

CAG meeting agenda 9/25/20

In attendance:

Mona Moxley, Millie Robinson, Mary Ellen Brownell, Florence McAuley, Aletha Wiens, Ann Henderson, Pat Alger, Bill Schaaf, Bette Sindzinski, Jane Burns

Studio update-Takemi-Not present, but submitted an update for CAG board:

First off, I'd like to thank you for the gift box of delicious local treats! Leslie and I will enjoy it all this weekend! I'd also like to thank you for your continued support with the virtual classes and outdoor glazing blocks. The virtual classes have been running smoothly and the teachers and students are becoming more and more comfortable on Zoom each week. I know some didn't know what to expect from the virtual classes, but the work coming into the studio for firing has been inspirational, motivating and just simply beautiful. By the look at the work, it appears people are enjoying working at home.

As we look forward to the coming months, we are still considering our options for a holiday sale this year. Other organizations in the locality are not, or seem to not be, planning art sales this year due to the restrictions of in-person events. We are looking at the possibility of an outdoor 1 day event, though many factors must be considered, including the weather in December, customer volume, and reduced allocation of staff time. We will keep you posted as we finalize our decision in the coming weeks.

I am planning to carve out some time to offer other workshops and 'pop-up' classes this fall. I'm continuously thinking outside the box of how to do different programming both for in-person outdoor classes and virtual Zoom classes. In January, we may be looking at having to reduce the amount of glazing blocks due to the weather. We are planning for virtual classes in the Winter with no in-person/indoor classes. We are continuously keeping our fingers crossed for better news from the county and state, but we must also prepare in case things stay stagnant or worsen.

I think this last spring and summer many of us were running on adrenaline, and now it's starting to run out. We must stay patient and vigilant in our efforts to curb this virus. Community Arts will continue to push forward with the health and safety of our community and staff our number one concern.

Thank you again for all the support, love and 'thank yous'! See you soon!

Takemi

BTW, I heard a city council member read one of the CAG member's emails regarding the ceramics program at the last city council meeting. I hear the letters were very well received and appreciated. Thank you!

Christmas popup sale or virtual sale-Pat

Discussion of the possibilities of a large Christmas outdoor sale co-sponsored by CAG and CAE. Would need to rent a tent. Bill will check into cost and put together a proposal that we can submit to the city. Meeting with CAE planned for next week to discuss options.

Cards for members - Bette and MaryEllen

Bette and Mary Ellen have beautiful hand made cards, created by Erika that can be sent to members that would enjoy a note. Bette or MaryEllen will send out , if we send her names to receive them. A good way to all stay connected.

CAG Event-possible Zoom Speaker

Discussion included having the potter give a tour of his studio. Suggested possible speakers discussed. Takemi has lots of connections, for speakers.

Questions:

- Will there be compensation for speaker?
- Will this be like a workshop?

Bette will follow up on these ideas.

Empty Bowls project: We have about 150 bowls in process. Event was cancelled for this year. Bette will check with Takemi to see if there may be special glaze time available, and or make bowls available for some of us to glaze during Open Studio Glaze times.

Virtual Bulletin Board: Mary Ellen suggested this could be a place to share/barter/trade/sell ceramics related items for CAG Members only. Mary Ellen volunteered to begin this process to set up a virtual bulletin board. This could be a facebook private page or facebook marketplace or part of CAG website. She will work with Colleen Whitman, web site designer, to make it easy to use.

Soccer Club Donation of gift baskets. Discussion included that this is a way to get to know Walnut Creek and have them know us. Conclusion was no, we do not want to be included in this activity.

There was a discussion prompted by a question of classes being posted on social media by teachers or CAG.

Nicole Collins could not make the meeting, but asked that teachers who are teaching virtually to advertise their classes on social media. They can take the posts I make and repost them, or make their own. Ellen is the only one who does. Her post are seen by more than 1-2 thousand people each time, as opposed to 50-80 people for those who don't. I know social media is not for everyone, but it is the way most people advertise nowadays. Pat will pass this request along to Takemi.