

ontario potters association

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# ONTARIO POTTERS ASSOCIATION

Today, more than ever, work of high quality craftsmanship is in demand. This is evident in the number of people presently involved in ceramics and glass, who make their living solely from these crafts. As a result, the Ontario Potters Association was initiated by these craftsmen to direct and encourage their crafts in Ontario.

Among the many programmes of the association are the following:

### Co-ordination of provincial guilds:

The Ontario Potters Association serves as a centre for co-ordination of provincial guilds through the establishment of Regional Directors by:

- \* Promoting opportunities for joint projects and programmes impossible for a single guild to develop.
- \* Promoting a sharing of information.
- \* Encouraging the establishment of regional guilds in remote parts of Ontario.

### Provincial Magazine:

"Ontario Potter", is published six times a year. This communication vehicle provides potters and glassblowers with information based on continually updated data on:

- \* Individual potters and glassblowers' special talents and background.
- \* Existing contact between provincial guilds.
- \* Indexing of meetings, workshops and exhibitions.
- \* Indexing of courses in colleges and universities.

### The Association Shop:

Located at 100 Avenue Road in Toronto, the shop serves as a showcase for the foremost potters and glassblowers of Ontario. From time to time the shop features the work of individual potters and glassblowers.

### An Exhibition Programme:

This includes a biennial exhibition held in conjunction with the association's conference. The exhibition is juried and large prizes are given as awards of merit. "Down to Earth", the association's first exhibition has been taken over by the Art Gallery of Ontario and will travel to many Ontario cities and towns during 1976-77.

### A Biennial Conference:

To encourage the development of co-operation between potters and glassblowers of Ontario, the association has committed itself to presenting its members with the opportunity to exchange ideas and information through the biennial conference. A major display of ceramic suppliers, workshop lectures and the biennial exhibition contribute to a memorable three day conference.

### A Permanent Collection:

Through the generosity of Dominion Foundries and Steel Company, Limited (Dofasco), the association now owns the first collection of contemporary Ontario pottery and glass. It is the hope of the association that this collection will be expanded and will one day travel through Ontario and the rest of Canada.

### The Education Program:

Through two annual workshops and lectures, the association offers Ontario potters and glassblowers the opportunity to meet and view world renowned ceramic artists. Included in the education programme, are two traveling workshops in which the association commissions a potter for an extended period of time to travel the province and lecture to the affiliated guilds of the association.

Through the generous support of the Hamilton and Region Arts Council, the association shares office space and secretarial assistance to carry out its many programmes.

The association is affiliated with the Canadian Guild of Potters and works closely with other provincial associations throughout Canada. The policies are set by a board of fifteen directors, elected by the membership. Special committees of practicing potters and glassblowers are formed when the needs arise and programmes are expanded.

If you would like further information on the association, please contact:

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Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1H3  
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## Membership Form — Ontario Potters Association

I hereby apply for  New  Renewal

Individual fee — \$15.00.

Affiliated guild fee — .50¢ per head with a maximum of \$25.00 per group.

Co-operating institutions fee — \$25.00 (colleges and ceramic industries).

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