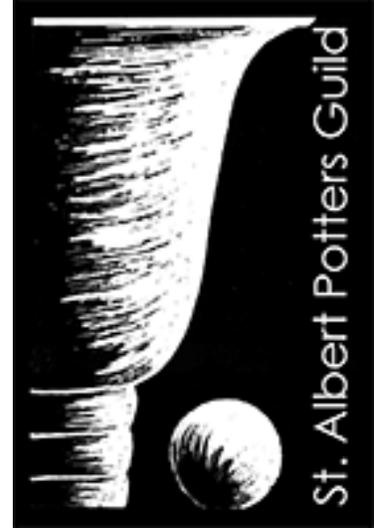


St. Albert Potter's Guild Monthly Meeting Minutes for March



Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 P.M.

February's Minutes Approved by Rachelle LeBlanc, seconded by Yolande Stark

President:

Revisions being made to the Handbook, By-laws and Membership application are going remarkably well. We have received some excellent feedback from people who have taken the time to put into writing suggestions and changes they would like to see implemented. We also had a meeting February 24th that went very well. Thank you for all the extra sets of eyes to help us catch possible omissions and tweak wording. March 11th is the deadline if you want to submit a written change. Please submit an email to Jan. That will have given everybody a month to look at things and make suggestions. Then on March 16, a week later, the executive will meet and make all the final revisions and put it into one form (a document, where all changes will be marked in a different color from the text that has remained the same). That will hopefully go out on March 17th or 18th. Then on April 13th we will have a Special Meeting. In that meeting there will be two votes. One vote will be to accept or reject the handbook and by-laws and one vote will be to accept or reject the new application form and process. If all goes well everything will then be posted on our website and we will also put some hard copy applications in the studio bulletin board as well.

The executive is making official what Willie has been doing all along and dubbing her our "Firing Co-Ordinator".

We will be creating a membership co-ordinator and disband the membership committee. Thanks so much to Rachelle and Cheryl for stepping up to fill the roll of our past membership committee. The idea behind a co-ordinator is that that person can create a committee, assign jobs etc. as she/he sees fit. The deadline for new member applications will be May 30th. The thought process behind this is that by that date all applications will be in, thus giving the executive time before we break for the summer to review and select the new members. That will give the membership co-ordinator the summer to put everything together and contact new members so that when we reconvene in the fall it will already be in place.

Please remember that there are four positions that will be opening up next year (Vice-President, Communications, Program coordinator and Treasurer) and consider volunteering for one of them. These positions will be filled at the June meeting.

Vice-President:

Please feel free to hand out as many flyers etc. for our upcoming sale as there will be plenty more coming. We also have about 600 slips for the prize draw.

Secretary:

I reported that I had heard that Canada Post was proposing to close the downtown post office. If this happens we will lose our convenient Potter's Guild mailbox location. If we want to keep our same PO box number we would have to use the Campbell Park location. Linda W. suggested we speak to Diedree as she has been looking into this already. If we decide to use a location other than the perhaps inconvenient Campbell Park location we would have to change up all of our correspondence addresses to reflect that. There will be more information to follow on this development as things progress.

Treasurer:

Checking account: \$1,824.37

Savings account: \$12,569.96

Investments: \$30,375.00 accrued interest for the year so far is \$208.05

Please cash any checks Terri has handed out.

Program Coordinator:

Terra Wedman workshop was fabulous with 13 people attending. Terra's decorating techniques were awesome. We have 8 pots from the workshop. We will keep one for the studio and draw from the attendees for the others.

Thank you to Marilou for taking all the pictures at the workshops and posting them on our Facebook site.

SAPVAC:

Art Gallery fundraiser on Saturday night still has tickets available at \$25. if you buy it in advance or \$35. at the door.

The Art Gallery is currently hosting art by Jessica Flatner (there for 2 months).

The city is spending \$18,000. for local art work and are looking for submissions. Anyone wanting more information on that can email Caroline.

There will be a need for 26 people to volunteer for different shifts on Sept. 21/22 for a Casino.

Art Walk for pottery guild is on May 5th from 6pm to 9pm. We will need some potters (4) throwing and/or hand building during that time.

SAPVAC retreat was a success with 57 people participating.

In November we will be looking for submissions for "A River Runs Through It". This is when all the guilds have an opportunity to make something and present it to the Art Gallery.

Butterfly project: Children's Festival 35th year this year and they would like to have 35,000 butterflies on display. You do not get your piece back. The color guidelines are orange, teal, mauve and yellow and sized between 4 and 12 inches.

The children's festival is between May 30th and June 4th.

Clay:

Please let Elene know what type of clay you would like her to order. Just a reminder that if you do not buy your clay from the guild that you need to pay them \$10. per box that you use to help cover costs of glazes and firings.

Supply & Capital Equipment:

Willie is reporting for Diane.

There is hope that the guild will see their way to buy some more of the thinner shelves for the kilns. It is suggested that because of their cost that perhaps we could order them a few at a time.

Caroline suggested that when we need to submit our needs to SAPVAC to access any of the casino funds and that perhaps some of these shelves would be a good request. We need to submit that request within the next month. It was suggested we also request a new hand mixer (immersion).

Glazes:

Check and mix your glazes. Glaze roster is now on the website. It will keep the history of what glaze you mixed and the date you did it. Tania suggested we think about one day not having the paper copy as well as the website. Perhaps the glaze person can update the site on a monthly or bimonthly timeframe from the hard copy in the studio? It was decided that we probably do not need a cone 6 roster.

Raku:

There will be a Raku firing on April 16/17th.

New Business:

Our web page now has our spring sale poster on it. If you have not signed into the website, please do so.

Spring Sale: Please sign up for a shift at the spring sale. Volunteers are needed for putting out the signs for the sale (April 24th). If you have a husband or son that would help that would be great. Please contact Margaret.

If anyone has any little extra lamps that could be used on the tables at the sale please contact Margaret.

Our theme this year is "all creatures great and small". Fran is having a workshop on April 3rd to teach how to hand build creatures. The session will start at 10 am and run all day for anyone interested.

Each year we ask the members donate a pot for the sale and the proceeds go to Ovarian Cancer Foundation.

Please take and distribute flyers, bookmarks and posters. Also send out emails. Jill volunteered to do a sign for us for the 'all creatures great and small' theme.

T8N Magazine sent a fantastic photographer (Brenda) to do pictures up for a spread to appear next month.

The magazine will come out at the end of March.

Saturday we are helping fund raise for the Art Gallery. People pay about \$5. for the opportunity to participate in building something in clay. This year we are doing little square hand built plates. We will afterwards do the glazing and firing and take them over to the gallery. Julie has already figured out a system to do this.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:04 PM

Moved by: Willie Renema

2nd: Rachelle LeBlanc