

CAG Meeting August 16, 2023

Attendees: Brandon Lipe, Maile Oswagara, Pat Alger, Mary Ellen Brownell, Julie Dandliker, Bill Schaaf, Mona Moxley, Bette Sindzinski

Maile Updates:

Holiday Handcrafted Sale: Applications close on September 1. Multiple notifications this time around. Currently, 24 artists have signed up to participate. They will NOT accept any last minute applications. They will be using a new accounting system, Square, this year for the sale.

Kiln: the new kiln has shipped! Shipping time is six weeks to get to the US and then they need to coordinate getting the kiln from Oakland to Walnut Creek and figuring out installation requirements which involves moving three kilns, installing one and moving one back in.

Registration issues – Many students experienced problems during registration. The staff worked with the provider to identify the issue, which was caused by insufficient bandwidth. The problem was resolved within 15 to 20 minutes, but this did result in some people not getting into the classes they desired. Going forward, they plan to allot considerably more bandwidth to prevent this sort of issue from happening again

Bedford gallery – California clay show January 13 to March, 2024. Primarily living California artists. CAG can loan some pieces from their collection. They will also do a pop-up show opening night for CAG.

Brandon Updates:

Family Arts Day - coming up this Sunday Aug 20 10:00-2:30.

Teen Arts Night - similar to arts after dark, but geared towards 14-18 year olds. Event occurs on September 9. There will be a table for making pottery. Brandon and one other artist will attend. Additionally, Brandon has been looking for a location to hold a teen class.

Chili bowl fundraiser to help make money for CAG scholarships. The chili bowl eating event will be on November 4.

Visiting artist – push to January to be in conjunction with the Bedford show.

Raku kiln - need to go through the rest of the purchased propane before the new one can be installed. It will be installed in the location of the current wooden shelves for the soda staging.

Clear glaze - may look in to new offerings for clear glazes.

Cone 6 - Considering a cone six firing based on requests from those at the studio.

Updates from Pat: Bette, and Mary Ellen volunteered to help set up snacks for the chili bowl making events.

Studio clean up, August 20–15 people have signed up. There is room for up to 20.

Newsletter going out just after the sale. Bedford may want some write-up on the origins of the CAG.

Membership - 120 members, which is ahead of prior years.

Budget Update (Bill): We're in great shape. Bill will review price vs cost of supplies that Kathleen purchases.

Meals on Wheels (Barbara): No change, we're in good shape.

Empty bowls update (Mona): Finishing up this Sat and the bowls will be picked up by the Empty Bowls coordinator. Event is Oct 15.