



1205 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC V3B 7Y3 [www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca](http://www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca)

MEDIA RELEASE

3/5/2010

## CLAY 2010

**Fraser Valley Potters' Guild Annual Exhibition**  
**March 19 – April 24, 2010**

COQUITLAM - The Evergreen Cultural Centre is pleased to showcase **CLAY 2010**, a juried group exhibition presented by the **Fraser Valley Potters' Guild** Association and running March 21 to April 24, 2010 in the Art Gallery.

Invited American juror, **Jack Troy** will be judging the work and making the selections for the exhibition—a huge task considering this exhibition draws over 100 artists from the Fraser Valley. Troy is a potter, teacher and writer, retired from Juniata College, Pennsylvania where he taught for 39 years. He has led over 200 workshops for potters at colleges, universities and art centres in the US and abroad. His career has taken him to 13 countries and his work is in many private and public collections, including the Smithsonian Institution, Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan, Auckland Museum of Art and the Kalamazoo Institute of Art.

For the viewer, the exhibition offers a gratifying and artful survey of functional and decorative ceramics in a wide variety of firing and finishing styles, such as burnished pit-fired earthenware, raku, electric, gas and wood-fired stoneware, and electric-fired crystalline porcelains among the top choices.

The Fraser Valley Potters Guild (FVPG) was formed in 1975 by a group of alumni of the ceramics department of Douglas College, Surrey Campus. It continued to grow and encompass members from all over the Fraser Valley. The membership is a mix of hobbyists, students and professional ceramicists and instructors.

The Guild's objectives are to promote excellence in the art of ceramics and to encourage and promote communication between members, other guilds and the public. To support these goals, an annual juried show rotates to communities throughout the Valley. The last show at Evergreen was in 2007.

Members can drop off their works at Evergreen Cultural Centre on Sunday, March 14 between 10am and noon. A critique by Jack Troy will follow later in the day from 7-10pm. There will be a preview on March 18 from 4 – 6pm followed by the official Opening Reception and Awards Presentation on Sunday, March 21 from 4-5:30pm. As part of the "Waters Edge Festival" on March 21 the FVPG will be hosting a hands-on "Play with Clay" drop-in workshop for all ages from 10am-5:30pm. Art Gallery hours are Mon – Sat, noon to 5pm. Admission is free.

For communication with the guild, email: [FraserValleyPG@hotmail.com](mailto:FraserValleyPG@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.members.shaw.ca/fraservalleypotters/index.htm](http://www.members.shaw.ca/fraservalleypotters/index.htm)

-30-

MEDIA CONTACT: [Jocelyn@evergreenculturalcentre.ca](mailto:Jocelyn@evergreenculturalcentre.ca) | DIRECT LINE: 604.927.6566