

St. Albert Potter's Guild Meeting Minutes

March 13 2019

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.
2. **Additions to Agenda:** Rachelle has been added to New Business.
3. **Approved Minutes:** Minutes from the February meeting were approved as written by Willie and seconded by Nell.
4. **Board Members:**
 - a. **President:** Randy stated that he has the Red Deer College Series brochure and it will be put in the studio. He also mentioned that Louise Peterson has been nominated for Excellence in Teaching at the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts evening. Way to go Louise! As well, Marg Belec's son has been nominated for a music award.
 - b. **Vice President:** Morley is going to build a board (which will be covered in a darker cloth) to cover the part of the wedging table that is for porcelain. That way you can use that space for wedging a darker clay and remove it when you are wedging porcelain. It will come down on the sides to keep the board in place.
 - c. **Secretary:** No report. Tanis is covering for Marnie.
 - d. **Treasurer:** Annalisa stated that we have \$4098.92 in our chequing account, \$23,720.37 in savings, \$10,000 in a GIC, and \$382.13 in Common shares. And everything is paid for the year.
 - e. **Program Coordinator:** Absent. No report.
 - f. **Communications:** No report.

5. Tips:

Marg Brenda stated she does not really have a tip but discussed an article (and passed it around) about Bell Beaker's pot being found about 30 km from Stone Henge in England. The pot is about 4000 years old and is in excellent shape. You can still see the carvings around the pot. So your pots could be around a long, long time!

Linda showed a handmade tool which is very handy for making markings around pots. It used a hemming gauge/ruler which had a pin glued to the part that can move up or down.

Diane showed a tool using a McDonald plastic straw and a bamboo skewer that goes through the straw (perpendicular). This allows you to make cups or other pots all the same height without having to measure each pot.

6. Committee Reports:

a. SAPVAC: Kathy is absent. Linda read her report which is attached at the end of the minutes.

Linda also stated that the City of St. Albert now has Wifi (The Vine Network) and the password, which changes every month, is posted on the bulletin board in the class room. She also stated that WARES is getting a complete overhaul and will be closed from May 6th (which is right after our Spring Sale) and will reopen on June 5th. There will be a Grand Reopening on June 5th. If you have any pots in WARES they must be removed. Removal dates and times are: May 5th 4-7 PM and May 6th 1-4 PM. WARES will receive product on June 4th 1-7 PM. We are encouraged to put in pots on June 4th for the Grand Reopening and thereafter. Currently 30% of the sale price goes to WARES. The top 20 selling members of WARES will get biocards professionally printed for customers buying their work. The changes to WARES include new lighting (track lighting and lighting on the bottom shelf so will be able to see the items easily. There will also be a storage area for for excess works and especially items that are the exact same (can have a couple of items in WARES and the duplicates in storage). The committee which also includes 3 potters is also looking at why people do not put their work in WARES. Make a note that you cannot take your pots to WARES right after the Spring Sale as usual but can bring it in on June 4th and as well you can leave your pots in until May 5th.

b. Supply and Capital Equipment: Diane mentioned that the chemicals came in and to remind people to **put the damn lids on the Rubbermaid containers!!!** Also note that the spray booth sink leaks and will be unavailable March 27th to March 30th so repairs can be done.

c. Clay: See attached report. In addition, Teresa Milton wondered if perhaps the extra fee per box of clay that we pay could be reduced from \$10 to \$5 since the costs of clay have increased and we have lots of money in our account. Morley and Annalisa both stated that this extra cost was looked into and the price was put at \$10 to cover the costs of firing, chemicals, etc. Discussion followed and it was decided

that the Board will look at the costs and the \$10 fee and will report back to the membership in the next months.

d. Library Denise stated the 2 latest magazines are in and she is going to update the website with the current Library books and magazines. If you wish to take a book out of the library it is pretty simple: get the key to open the cupboard, take the library card from the back of the book, fill it out. Morley cleaned out the top shelf which has some old files and have put some Board files there.

e. Glazes: Edith said everything is going good! Might this be a first??!!

f. Raku: Linda has set a raku date of April 13th - please email her to let her know if you are coming. She is drafting safety guidelines for the raku site. Guidelines will address possible dress code, equipment required such as a respirator, glazing rules, number of experienced potters attending, etc. She will email these guidelines to the people attending the raku firing.

g. Housekeeping: Edith stated there are some people not on the ongoing house keeping roster - please check the roster and add your name if not on already. As well the wooden bars above the sink are not for wet cloths but for washed cloth bats. There is a bar on the slab roller that wet cloths/towels can be put. Also when you are dumping your throwing bucket which contains clay into the sink please clean out the drain mesh strainer of the gribbles left. Do not leave the gribbles in the sink! (Def'n: Gribbles clay bits and bobs left over in your throwing bowl. These must not go down the sink drain but collected in the mesh gribble collector in the sinks drain).

