

FUSION: The Ontario Clay and Glass Association is very excited to be partnering our 2018 Conference with two special anniversaries: the 25th Anniversary of The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery; and the 50th Anniversary of The Waterloo Potters' Workshop. Together, this partnership forms a series of exciting events in celebration of clay and glass.

The 2018 FUSION Conference on the campus of Wilfred Laurier University, will feature two stellar presenters: Peter Powning, from the hills of southern New Brunswick; and Samantha Dickie, from Victoria, British Columbia. This is sure to be an exciting weekend with two artists who work in very different ways.

Join us for the 2018 FUSION Conference, June 22-24, in Waterloo, Ontario featuring:

Friday Afternoon

- Garth Clark: seminar on marketing and promotions

Friday Evening

- Opening reception of *Breakthrough: An Exhibition of FUSION Emerging Artists*
 - *Then, Now, and Next*: a Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery exhibition

Saturday - Sunday

- Two days of demonstrations and seminars by Peter Powning and Samantha Dickie

Peter Powning is one of Canada's premier ceramic artist. Peter first became known for his commercially successful raku ware but then branched out, combining many different materials – bronze, wood, stone, glass – to create pieces that are evocative and sensitive. He has exhibited widely both nationally and internationally, won many awards, and created public art installations in addition to writing and lecturing extensively. Peter's work displays an almost alchemical transformation of materials, and impeccable craftsmanship. In recent years Peter has been involved in starting a local culture centre with a ceramics studio as a central component. He will discuss his public art applying for, designing, and project managing. There are as well many technical areas of making that are of interest. One of his keen interests in recent years has been press moulding using found objects. To learn more about Peter Powning, visit: <http://www.powning.com/>

Samantha Dickie is a Victoria-based contemporary ceramic artist, using elements of abstract expressionism and minimalist sculpture within an installation practice. Aesthetics of simplicity, multiplicity and un-adornment are purposefully articulated as an expression of feminist principles in each sculptural project. Her practice includes attending various residencies in Canada and abroad; receiving national and provincial grants to create large scale projects for exhibition in public galleries across Canada, as well as teaching workshops and recently presenting at conferences such as the Canadian Clay Symposium in B.C. She uses multiple pieces in her installations to explore themes of duality and reclamation, containment and contemplation. Her installations convey different feelings depending on their arrangement and the spaces in which they are placed. She has a thoughtful approach to installation work, and the form that it takes. The objects she creates are familiar, maybe reminding us of stones or sea plants, something we have seen before, held, experienced, or imagined; but taken out of context through the use of scale, placement, and surface, they draw attention to the themes she is exploring and our own reaction to them. Samantha will demonstrate some mould making as well as discuss the use of a single mould to make individual pieces that can then be altered. To learn more about Samantha Dickie, visit: <http://www.samanthadickie.com/>

During this weekend FUSION will also be celebrating its Emerging Artists with our exhibition "*Breakthrough*" at the Robert Langen Art Gallery on the campus of Laurier University.

The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery will curate a grand exhibition of artists from past shows, as well as up-and-coming artists who are significantly adding to the language of clay and glass in Canada called "*Then, Now, and Next.*" Additionally, the Gallery will host family participatory events and public demonstrations, and even a mobile hot-glass studio.

Garth Clark, the eminent art critic and historian, curator, gallerist, and art dealer, will conduct a seminar: "*Prosper,*" on the opening Friday of the Conference and will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday dinner at Knox Presbyterian Church. Garth has written numerous books and articles about modern and contemporary ceramic art as well as the craft movement. With his partner Mark Del Vecchio, he co-founded and ran the Garth Clark Gallery in New York City, Los Angeles, Kansas City, and London, UK. Together, Garth and Mark are responsible for over 500 exhibitions of contemporary ceramic art, launching numerous careers. For more about Garth and his career, visit his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/garthclark1947> or read his book *Shards: Garth Clark on Ceramic Art*.

Plan to attend this incredible, anniversary weekend. Let new ideas shared with like-minded people open and enrich your practice.

