

Clay Arts Guild Annual Meeting 2022 Minutes June 24, 2022 3pm

Attendees – Maile O, Brandon L, Mary Ellen B, Florence M, Nicole C, Donna C, Guy G, Bette S, Mona M, Bridget M, Karen H, Chip P, Ann H, Mimi W, Connie P

Studio Update from Maile

- Maile thanked members for their patience during the search and hiring of the new Studio Manager Brandon Lipe.
- Brandon gave a quick history. He grew up in SoCal and attained Bachelor of Arts at Cal State Fullerton. He achieved a Masters of Fine Arts ; Ceramics at Edinburo. He has been working for the past 3 years at a community studio in Georgia. He will take the first few months to get settled in the studio, observing our methods and procedures.
- Classes
 - Fall Quarter begins Sept 11th. We are back to a full contingent of teachers and will be offering 18 classes.
 - All classes will be in person. No distance learning will be offered.
 - Soda firing class will be offered in Fall
 - Registration begins July 27th at 12 pm. This new time will enable more people to get the classes they want
 - Scholarships will be accessible July 27th
 - Open studio will revert to historic schedule. A single registration will give access to all open studio times.
- New Kiln
 - Our second Blaau Kiln was purchased about 6 mos ago. These kilns are all custom built. Therefore, it will be 1 yr more before it arrives.
- Wedging table
 - A new wedging table will arrive in about 3 mos. Brandon might need volunteers to help with installing the plaster. Our old table will be moved to the back to be used by Karen for clay recycling.
- Clay
 - New clay will come in about 2 wks. It has been taking 6 weeks to get new orders.
 - There is still a limit of two bags for one class. If you take a second class you will be allowed four bags. There is a maximum of four bags per person per quarter.
 - Recycled clay cannot currently be purchased as it is used by Community Arts.
 - Brandon will be evaluating our clays and discussing possible issues with the teachers.
- Holiday Handcrafted Sale at Shadelands
 - Will be Dec 3 and 4 this year. Applications will be out around August

- Community Arts is taking all feedback into account and will be sending out final plan soon.
- Arts around August
 - We will have 2 pop-up sales at the WaterLight plaza on the first two Wednesdays (3rd and 10th) of August. Let Pat know asap if you are interested. The Aug 3rd will coincide with First Wednesdays in Walnut Creek so more foot traffic is expected. Arts and Req are offering 2 workshops during each sale. Aug 3-bowl making and Aug 10-succulent planting. Sign ups are required for workshops. Staff will be available to help with logistics at these pop-ups.

Empty Bowls

- Mona Moxley reported that we have 184 bowls so far for the Food Bank fund raiser. Last year with our donations, we helped them raise \$55,000. She is still interested in other ceramic items to be used in the auction. A finish-up event will be on July 8th to ready and pack the bowls.

CAG Library

- Bette (for Mille Robinson) reported that the display of books from our library available for purchase (\$1 smaller or \$5 larger) seems to be popular. She encourages students to look at the other books inside library room also. An envelope beside the display is for money collected.

Open Board Positions

- Pat announced that Ann Henderson has volunteered for the Membership position.
- The Hospitality position is still open and will need a volunteer when we start having social events in the future.

Upcoming CAG Sales

- Our Studio CAG sale will be held Sat Aug 20 and Sun Aug 21. Pat is asking for artists to let her know if they are interested in participating to determine if we have enough interest to hold the sale.

Big thank you to Mary Leigh Miller for the new CAG posters on the wall above the sinks. Good info for prospective members.

Voting

- New budget for 2022-2023—passed unanimously
- Board members
 - President -Pat Alger - passed unanimously
 - Vice President- Mary Ellen Brownell - passed unanimously
 - Treasurer- Bill Schaaf - passed unanimously
 - Secretary- Julie Dandliker - passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45pm