

Clay Club General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026 HOPI room
1:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Pam Curren, President

Roll Call of Officers: Pam Curren, President; Joanne Wheeler, Vice President; Sandy Behrends, Treasurer; Chris DeValk, Secretary; Mary Murck, Advisor
All officers present

Welcome to the many new members!

December 2025 General Meeting minutes approved.

President's Report: The club is volunteer driven; all members encouraged to ask questions and volunteer. Join teams, mentor others.

Thank you to volunteers and previous board members for their hard work.

Agenda will be split into board and team reports.

New plan to include 10-15 minute educational segment at the end of each meeting.

Each team has single board contact to streamline communication.

Plans to update website, including members-only section.

Vice-President's Report: Joanne Wheeler

Responsible for studio and glaze maintenance, cleaning, signage and storage space. Contact Joanne with related questions.

Secretary's Report: Chris DeValk

Members should verify contact info in roster for effective communication.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Behrends

Purchase requests must go through team leads then to treasurer for fund approval.

NO IOU's. Zelle coming soon.

Advisor's Report: Mary Murck

If team member is not able to make it to meeting, please contact your board liaison to report.

Team Reports:

Glaze: Pam Wear

Doing well overall; The glaze team is looking for a volunteer to measure the viscosity of each of the glazes weekly. You can be trained. Contact Pam W. or

Joanne.

Stroke & Coat: Jane Fairchild

Kiln: Renee Ford

December Bisque Firings: 15 Glaze Firings: 16 Operations running smoothly.

Education: Jill Varley

Upcoming underglaze transfer technique class 2/24 and extruder demo late Jan/Feb.

Clay Orientation: Barb Peterson

Classes and orientations filling fast. Process improved for notifying wait list.

Class full for March.

Glaze Orientation: Mary Murck.

Feb 3 next glaze orientation. March date pending.

Wheel Orientation: Bob Arms

Four people interested in post holiday orientation

Studio Maintenance: Joanne Wheeler

3rd Wednesday each month. Sangria available afterwards or BYOB

PLEASE clean shared molds after use!

Recycle: Pam Curren

PLEASE keep foreign objects out of scrap bins!

Clay inventory monitor: John McConnaughy

Mail Chimp: Chris DeValk

Going well.

Email: Jill Varley

No new member inquiries this month.

Tipster: Karen Seelhof

Always seeking article ideas. Content needed a month in advance

Website: Robert Dufur

*Absent Pam discussed members-only section and calendar updates.

Seeking help for calendar management.

Signage: Jill Varley

Ongoing updates

Display Windows: Barbara Petersen

Volunteers needed to display art in windows

Social Activities: Kathy Minck

Committee seeking input and volunteers for upcoming events.

Art League: Susan Taylor

New display case with lighting approved for building, details pending.

Old Business:

***Empty Bowls:** Volunteers needed Feb 11 to pack and prepare bowls

New Business:

***Bylaws update:** board reviewing and updating bylaws (last updated 2016).
Will post for member comments before approval.

***Sandy's report:**

New clay pricing effective immediately based on past years losses. \$30 per 25# for all types. Recycle remains at 5# for \$3. There is a new slip of paper that should be attached to purchase blocks of clay. Please fill out accordingly. No IOU's. Treasurer's transition and banking updates completed. Suggestion to raise price of recycle clay (discussion, but no change decided).

Adjourned 2:09 pm

Respectfully submitted
Chris DeValk, secretary



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