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March 2010

Upcoming Events:

March: Pottery Show-and-Tell

Friday, March 19: 7:00 pm

April: Member Demo Workshop

April 17th: 10 am - 4 pm

May: Wood-firing with Bill Perrine

May 15 and 16

June: Robineau Festival/Strathmore Tour

June 19: 10 am - 5 pm

August: Pottery Fair

August 21 and 22

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS:

The applications for Pottery Fair should go out about April 1. Note that the entry fee has gone up a little. This is because of our new arrangement with the Art Park. We used to give them half of the entry fees and all of the raffle money. Next year we will have a different arrangement and we will pay them a set fee, but we will keep the proceeds from the raffle and the entry fees. We think (from previous experience) that this will cover most (but not all) of the fee for the Park. We raised the entry fee a little to make up what we think will be the difference. We will try this for a year and see what happens.

There is information in this newsletter from Kelly on the Strathmore Festival (Robineau Road) sale on June 19. That will have a very low entry fee and no percentage fee. The sale will be on Robineau Road on the same day as the Strathmore open house tours. All of the houses on the tour are on Robineau Road, so we should get many potential customers. Also think about entering the carved vase contest where you could win a big prize.

The survey is now available on the computer and will go out with the newsletter. A number of members have already filled it out. If you haven't done it yet, please be sure to fill it out. It will help us plan for future events.

Susan and Nancy

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Greetings Guild Members

Welcome to our two newest members Ilene Miller and Jeanne Osenbaugh. We also have a few other membership applications in process.

We are still looking for a treasurer to replace Amy, so please let us know if this is something that you could do.

We had a very interesting workshop on figurative sculpture with Eunjung Shim last weekend. She made it look so easy.....Several people said they were going to go home and immediately try out some of her techniques. Maybe they will bring the results to our next gathering on March 19.

Syracuse Ceramic Guild General Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2010

The February General Guild meeting took place during the Eunjung Shin workshop. The meeting was lead by Co-President Sue Borker. Approximately 20 members attended the meeting.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sheila Rook, Secretary, reviewed the last general meeting minutes. They were voted in.

TREASURERS REPORT

We are in need of a Guild Treasurer to replace Amy Lee, who had to step down because of personal time obligations.

POTTERY PLUS

Sue Borker reports that we have to decide if we want to do Pottery Plus this year. We made less this past year than we did the year before, but our loss was about the same. If we do have it, we will need to find a new venue. That venue would have to be very inexpensive, preferably free.

MEMBERSHIP

Sue Canizares, Membership Chair, reports that 71 members have paid their dues so far. She presented Ilene Miller and Jeanne Osenbaugh, both from the Binghamton area, for membership. The membership committee had reviewed and approved their work. Candace R. motioned, Bill P. seconded, we all voted yes. Welcome Ilene and Jeanne!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Meg Conner, Program Committee Chair reports the following upcoming workshops:

March 19th A casual evening to discuss each others work, exchange ideas, and possibly watch DVDs on pottery. Candace Rhea's house, which is on Clark St. off of Westcott St., 7pm.

April 17th Member Demonstrations workshop. At OCC. Will include a potluck lunch.

May 15th & 16th Woodfiring workshop at Bill Perrine's house, near Preble. David Lisi is coordinating the firing. If you are interested in firing work, please contact David by May 1st. His phone # 315-451-6927.

Meg brought up the possibility of making a wood firing raku kiln, during the raku workshop. They have one at OCC that fires quickly, and doesn't require gas. Bill Perrine offered to help with that and will work with Meg, and possibly with advice from Andy Shuster of OCC, who built the kiln at OCC.

ROBINEAU FESTIVAL

Kelly Barone has been coordinating the event. The carving contest applications have gone out, and are online.

QUESTIONNAIRE

A membership survey and questionnaire was created to find out what members are expecting out of the guild, and to assist in organizing events. We encourage everyone to fill out the questionnaire online, at surveymonkey.com. Hard copies will be sent to the members who are not online, and some are available at the workshops.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sabrina Nedell announced an upcoming event in the Old Forge area this Fall. It will be called "Steins and Stems" She will get us more info when she has it.

Sheila Rook reported that the Syracuse Allied Arts, of which the ceramic guild is a member, had their annual board meeting. The SAA is a nonprofit organization of Central New York guilds, whose main goal is to put on the Art Mart in November and December each year. They are looking to replace officers of their board who are retiring. See Sheila or Janet Matthews if you are interested, or for more information. Sheila Rook
Secretary

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

March gathering: Pottery Show-and-Tell

Friday, March 19: 7:00 pm

Location: Candace Rhea, 151 Clarke Street, Syracuse

Join us on March 19th at the home of Candace Rhea for an informal 'show-and-tell' discussion along with our monthly meeting. Bring a piece of pottery to discuss with the group. This could be a treasured piece that you've collected, or one of your own pots. Or simply come and join the conversation.

Directions from 690

Take Exit 14 and turn South onto Teall Ave. Cross Erie Blvd and continue straight on Columbus Ave. Turn left at E. Genesee St., then take the 2nd right onto Westcott St. and continue 0.5 mile. Turn left at Clarke St. Candace's house is #151.

April Member Demo Workshop at OCC

April 17th: 10 am - 4 pm

Guild meeting & potluck lunch at noon

Location: Onondaga Community College Ceramics Studio, Room 157 Ferrante Hall (map and directions to campus can be found at <http://www.sunyocc.edu>)

The Member Demo Workshop will be an opportunity for members to show and share with fellow members special tools, tips, or techniques they have developed while working with clay. This one-day workshop will be held at the ceramics studio at Onondaga Community College. There will be a potluck lunch and meeting around noon.

Ingrid and I are currently reviewing the Demo proposals we received and will announce the schedule at the March meeting. Thanks to all who submitted proposals!

May Meeting - Wood-firing with Bill Perrine

May Wood-firing workshop with Bill Perrine Our May 15 and 16 event will be a weekend wood-firing workshop with guild member Bill Perrine at his home studio near Homer, NY. Participants will bring pots to be fired and help with the firing in shifts. David Lisi will be working with Bill to organize this event, along with new member Scot Foley. If you would like to participate you need to let David know by May 1. He needs to know how many people will be participating in order to figure out how many pots and what size pots people can bring. This is a cone 10 firing.

Call David (315-451-6927) or email (lliss.david@yahoo.com) by May 1 and let him know if you are going to participate in the wood firing. If you email be sure to put in the subject line "Guild Member" followed by your name, because David gets a lot of junk mail and deletes mail from people if he doesn't recognize the email address.

Meg Conner , Program Chair

NEW MEMBERS

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Sue Canizares
Membership

SALES OPPORTUNITY - ROBINEAU FESTIVAL

June 19, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The homes on and around the Strathmore Homes Tour:
Robineau Festival will be hosting sales space for SCG
members who wish to celebrate the festival with a sales
opportunity. It is an inexpensive entry fee (\$25), open to
members only and members will keep all sales receipts.

The application and map of homes will be sent to members via
the guild listserv. If you have any questions or wish to have
the entry application for the sales event mailed to you, please
contact Kelly Barone at kbpottery@aol.com

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