

CAG Meeting March 20, 2026

Attendees: Pat Alger, Brandon Lipe, Mona Moxley, Bette Sindzinski, Julie Dandliker, Kathy Nicholson, Barbara Moreland, Bridget Moar, Erika Goldstein

Meetings changed to 11 AM Fridays the third Friday of the month. Originally discussed no plans for April meeting, but that has changed and we are meeting due to the May 2-3 sale.

Updates from Brandon - we are starting the new session this Sunday 3/22! We started the winter quarter late so we lost the week in between winter and spring. The studio is currently running at max capacity. All the kilns are running full time. 30 additional people this quarter between the two extra people in each hand building class in addition to the new Saturday class.

CCACA – about five people so far have signed up. Everyone will be in one big warehouse.

Planning for a visiting artist between spring and summer.

New raku teacher, Haley Tessler - has taught raku and soda in Berkeley. She has good energy. Her class will start a week late. The plan was to end a week late as well, but that falls on June 6, but that is the day of the art and wine festival, so that won't work. Because of the art and wine festival, the cleanup cannot be on June 6. Cleanup will likely be on 5/31.

Website updates - Kathy – no website updates. There has been some discussion about adding a QR code to buy supplies, so people can pay with methods other than cash. Kathy is running tests of this and she and Pat will collaborate once finalized. CAG will pass along any square fees to the purchaser if they choose to use credit card instead of cash and will make this clear with signs and emails to teaching artists.

Sales – Pat – all set for the Mother's Day sale. We have 28 sellers and two extra volunteers. The Walnut Creek Arts and wine festival – we expect to be invited – first weekend in June.

Financial update - Bridget. Everything looks good. Gave \$4000 for scholarships for ceramics. The staff development funds were not used this year, so they are rolling over to next year.

Membership update – Erika – 156 members. One new person for summer Spring.

Preschool project update – Erika – nine have been completed. Youth Art show will be Shadelands on April 15 at 4:30. The display will then be moved to City hall with a reception as well.

Meals on wheels – Barbara – provided 304 items last year. Everything all set for the maker's event for April 9. She plans for mini vases and small plates for things other than bingo-size. May need three bags of clay and maybe one more bag for auction pieces. Michael will do the appetizers for us again.

Window creator needed – we still need somebody. The window will be changed over about four times per year. Stella was recommended as a potential person for this.

Saturday night socials Feedback indicated they went well. There were a lot of different attendees to each one. For future events, it is recommended to have them spaced further apart.

Contest - Should we do a contest? Donna Cowan has offered to lead this event. You must be a member of CAG to participate.

Viola Frey Bedford tour scheduled for March 25. 20 people signed up to go.