7. New Business:

Rachelle: The Spring Sale committee will be meeting on Wednesday March 20th at 7:30. She will be helping Jennifer who has agreed to take on the committee lead role. Rachelle will be helping out during the sale weekend . Come to the meeting even if you cannot come to every meeting and volunteer for a task(s). She has posters and will put them in the studio for members to take. The Spring Sale is May 2-4th.

Willie: March 18th is the next gas firing and class pots will take priority. If there is room then guild pots will go in. There are bisque pots that do not have any names on them. Please look at the shelf and see if they are yours.

Morley: Knows of someone selling a small and large kiln and a shimpo wheel (which looks like new). If you are interested please talk to Morley.

8. Old Business:

Maureen: confirming if the spray glaze workshop was still on this Saturday and yes it is. Gina said the workshop is from 10-1

Fran: stated that she was cleaning her toolbox and shelves and is missing her little initial stamp that she uses on the bottom of her pots. So if anyone finds it please let her know.

Teresa: stated there is a new website and FaceBook page called The Ceramics Congress. They have free 1 hour tutorials that are posted for 24 hours and we should check it out.

Randy: has the grant applications for members and will have them in the studio and will post on the website.

Linda: asked which workshop Caroline was taking at Medalta and she is taking the texture class.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 by Julie and seconded by Yolande.

SAPVAC meeting

Subject: SAPVAC meeting
From: Kathy Van Hoof <wvanhoof@telusplanet.net>
Date: 3/12/2019, 1:38 PM
To: lholowenko@gmail.com
CC: lwillard@shaw.ca

Hi Lara,

I just want to let you know that I will be unable to attend the Pottery meeting on Wednesday (March 13), as I will be at my daughter's birthday dinner.

Below is my SAPVAC report, which can be presented at the meeting.

Thank you,
Kathy Van Hoof

SAPVAC March, 2019 report

Country Craft Fair (Nov 16 & 17, 2019):
Myra will be the out-of-studio coordinator again, and already 7 vendors are signed up.

WARES:

The issue of appropriation in art has come up, and how it should be handled in WARES and guild sales going forward. The painters guild already has a policy in place. The question is if "inspired by" labels should be used on pieces that are copies of another artists work. We are being asked to discuss this with our guild members for suggestions.

The Shop WARES Committee has been formed, and floorplan options are being discussed.

WIFI is now available in all studios. The password will be changed monthly, and will be posted in the studios.

The Guilded exhibition theme this year will be "20/20 Vision".

SAPVAC casino:

Thank you to all the volunteers. We should find out by mid-May how much money we will receive. We're being asked to bring our wish lists to SAPVAC for our May meeting, with the awareness that the WARES renovation will be first on the list.

Dirk Van Wyck workshop:

5-day workshop by the Paper Arts Guild will be open to all guild members. Any people interested please contact Deirdre Allen at deirdrea@shaw.ca

Clay Report March 13, 2019

We received a new price list from Larry at Plainsman and the new clay prices are in effect immediately. We are still getting the same discount as usual, so we are still not paying full price. The increases were primarily due to increased shipping costs and the exchange rate. Since I have not been selling clay for very long I asked Larry if these were normal increases. He said he has never seen such big increases since he has worked for Plainsman and he is surprised at how high the increases are. All of the types of clay we use have gone up in price from as little as \$3.00 for Raku to as high as \$17.00 for P700.

I had a phone call requesting that since the sale is coming up in May and we were out of WSO and H450 that we get more of these types of clay. My husband and I went to Plainsman and picked up 4 boxes of WSO and 10 boxes of H450. They are now in stock and ready for sale at the new prices.

The Executive has reviewed the price of the older clay and have decided to reduce the price of:

Number of Boxes	Clay	Year Purchased	Original Price	Reduced Price
5 Boxes	BMix	2016	\$45.00	\$30.00
3 Boxes	P580	2016	\$42.00	\$30.00
3 Boxes	H441G	2016	\$32.00	\$25.00

If you have purchased clay from an other place please remember that you must pay the Guild \$10.00 per box. To date I have only received these fees from 1 person.