

ACT ART GALLERY SHOWCASES LOCAL CERAMICS IN *TRANSFORMATION* – FRASER VALLEY POTTERS GUILD

Exhibition is the Fourth of Five Planned for the 2022/23 Season of Visual Arts

MAPLE RIDGE, March 2, 2023 – On Saturday, March 4 from 2pm-4 pm, The ACT Art Gallery will open *Transformation*, a juried exhibition of ceramics created by members of the Fraser Valley Potters Guild.

Each year, the FVPG presents a juried exhibition to showcase a strong collection of their members' recent works. *Transformation* takes inspiration from the miraculous process and specialized skill that transforms clay to object. While potters today have access to new technologies that assist their craft, the basis for their creativity is rooted in the ancient inherent potential of clay.

The works in *Transformation* include both functional and decorative works, showcasing the diversity of techniques and individual character of each of the 34 artists. Many of the works will be available for purchase, and the exhibition will feature a 'mug wall' of unique coffee mugs or tea bowls from each artist.

The timing of this exhibition coincides with the Canadian Clay Symposium at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby, BC, which takes place on March 25, 2023.

"I'm excited to have the Fraser Valley Potters Guild return to The ACT Art Gallery. As the ACT's own ceramic studio is flourishing, I know the Maple Ridge arts community will enjoy seeing diverse work created by Lower Mainland potters" says Courtney Miller, Curator and Gallery Manager.

The Fraser Valley Potters Guild is a non-profit association with close to 100 members, residing between Yarrow and Richmond. Formed in 1975 by alumni of the Ceramics Department of Douglas College (Surrey Campus), it is now an Association connected to the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Ceramics Department.

The Opening Reception on March 4 is a free event open to the public, and the exhibition will run through April 29, 2023. The ACT Art Gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am-4pm and on selected evenings.

About The ACT Art Gallery and ACT Arts Centre

The ACT Arts Centre, opened in 2003, is operated by the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council, and provides excellence in Arts Learning Programs, Gallery Exhibitions and Performing Arts Presentations. The centre is home to many cultural and community events, reaching over 70,000 patrons annually.

A dedicated Community Gallery space inside The ACT Art Centre; The ACT Art Gallery fulfills its mission to broaden and enrich the public's appreciation and understanding of the visual arts by presenting engaging and diverse displays of artwork by local, regional, and national artists, and accompanying talks, workshops, and other presentations. The adjacent Gallery Shop offers a diverse selection of art and handmade goods including ceramics, jewelry candles, artwork, art cards, glassware, and home goods, supporting local artists and artisans.

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We acknowledge that we are fortunate to be able to work, create, learn, and connect on the traditional unceded territories of the Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

Please visit us at <https://theactmapleridge.org/transformation> .

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Exhibition Dates: Saturday, March 4 – Saturday, April 29, 2023
Opening Reception: Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 2-4pm (FREE)
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10am-4pm and selected evenings
Location: The ACT Art Gallery (at The ACT Arts Centre)
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