

The Clay Club
September 5, 2024
1:00 Kiva Room AC
General Membership
Minutes

Board members present: Mary Murck, Renee Ford, Treasurer & Jill Varley, Advisor
Absent: Robert Dufur, Vice President & Linda Block, Secretary

APPROVAL and/or CHANGES to last month's minutes of May 2, 2024:

Approved, without corrections/additions.

SIGN-INS for previous month: 348

Presidents Report: Welcome back to those that have been gone for the summer!

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mary Murck reported in Robert Dufur's absence that he has worked hard on our Clay Club Website. Please take a moment to go to SCOVCLAYCLUB.COM. You are encouraged to send photos of pieces that you would like to share. Include your name & perhaps information about the piece...which clay and glaze you used, what you liked about the piece, etc. Send to Robert's Email at robertdufur@outlook.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Renee Ford reported the clubs Bank Balance at \$3,769.79. There is a total of 214 members in our Club. Bob Arms proposed that we raise the price of the recycled clay from the present \$2.00 to \$3.00. After a brief decision it was voted on and the new price is now \$3.00 beginning October 1.

ADVISOR REPORT: Jill Varley was asked to make a sign to differentiate the waste basket from the dirty towel baskets over by the wedding table. Please do not throw paper in with the towel laundry. Jill will be posting a monthly calendar on the club door.

TEAM REPORTS:

Glaze: Thank You to Melanie Stinson & Pam Wear for maintaining our bucket glazes. There is a problem with the Arabia right now and cannot be used. This will be corrected soon. A new gallon of Magic Water has been made and can be found in the

cabinet where the slip containers are kept in the Clay Studio. Stroke & Coat supply is being watched by Jane Fairchild and all is well.

Kilns: Renee Ford expressed her gratitude for our Kiln Masters over this summer: Pam Dage, Melanie Stinson, Bob Arms, Joan Kelley, Joanne Wheeler, and Elise Collin. Also kudos to Sara & Kevin Harney, Marti Friday and Bob Arms for keeping our kiln shelves clean & serviceable.

Some of you may be aware of the “fumes” coming from our kiln rooms. Our kilns are venting properly. It is the fused glass kilns that are not. Currently the Glass Club is not firing the kiln in the bisque kiln room. It is their problem to resolve this issue.

Bisque Firings: Aug.- 13 Glaze Firings: Aug.- 16.

Orientation: The next Clay Orientation will be in October. Exact date to follow. The Glaze Orientation will follow accordingly. The sign up for orientation is in the BOAK (Book Of All Knowledge).

Education: Pam Curren will schedule a ‘making bowls from a slab’ so that more hand builders can participate in Empty Bowls. Please Contact Sara Harney or Jill Varley if you are interested in teaching a class. They will need to check the club calendar for open dates.

Communication (Tipster): Georgine Smith continues with the Tipster. Thank You. Mary Murck and Renee Ford are working on Mail Chimp to bring Linda Block up to date.

Renee Romano will be returning soon and she is coordinator for volunteers. The club is always in need of volunteers...this is our way to give back.

Studio Maintenance: The studio was kept in tip-top shape. Thanks to all who helped out. Maintenance is always the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1PM. Social time is held in the glaze studio afterwards. **A reminder to thoroughly clean any communal tools and molds (plates, bowls, etc.)

John Miller helped with maintenance on the older slab roller. Thank you.

Also noted was a request to please rinse out your used towel of excess clay before hanging over the side of the basket to dry.

Window Display: Barb Petersen thanked those who filled the shelves this summer with their beautiful pieces. Barb asked for a few volunteers to fill window #3 and her request was met after bribing with a taste of dark chocolate! That's a retired teacher for ya' :). A 'Critter' themed window was suggested for next month.

Recycled Clay: Pam Curren & Bob Arms are doing a great job! Please do not put clumps of clay in the plastic recycle bin. They are difficult to work with in the recycling process. Break up your donated clay scraps.

Wheel Orientation: Contact Bob Arms or Bill Snead if you are interested in learning how to throw on the wheel.

Art League: Susan Taylor reported that the next art hanging in the Activity Center will be Tuesday, October 1st. You may bring in your piece(s) at 1:00pm. If you have any pieces from the summer display you may pick them up at 12:00pm. The Library will be hanging on Fri., Oct. 18th at 3:00pm and Desert Oasis will be hanging on Tues. Nov. 19th at 1:00pm.

New Business: Bob Watson announced that the Reid Park Zoo is accepting art pieces to be actioned off. He would like to see the item worth at least \$50.00. If you have an item to donate please reach out to Bob Watson at 209-743-5741.

*** The **next Monthly Clay Club Meeting** will be **Thursday, October 3rd, 1pm** and that meeting is being held in the Activity Center **NAVAJO ROOM**. ***

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Friday

