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### **The Clay & Glass Celebrates 25th Anniversary with a Weekend of Events in June**

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA. May 16, 2018: The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a series of weekend events, workshops and activities from June 21 to 24. The Gallery has partnered with FUSION: The Ontario Clay & Glass Association, to hold their annual conference in Waterloo as part of this celebratory weekend. Featured events include a Keynote Lecture and Marketing Seminar by Garth Clark, a world renowned art critic and curator. Registration is required for certain events; please visit the website for details: [www.theclayandglass.ca/events/25th-anniversary](http://www.theclayandglass.ca/events/25th-anniversary)

#### **25th Anniversary**

Since opening in June of 1993, The Clay & Glass has become an integral part of the community while fostering and supporting emerging and established Canadian artists. Its creation was the direct result of the tenacity, courage and vision of Ann Roberts, Winifred Shantz and hundreds of volunteers and supporters. Their contributions are being honoured throughout the Gallery's 25th Anniversary year. Celebrations for the milestone are already underway and continuing throughout 2018 including the upcoming Anniversary Weekend from June 21 to 24.

In addition to the events with Garth Clark, there will also be activities for people of all ages including glass and ceramic demonstrations and hands-on activities and a live kiln demonstration. All of these events are happening on Saturday June 23 and Sunday June 24 at or around the Gallery.

The Gallery's 25th Anniversary events have been financially assisted by the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund, a program of the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, administered by the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund Corporation.

#### **Garth Clark: Marketing Seminar and Keynote Lecture**

Garth Clark is a leading art critic and historian, curator, gallerist, and art dealer from Pretoria, South Africa who writes 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. This is one of very few Canadian stops on his high-profile tour which marks Garth's final bow as a public speaker, highlighting the event as a must-see for Canadian craft and ceramic artists, curators, historians, and collectors.

On Friday, June 22 Garth will host his Marketing Seminar, *Prosper*, at Wilfrid Laurier University discussing the changing craft market, the pitfalls and benefits of online selling, and various other topics relevant to both working ceramists and students.

On Saturday, June 23 Garth will present his Keynote Lecture: *A Necessary Irritant: Garth's 50 Year Journey with his Muses*. This lecture fuses Garth's own biography in a dynamic multimedia presentation encompassing key revolutionary moments for ceramics since 1970. Told in the style of a one-person stage show, this lecture promises to be insightful, entertaining, and thought-provoking. This lecture and the preceding Anniversary Dinner will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church (across the street from the Gallery).

Tickets for these events are now available for purchase at:  
**[shop.theclayandglass.com/collections/25th](http://shop.theclayandglass.com/collections/25th)**

### **FUSION: The Ontario Clay & Glass Association Annual Conference**

The 2018 FUSION Conference will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University and will feature two stellar presenters: Peter Powning, from the hills of southern New Brunswick; and Samantha Dickie, from Victoria, British Columbia. Both artists are featured in the Gallery's 25th Anniversary exhibition *Then, Now and Next*. The conference will also include *Breakthrough: An Exhibition of FUSION Emerging Artists* at Laurier's Robert Langen Art Gallery, as well as an exclusive vendor event. Registration for the conference is available through the FUSION website: **[www.clayandglass.on.ca](http://www.clayandglass.on.ca)**

### **25th Anniversary Exhibition**

*Then, Now and Next* is an invitational show curated by Sheila McMath. It features six acclaimed Canadian artists: Samantha Dickie, Susan Edgerley, Irene Frolic, Zachari Logan, Audie Murray and Peter Powning. The exhibition celebrates artists at various stages of their careers. Some have a long history with the Gallery; all are making their mark in contemporary ceramics and glass. Please join us in celebrating these artists and their achievements. Admission is free.

*Chronicle: 25 Years at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery* curated by Tsukiko Keogh & Andrew Bucsis, invites visitors to explore the archives of The Clay & Glass as it celebrates a quarter century of silica arts. Unearthed from the vaults, this exhibit reflects on 25 years of the people and events that have shaped the Gallery's history. The exhibition is open Monday through Sunday from 9am until 4pm at the City of Waterloo Visitor and Heritage Information Centre, located at 10 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo, ON.

*Chronicle* has been made possible in part by contributions from the City of Waterloo and the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation.

Both exhibitions continue to September 2, 2018. Learn more about the exhibitions and artists at **[www.theclayandglass.ca/current-exhibitions](http://www.theclayandglass.ca/current-exhibitions)**.

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