

The Clay Club
Feb. 1, 2024 1:00 Kiva Room AC
General Membership Minutes

Call to Order: Mary Murck, President

Roll Call of Officers: Mary Murck, President; Robert Dufur, VP; Renee Ford, Treasurer; Linda Block, Secretary; Jill Varley, Advisor

Welcome to new members!

President's Report:

Foreign objects, including paperclips and staples, have been found in the recycled clay. **DO NOT place floor sweepings in the recycling clay bin.** PLEASE tell others if you see this being done. It can be extremely dangerous, particularly for those using the wheel.

Motion to approve or amend/correct December general meeting minutes:
Approved without dissent.

January Sign-ins: 741
January Number of hours: 1217
January Active Members: 108

Vice-President's Report:

The Clay Club website is back up. Please send pictures to Robert Dufur (robertdufur@outlook.com). He will resize. Also setting up a blog and will load P & Ls.

Secretary's Report: Glad to be part of such a well run club!

Treasurer's Report: Renee Ford
Bank balance as of 1/31/24. \$6376.10. P&L was distributed and will be posted separately. 2024 Budget was presented and approved "without dissent" (thank you Gary)

Advisor's Report:

Jill answers emails on gmail.

Sign up for Orientation or classes on bulletin board inside clay studio.

Please note, this is an ongoing list and does not mean you will automatically be in the next orientation. Currently, February and March orientation classes are full.

Please continue to help others, particularly if they are looking "lost," need direction to the sign-up sheets in the studio, etc.

Team Reports and changes:

Renee Romano has accepted a new position as our club's **Volunteer Coordinator!!!** Her goals are to get all members involved and to help the teams. If you are interested in teams, please contact her at:
romano.renee@gmail.com 217-722-1072

She is currently compiling information regarding each club, team leader, and numbers of members on each team.

Glaze: Kudos and enormous thank you to Mary Thul for all of her years of service on this team. She will continue as advisor. Melanie Stinson and Pam Wear are co-leaders.

A suggestion was made to consider ordering some glazes online and to check prices against Marjon.

Stroke & Coat: Jane Fairchild
No report

Kiln: Renee Ford
Bisque firings: 14 Glaze firings: 13

Kiln members contributed the following:

Kiln loading is a constant process of monitoring and editing of shelf space, piece size, cookie use, glazing, etc. If your piece doesn't immediately go into the kiln, this is why.

Please continue to check the bottoms of your pieces for glaze. Consider

making your own
cookies for large pieces.

Orientation: Jill Varley

2/19/24 & 3/18/24 Clay orientations are full

Glaze Orientation: Mary Murck

Display Windows: Barbara Petersen

Sign-up on back bulletin board. Even a few pieces is fine. If you would like to sell your pieces in the window, you are in charge of leaving contact information (put \$\$, phone # on the white clay labels cookies found in studio). Remember, 10% goes to the Association. Shoe & Tell Shelf is always in one window, too.

Recycle: Pan Current & Bob Arms

NO FLOOR SWEEPINGS go into recycling.
ALL CLAY MUST BE CLEAN.

Studio Maintenance: Bonnie Glenda & Joanne Wheeler

Online reminders are working well.

**Highly consider helping on cleaning days, especially if you are unable to work on other teams. It's a lot of fun with tasty rewards!

Social Activit s: Kathy Minck

SAVE THE DATE: April 5 Party. More information will be coming.

Clay Inventory Monitor: Jean Van Arman

Tipster: Georgine Smith is always open for ideas

Signage: Jill Varley
Please read the signs! :)

Website: Robert Dufur & Jill Varley (see VP's report)

Mail Chimp: Mary Murck & Renee Ford (Linda Block, intern)

Email Correspondence: Jill Varley (see Advisor's Report)

Art League: Susan Taylor

New displays are now up in AC. See bulletin board in clay studio for additional display dates.

The League is working on Feature Walls for specific clubs. The 1st display will be Photography Club. May 1-July1 will feature Clay Club. Think about pieces you can hang.

New Business:

Sara and Marty clean the glaze shelves. Contact them (kiln masters) if cleaning is needed. A suggestion was made that we need to invest in new shelves.

Contact Bob Arms or Pam Curran if you'd like them to make your hard clay into soft clay using the pug mill.

Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Block, Secretary
The Clay Club

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