

May 18, 2022 CAG Meeting

Attendees: Pat Alger, Bette Sindzinski, Millie Robinson, Barbara Moreland, Nicole Collins, Mary Leigh Miller, Bridget Moar, Julie Dandliker, Kathy Nicholson, Mona Moxley, Maile Ogasawara, Yvonne Loey, Masayo Bristow

Updates from Maile:

Studio manager: Studio manager still in the works. Background check is pretty much complete. Still waiting for the final, final approval. Still expected to be early in June. Bette will coordinate a meet and greet. Mary Leigh wants to include an article about him in the newsletter - hopefully before the June meeting.

Purchases: Wheels have been ordered, about a three month process. We are at the 3 month mark, so Maile will reach out to Clay Planet. Once the wheels come in, we will swap out the borrowed wheels with the new Brent wheels. Maile is researching wedding tables - found a good one for \$1700 + shipping + plaster. CAG likely to contribute to its purchase.

Summer session: Registration opened 5/18. Maile sent email indicating that masking is strongly encouraged, but not required. There is a 15% discount offered for a second open studio class. Email to artsrec@walnut-creek.org to get reimbursed if you have already paid for your second open studio.

Open Studio Format: The current structure is not permanent. Maile has received considerable feedback, mostly grievances with the current schedule. She welcomes all feedback and hears all of the concerns. Fall has not yet been determined but all feedback is highly considered and highly thought about.

Virtual classes: There's no teacher for summer, but trying to get one for fall. Mona suggested asynchronous classes using old recordings. Chris Fortin's class was recommended.

Clay: Clay Planet is our main distributor. They get their clay from Laguna. Laguna is getting a shipment in on Monday, we expect Clay to be coming on Wednesday. Maile is also tackling the dearth of clay by looking at multiple suppliers. She reached out to Industrial Mineral directly in addition to working with Eastbay to get XX and 6-tile. There is a 4 to 6 week lag. Expecting to get more in June.

Building: Thank you for patience during building improvement. Building is being painted with colors to match the community center (beige with a brown trim). Additionally, some of the windows will be replaced.

Studio Cleaning: June 4 - The plan is to invite everyone with the hopes to increase exposure to CAG. Attendees must be registered. Sign up by sending an email to Pat.

Karen: The appreciation gift for Karen went over well. Barbara will do a newsletter article for this. We gave her an Amazon gift card, a restaurant gift card, big sign, and balloons.

Budget: Next year's budget was approved.

Meals on Wheels: bingo size is back up - only want small pieces, such as trinket bowls. 75 pieces so far.

Family Art Day: Very successful. Lots of kids.

Pottery Sale: very successful \$12,000 Saturday \$5000 Sunday. Need to decide if we want it bigger in the future - feedback was that we needed more space in between the tents to make it easier for people to move around. Considering more tents and/or shade cloth in between tents.

Display Cases: Florence is planning to clean this Sunday.

Vacant Board Positions:

Website - Kathy Nicholson

Secretary - Julie Dandliker

Hospitality - open

Newsletter always open to send topics and tips. Would love photos from workshops.

CAG Posters: Mary Leigh will have posters ready soon.

Library: The plan is to set up books to sell for a reasonable amount - five dollars suggested donation slip through locker number one. We will put the books out of the top two shelves just outside the library.