

## CAG Meeting Notes Nov 15, 2023

**Attendees:** Brandon Lipe, Maile Oswagara, Pat Alger, Julie Dandliker, Bill Schaaf, Mona Moxley, Bette Sindzinski, Bridget Moar, MaryLeigh Miller, Nicole Jones

### Maile Update

Expressed **thanks** for CAG, especially for the teacher's lunch. Community Arts greatly appreciate CAG.

**Ice Rink** - set up earlier than expected. Didn't receive communication, so there was unexpected overlap with the last week of classes.

**Holiday handcrafted sale** – Excited for the sale and the kids shopping. Mentioned that the labels are bigger, but they cannot make them smaller. Artists can trim them down as long as they do not modify the initials, price, and barcode. Decorations for the sale have already been done. The foundation donation pieces will be at the artists' tables this year. CAG will price all of the items for the kid's sale room. Community Arts Staff will assist with check out if a line forms. They have the ability to do it on their mobile devices. Santa will come for the kids room and it's up to Santa if he wants to roam.

**Classes** - on view starting today for the winter quarter.

**Scholarships** are also available starting today.

### Brandon Update

**New Blauuw kiln** - The new kiln is in but it won't be ready for full function until the next quarter.

**Raku kiln** - will be here before Thanksgiving. Brandon will install it during the break. It will be plumbed to natural gas.

**No intercession classes** - There was very little interest from the instructors and it was too much work to go with just one class.

**During Break** - Brandon plans to complete the projects around the studio, including fixing the glass on the display case. He's also going to try to put in more lockers. He's held team classes on Thursdays from 7 to 9 that doesn't interfere at all with the adult classes.

**New Soda Kiln** - Brandon will teach a kiln building class to assist building the new soda kiln.

**Bedford arts Gallery.** There will be a sale during the opening reception on January 13 from 11 to 2. They ended up not needing to borrow from the CAG collection. Over 40 artists will be represented including our very own Chris Fortin. We can fit 5 to 6 tables for the sale. CAG may jury the pieces. Brandon does not want to be involved in the selection, but thinks we should put for our best work. Brandon is working on getting a visiting artist sometime in January which overlaps with the Bedford show. Hoping for someone who is in the show to come be the visiting artist. Planning a tour of play arts studio as well as the Bedford tour.

**Chili bowl** - a big thank you to everyone who helped. The pop-up sale was a great addition. Overall, a very successful event. The assembly hall was great space for it. A real collaboration between clay and community arts. 108 bowls sold. Assembly hall was so great that CAG would like to use it for the Mother's Day sale. However, it's reserved for many weddings, so it may not be available.

### Pat Update

The chili bowl event raised \$2300 with expenses of \$386 so overall a huge success. iPad for sales isn't working so we voted for a new one.

### **Bette**

Bette getting a list of volunteers to help with the kids shopping area at the holiday handcrafted sale. Mona, Kevin and Bette Met on Monday to get pieces together and might take some of the bowls from the leftover chili bowls.

### **Meals on wheels (Barbara)**

Going well.

Bingocize - donated 54 cards with postage and 16 ceramic pieces.

Meals on wheels auction donated five handpainted bowls and 32 cards.

Presidio senior apartments we've donated 60 ceramic pieces.

### **Empty bowls (Mona)**

The Empty Bowls event turned out to be a disaster. After last year's disaster, Mona instigated a plan of action to improve the event; however, the plan was not executed. Missing auction pieces, bowls were all wrapped up so didn't allow people to see the bowls when selecting them. There was also hardly any mention on social media. Mona has resigned her role. CAG devised a letter indicating that we are no longer going to participate in this event.

**Finance (Bill)** – Doing quite well even after the donations for both kilns. Would like to see more events. Competitions and/or social gatherings. Nicole mentioned a potential Steal-a-Mug white elephant style gathering.

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