

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild

Visiting Potter Program

What is it?

The Greater Lansing Potters' Guild's Visiting Potter program is designed to provide advanced students an opportunity for independent study and skill development in a cooperative environment with other potters. The Guild provides an environment in which production skills can be learned and artistic skills can be developed. Clay and glaze materials are provided, as well as a variety of printed resources, workshops, seminars and access to the collective knowledge and experience of Guild members. The Visiting Potter program is an opportunity to become a self-sufficient potter. There should be no assumption that participation in the Visiting Potter program leads to additional VP terms or to a more permanent association with the Guild.

Visiting Potter Term

If selected, a person may be a Visiting Potter for a maximum of two terms. The first term is for eleven months from March 1 through January 31. The second term is for twelve months, from March 1 through February 28 of the following year, contingent upon reapplication and acceptance.

Application Requirements for 1st and 2nd. Terms

- Advanced potting skills typically requiring 6-8 terms of pottery study or equivalent experience
- Submission of a completed application form to be received by the membership chairperson no later than January 15.
- A display at the Guild during the first two weeks of February that illustrates proficiency in forming and glazing techniques and artistic and creative understanding. Guidelines for the display include:
 - Ten or more pieces of varied shapes and sizes made during the past two years.
 - Functional pots with lids and handles or hand-build pieces with attachments
 - A body of work demonstrating the development of an idea
- An interview with the Guild membership committee

Selection Criteria

VP selection criteria include technical competence and artistic expression with clay, potential for growth, time availability, ability to handle financial obligations and ability to function as part of an artist cooperative. Artistic and technical competencies of those seeking a second VP term are expected to show improvement. The number of VPs selected may vary from year to year based on space, availability, and the discretion of the membership committee.

VP Obligations

- Full participation in the Guild's work requirements including a minimum of 5 hours per month of "heavy" jobs (kiln stacking, cleaning, glaze making, etc.), from 8-10 hours of work per sale, and attendance at sale and general meetings. Please note that most VPs find that Guild activities require many hours beyond the minimum.
- First term annual fee of \$350 plus a refundable \$50 key deposit. Second term annual fee of \$382 plus the same key deposit.