

'Fireside' Artist talks in Carp

West Carleton Arts Society Members free, Guests \$5

Wednesday September 19, 2018 7:00 pm

St Paul's United Church, 3760 Carp Road
parking and entrance at the back

Lis Allison, Pottery

Years ago, there used to be a bit of a joke among computer people that if you couldn't handle life in high-tech, you could always quit and take up pottery. Well, Lis did just that.

She enjoyed working in data processing for about 20 years, then by the early 1980's when she found herself supervising a small team, she realized she was bored. She went back to school while working part-time and signed up at the University of Calgary in Fine Arts. She wanted advanced standing, so took in a portfolio of her work. She got the standing, but was told she wasn't 3-dimensional enough and would have to take 3D-Design.

The only thing memorable about 3D-Design was the prof, who wore a business suit and red sneakers to every class, but he did give assignments which could be done in the Pottery Lab. Lis liked it there and signed up for a pottery class. A year later, when she told her pottery professor that she had to leave to go back to Ottawa, he told her, looking straight at her from under his shaggy Greek brows: 'Go. Make pottery. Make pottery with integrity.'

Lis now has a studio in the woods, a Faithful Dog, and a pesky cat. She makes stoneware tableware and enjoys the challenges and opportunities of working with clay. She tries hard to always remember the need for integrity.

For more info about Lis and Pine Ridge Studio: <http://pine-ridge.ca/wp/>

