

Clay Club General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026 Kiva 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 new members: Welcome Pat Slate

President's Report: Pam Curren

- February meeting minutes approved
- Artist of The Month is Joan Kelley
- Text photos to Pam for website
- Check calendar for studio availability

Calendar - Toni McKeel / Sara Harney

- Sheet of "how to schedule a workshop" is in BOAK
- Fill out sheet, contact Sara or Toni and **include your name with texts!**
- After blast goes out, sign up sheet will be put in BOAK
- Discussion on how people want more classes as others concerned about studio closures.
- If set up time is needed for class, please state that
- Whiteboard calendar will stay along with door signs

Tipster: Karen Seelhoff

- Send pictures of your work
- URL for website in Tipster

Vice President's Report: Joanne Wheeler

Studio Maintenance: Joanne Wheeler

- Issues with sponge having wax on them. Sponges by wax brushes are for waxed items. Signs are up to clarify. Wash wax sponges with soap and hot water.
- May be able to get part for slab roller. If not, Gary Brown may be able to machine the part this summer. Received bids for new slab rollers as option.
- Slab roller mats are only to be used on slab roller
- Will look into getting new slab mats
- Wash all glaze off in large bucket first! Do not rinse in sink until final rinse as glaze becomes like glue in drains.

Glaze: Pam Wear

- Please wash paint brushes in bucket as well

Recycle: Darrell Bone' / Pam DeRusha

- wants feedback if not good
- found another pushpin and plastic cap in recycle clay

Clay Inventory Monitor: Joanne Wheeler

- Regular B Mix low. Getting more
- Nice to offer if you are going to Marjon's and can pick things up for the studio as we are charged \$50 for delivery
- Sandy is tracking clay sales vs clay inventory

Kiln: Renee Ford

- 15 bisque fires 18 glaze fires
- shelves being cut down, not ready yet
- If you have your own cookies, mark them large in some way so glaze team knows they are yours

- One new kiln master... Nan

Secretary's Report: Chris DeValk

*introduction of education team members

Clay Orientation: Barb Peterson

- Next 2 orientations filled
- booking into 2027

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Behrends

- Bank charging per transaction. Looking into options. Zelle payments are not counted as transaction.
- Some people taking clay and paying later. Pay when taking or it will be locked up.

Advisor's Report: Mary Murck

Display Windows: Barbara Petersen

- Possible "Artist of the Month" to be displayed in center window beginning in September
- Keep signing up to display in windows

Social Activities: Kathy Minck

- Survey coming soon. Physical copies will be available.
- Need volunteers for social commity.

Art League: Susan Taylor

- Artwork changed every 3 months in AC
- Open House 1/11/2027 to look at art on display.
- Large display case coming soon

Old Business: 183 bowls collected. Event March 7 at Chinese Cultural Center.

New Business:

- Bylaws posted on website. Paper copy will be in studio by sign in sheet. Vote will be at April meeting. Vote will be for all changes. Any concerns, contact Pam Curren.
- Bob Watson is collecting pottery donations for the zoo for a silent auction. Will pick up in studio, mark it with “Bob Watson”.
- March 17, 11 - 1 Artisan Center Open House. Studios are open if you want to work. Could use another volunteer to answer questions.

Adjourned 2:34pm

Respectfully submitted
Chris DeValk, secretary

Reminders

- **3/18 Monthly Cleaning and Social Hour 1 - 2pm**
- **3/24 Underglaze and Transfer Techniques Class 1 - 3pm**
- **3/24 Pressed Plates and Bowl Class 1 - 2:30pm**
- **3/31 Glaze Orientation 9 - 12**

Proposed bylaw changes

The monthly meeting on Thursday, April 2 will be devoted to the review and approval of the bylaw changes. Proposed changes are posted on the website and a paper copy is in the studio by the sign in sheet. Vote to approve bylaw changes must be approved by 2/3 of participants at April meeting.