander \*

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

10 am, Story Time with Miss Helen, Deep River Library \*

12:30 pm, Deep River & Area 49ers euchre, Deep River Legion \*

7:15 pm, Duplicate Bridge Club, Faith Lutheran Church, DR \*

7:30 pm, Christian meditation, everyone welcome, 1 Hammond Ct, Deep River (for information, call 584-9192) \*

7:30 pm, Family Enrichment Network-Early Years annual general meeting, FEN Deep River, Mackenzie Community School

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## “Deep in Clay”

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The Deep River Potters Guild is the oldest continuously operating potters guild in Canada, according to Eva Gallagher, a long-time member of the Guild.

Over the 60 years of the Guild's existence, more than 1,000 members have participated and produced close to 100,000 pots and pottery items.

The curators of the “Deep in Clay” show have taken pains to present a comprehensive and fascinating overview of the creations of talented potters who have transformed clay into objects of striking beauty and practical daily use.

The show features the creations of members of the Deep River Potters Guild, past and present, and of potters from neighbouring communities including Eganville, Haliburton, North Bay and Wilno.

The show also includes the works of some of the deceased Guild members, including Joe Carr, Hank Clayton, Jean Simpson and Paddy Chapman.

The Deep River Potters Guild has been active in collaborating with potters from neighbouring communities.

It helped in starting a potters guild in North Bay and the works of two potters from that guild are on display at the show.

Last year, several members of the Deep River Potters Guild participated in a mentorship program for area potters under Dan Hill of Wilno, who produces soda-fired pottery.

Works by participants in the program are on display at the show.

Also last year, the Guild was visited by a New Zealand potter who

gave a workshop on making “garden pottery.”

Some of the creations by potters who attended the workshop are displayed in a back corner of the program room.

Last winter, the Guild also hosted a workshop by Foymount area potter, Tim Story, who is well known for his teapots – many in the shape of steamships.

The charming flotilla of teapots made by Guild members at the workshop is displayed at the show.

At present, the Guild has over 40 members, whose creations are well represented at the show.

Although we won't mention names, all the works are well worth visiting and some of the potters will be familiar to local residents, as their works are also on display and available for sale at the Valley Artisans Co-op on Highway 17.

Pottery making is both an art and a science. A member of the Guild is generally present at the show to answer technical questions about the different objects displayed, such as the firing techniques and glazing materials used to produce the pottery pieces.

We would be remiss if we failed to mention the art piece called “Nuclear, eh!” by Eva Gallagher – which documents some of AECL's abandoned ventures.

This piece, which will be of interest to anyone interested in Canada's nuclear history, is displayed on a table in another back corner of the program room.

Many of the other pottery pieces tell different and equally interesting stories.

“Deep in Clay” is one of the most impressive shows we have seen at the Deep River Library in recent years and we thank the Library Arts Committee and the Deep River Potters Guild for organizing it.

We strongly urge our readers to catch the show before it closes on May 17.



Jeff Olfert received an assist from Jeanie Johnston in sorting through some of the items he brought to the Baggs Road landfill site for disposal May 3. Johnston is a member of the North Renfrew Site Liaison Committee at the landfill, which was hosting the annual Household Hazardous Waste and Waste Electronics Day.

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