

St. Albert Potters Guild

Minutes of September 14, 2016



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

Members were asked to grab their coffee and snack before the meeting to enjoy during our sessions from now on.

No additions to the agenda.

June 2016 Minutes approved by Nancy Van Driel and 2nd by Rachelle LeBlanc

President:

Leslie put it out to the members that we needed a Librarian and someone to head up the Housekeeping committee. Marnie Charchuk and Edith Sinnema agreed to take on the Housekeeping and Jan Goodwin volunteered to be Librarian.

Vice President:

Willie introduced our four returning members; Morley Bindon, Linda John, Amy Wowk, and Deborah Heximer.

Morley; has not had the opportunity to pot for the past year but has scaled down his work schedule and is hoping to get time to do potting again. He is looking forward to doing high fire and raku.

Deborah; is taking a Monday night potting level 2 to help her get back into the swing of things.

Linda; is wanting to mainly throw and doing horsehair potting (similar to raku, WSO is the clay you use, you burnish the pot before the bisque, when you fire it (raku style), you drop a piece of horsehair on it to produce a pattern.

Amy; has taken time away to go to grad school and is now an architect and is now back and ready to get back at it.

Welcome to the four of you.

Secretary:

Nothing to report

Treasurer:

Has just recently received all the information from previous treasurer so will have report after she has more time to fully digest books.

Would like to bring to our attention that Volunteer hour reporting is essential and to that end there will be a book brought out each week and left beside the sign in book. After you have signed in, could you please write in any volunteer hours you may have accumulated during the month. Thank you.

Program Co-Ordinator:

Maureen had an unexpected emergency to attend to tonight so Leslie brought up a few programming things: Julie is doing a hand building class sometime in October. Marg Brenda was going to show us a traditional Korean slip carving technique and Gene Brenda was going to show us how to make a goblet in the near future.

Communications:

Margaret requested anyone not receiving emails to get in touch with her so she could update her files and make sure all were getting the send outs. A new updated file will be sent to our web site company as soon as Margaret gets the updated list from Yolande (Yolande will be sending it around to everyone tonight to make sure information on it is correct and if it is not we are to update the sheet). Margaret got a consensus from us to forward all relevant information to all members. Web site user name is the initial of your last name and then your first name. For example mine would be 'amaxine' for Maxine Alguire. Instructions will come out to you in an email this week on how to then set up a password. Please remember to send in notifications if you are going to be absent from a meeting.

Glazes:

Edith, Pat and Nancy have done up a new glaze roster and have added a Cone 6 roster. When complete she will send to Margaret who will send it out to all of us.

Edith will be emailing us when it is time for someone in our group to mix a glaze. It is up to us to arrange within our group for two people to go in and get it done.

SAPVAC:

Country Craft Fair is November 19th and 20th. They are looking for vendors. Suggestions were nice Christmas decorations or high quality crafts.

September 15th in the quilting studio between 2 and 2:30 is a discussion hosted by Cultural Services to join in a conversation about the visual arts studios. Apparently \$44,000. has been approved for the 2016 budget for studio furnishings, equipment, renovations, replacements etc. So they are looking for us to contribute comments regarding immediate, short term and long term needs for furnishings for studios. Rochelle will try to be there.

All shifts have been filled for the Casino. Thank you for that.

Starts fest is October 1st from 11 to 3. Volunteers needed for wheel throwing/hand building to display pottery skills. Jill and Edith have volunteered.

SAPVAC retreat is looking for people to lead the classes on the last Saturday in January. Each session is 1 1/2 hours and you get paid \$400.

There have been policy changes with the city on booking events. We are fine for this year (2016/2017) but next year we will need to be on top of things. Margaret will call Tammy at the front office to clarify and get more information for us.

Supply and Capital Equipment:

We had a clay order come in and chemicals have been ordered.

We need to be sure to secure the tops of the rubbermaid bins when putting oxides away. If something were to fly into our face or we breath it in it would be a medical emergency.

Be aware of the sheet in the chemical room that we keep updated and fill in if we are low or are out of a chemical.

Clay:

Lots of new clay is in. Elene reminded old members and let the new members know that, if you are buying your clay elsewhere you need to pay the guild \$10. per box of clay you have purchased. This is to cover the extra costs of glazes and firings etc.

Library:

Jan has agreed to be our new Librarian. Thank you.

Raku:

Rene and Margaret will come up with a date for the guild rake by our October meeting. It will likely take place near the end of October.

Housekeeping:

A reminder that it is part of our guild's agreement with the city and so we are obligated to keep the guild workspace clean.

Please understand this is not an optional task and we must all do our part.

New Business:

From Willie:

Quite a number of years ago, when Linda Willard was president, this idea was introduced by that board and now this board is bringing it back:

It is an opportunity for members to share ideas, helpful tips, or maybe a brief demonstration of a technique that has been helpful to you.

You may have the perfect solution (tried and tested) on how to fix bisque ware, a glazing tip or something that has to do with pottery.

We will do this near the beginning of our meetings. The first 2 members, every month, to share their ideas will get to pick something from the treasure chest (all items are pottery related). So, give it some thought as the weeks go by. Let's share our ideas and learn from each other.

Willie gave us an example and did a demo of a Bob Rippon tool for making coils.

Be careful if walking in public places with your potter's apron on....you never know what questions you might be asked, so try to be knowledgeable about pottery goings on.

Rachelle has pieces in a show that opens on Saturday with an official reception on September 24th, and is on until October 15th at the Alberta Crafts Council in Edmonton and invites us all to come down to see it.

Yolande would like everyone to check contact information on the front table to make sure everything is correct and up to date so she can put that task to rest. Bisque shelf list has been reformatted so she needs everyone to fill in the initials that we put at the bottom of our pots so ladies that unload kilns will know where to put your items. If you need a new name tag contact Yolande so she can make them up at the same time as she makes them for the new members.

Gina and Cheryl will meet with new members after meeting to arrange a time for orientation.

Many members digital and are fine with our electronic copies of the Pottery Handbook, but if you want a physical copy and did not get one tonight, please contact Annalisa.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Moved by Louise 2nd Rene