CONFERENCE FEES

EARLY BIRD RATES apply until March 27, 2018, 5pm
 REGULAR RATES apply from March 28 – May 29, 2018, 5pm
 LATE FEE (\$50 + HST) applies after May 29, 2018

Note: You must be a FUSION member in good standing to register for the conference.

- EARLY BIRD FEE until March 27, 2018– 2-DAY CONFERENCE TICKET \$275.00
- REGULAR FEE from March 28 - May 29, 2018 – 2-DAY CONFERENCE TICKET \$340.00
- STUDENT TICKET* \$105.00

* With proof of full-time status.

Conference Ticket Fee Sub-Total \$ _____

WEEKEND INCLUDES:

- June 22, 5-7 pm: Exhibition Opening of *Breakthrough: An Exhibition of FUSION Emerging Artists*
- June 22, 7 pm: *Then, Now, and Next*, Exhibition Gala Reception at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery
- June 23 and 24: Presentations and seminars by Peter Powning and Samantha Dickie
 - included with FUSION Conference ticket
- June 23 and 24: Lunch and Snacks
 - included with FUSION Conference ticket
- June 23 and 24: Vendor room featuring ceramic suppliers from North America with specially priced merchandise
 - included with FUSION Conference ticket

- Conference Ticket Fee (from above) \$ _____
- Last Minute Fee (after May 29, 2018) add \$50.00 \$ _____
- SUBTOTAL \$ _____
- Please add HST (13%) \$ _____
- TOTAL** \$ _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS Space is limited. Register early.

By phone: Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00am – 4:00pm at 416.438.8946

By fax: 416.438.0192

Online at: www.clayandglass.on.ca

By mail: FUSION, 1444 Queen St E, Toronto, ON M4L 1E1

Please make cheques payable to: FUSION: The Ontario Clay and Glass Association

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Cancellations will be accepted until May 29, 2018, 5pm. All refunds are subject to a \$50 Administration Fee plus 13% HST. NO REFUNDS after May 29, 2018.

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THE CANADIAN CLAY AND GLASS GALLERY EVENTS

(Please do not contact FUSION to register for these events.)

Reservations for these events can be made at: www.theclayandglass.ca/25th in April

- **Garth Clark: Seminar on marketing and promotions (Friday Afternoon)**
 Wilfred Laurier University
 Science Building Room N1001, 75 University Ave W., Waterloo, ON
 - **Exhibition Then, Now, and Next Gala Reception (Friday Evening)**
 The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery
 25 Caroline St N., Waterloo, ON
 - **Saturday Dinner:** Hosted by The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery
 Keynote Speaker: Garth Clark
 Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St W., Waterloo, ON
- June 15, 5pm is the deadline date for ordering dinner tickets.**

FUSION CONFERENCE EVENT LOCATIONS

- **FUSION Conference:** Wilfred Laurier University
 Science Building, Room N1001, 75 University Ave W., Waterloo, ON
- **FUSION Breakthrough Exhibition:** Wilfred Laurier University
 Robert Langen Art Gallery, Library Building, 75 University Ave W., Waterloo, ON

ACCOMMODATIONS

Conference fees DO NOT include accommodations. **DO NOT SEND accommodation payment to the FUSION office.** Please arrange accommodations with Wilfred Laurier University Conference Services directly. (Breakfast is NOT included in residence stay; although there are numerous restaurants nearby.)

For Reservations

- visit <http://www.wlu.ca/hotel>
- or call Hotel Laurier directly at 519.884.0710 ext. 2771
- or email: hotel@wlu.ca
- See website or call for details and pricing
- Group Name: FUSION: The Ontario Clay and Glass Association. June 22-24, 2018.
- A valid credit card number must be provided. Replacement for individuals can be made up to 48 hrs before the arrival.

PARKING

- Parking is included for participants staying in residence. Permits will be provided at check-in.
- On weekends and after 4:30pm on weekdays there is no charge to park in campus lots.

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