



# St. Albert Potter's Guild General March Meeting Minutes

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

January Minutes Approved by Nancy Van Driel seconded by Yolande Stark

## **President:**

Lesley announced that Executive had attended the Health and Safety seminar put on by SAPVAC. Caroline Robertson agreed to do the workshop for members who are new or have not yet attended the training in the past. Members identified as needing the training are Morley Bindon, Deborah Heximer, Amy Wowk, and Linda John.

## **Vice-President:**

Willie recognized Housekeeping for their good work. We still have a few positions for the ongoing Maintenance list for the studio that we would like to see filled. Mary Hutchings and her husband have graciously offered to recover our tables with new cloth. This is going to happen next week on Tuesday morning, so if this is the day you usually come in to pot, please be advised you may have to work around them.

## **Secretary:**

A reminder to please sign in when you attend a meeting. It was decided to reintroduce sending the sign-in sheets around during the meeting to help facilitate this process.

## **Treasurer:**

We received our check from SAPVAC for \$5,000. for our new kiln shelves. Our ending balance for the month is \$ 38, 892.07.

## **Program Report:**

Thank you went out to Marg Brenda for her workshop. We also thanked her for her flexibility at facilitating an extra workshop because so many members wanted to learn the technique she was demonstrating. Next workshop is Willie's hand building mugs session on Friday the 10th from 9:30 to around 2:30 and on Saturday the 11th from 9:30 to 2:30. Bring your own clay, cups to be used as rim stabilizers and lunch. Saturday, March 18th we have the garden art work bee. Starts at 9 but if participants could come at around 8:45 to help set-up that would be great. Gene Brenda has agreed to do a workshop on his unique hand built goblets. This will probably happen in June.

Reminder of the Mayor's celebration of the arts on Friday evening at the Enjoy Centre at 6:30.

## **Communications Report:**

Margaret could not make today's meeting but will give a report on how the sale is progressing at our next meeting.

## **TIPS**

Julie showed us a really good scraping/shaping spatula made by Koridori that she uses and is available only at Home Hardware stores.

Mary told us to add a little bit of glycerin to our slip mix and it will stick much better to our pots and crack less.

## **SAPVAC:**

May 4th is the Art Walk.

Copy of courses that Red Deer College (includes a number of pottery ones) offers during the summer will be left on the shelf for us to look through.

## **Supply & Capital:**

We discussed getting a full round shelf for the kiln. Diane to look into the thicker full shelf to be the bottom shelf in one of the smaller kilns. Morley will help put it in.

## **Clay:**

No report.

## **Library:**

No report

## **Glazes:**

Everything is going well. Edith will be sending out emails in the next day or so if your glaze is low and needs to be mixed.

## **Raku:**

Nothing to report

**Housekeeping:**

Reminder to please do your Spring cleaning chores and remember to initial after your name when you have completed them. This is also your opportunity to enter the draw.

**New Business:**

Julie is missing some pottery pieces. Please look around your area and if you find them let her know.

Is cleaning the new shelves different from cleaning the old ones? Willie let us know that our preference is to use a roller when painting the new shelves. The layers of paint are thinner and the roller does a nicer job than the paint brushes.

**Old Business:**

A special thank you to Denise Garand for all her help over Marg's two days of workshops. Marg showed us a few samples from her course which was on the ancient Korean technique of slip.

Adjournment of meeting at 7:38 pm. by Annalisa Ambrosi and 2nd by Diane Gwilliam

