

CERAMICS WEST GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 4, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9am by President Cindy Ferguson

Quorum established.

Secretary Nancy Nighbor - Highlights of the December meeting were read reminding the members that dues are to be paid this month and to please be mindful when using fragrances for those with allergies. A motion to approve made by Viv Wallis, second by Judy Aden.

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Engelkin - Cash on hand \$30.00, Checking - \$8,666.62, Equipment Reserve - \$8,078.62.

Vice President - Nicole Donati - Classes for 2017 were a great success.

2018 classes are as follows:

Beginners Class - January 10th, 17th, 24th.

Dry Brush Class - January 18th.

Crackle Class - January 25th

February Classes:

Dry Brush Class - February 14th.

Pouring Class - February 12th, 14th, 19th, 22nd at 7am.

Judy Aden will be giving a paint demonstration after the meeting. If you are willing to do a demo or class, please see Nicole Donati.

Pouring - Nancy Dobbins - Cindy and Nancy went through all the newly donated molds deciding which ones to keep. Nancy Dobbins will pour 1 of each of mold which will be voted on by members whether to keep or discard at the February meeting.

Pouring requests need to be put on the sheets on the clipboard. It is the only record we have of what has been poured. The people who pour fill out the 5x5 slips when the piece is being poured.

Firing room - Kathy-Langford-Hughes - Richard and Deborah Pinkerton and Debbie Brezoik have completed training in the firing room.

Please remember to put crystals on the correct shelf.

Metallics have a special shelf in the cupboard where the decals and gold pieces are kept.

A big thank you to all who helped with inventory.

Events - Debbie Placher - The events are now posted on the bulletin in the front, on the new events calendar and in the newsletter. Our next event will have a Mardi Gras theme and Bingo to be held on February 21st .

Membership - Janette Gricol - Membership dues are due this month. The Board discussed imposing a late fee for renewals after the January 31st deadline. After January 31st, names are automatically kicked out of the computer and members are technically no longer a current member. The recommendation was \$8.00. The club was asked for input and expressed support of this recommendation. As always, with extenuating circumstances an exception may be made. Cindy will make calls to all members prior to the deadline, who have not yet renewed.

Supplies - Judy Aden - Will be going to Marjon's either this Friday or Saturday. If there are any colors that you would like to see stocked, let Judy know. The Annual Ceramic and Doll show will be held this Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-3. The address is 11201 W El Mirage Rd.

Marjon's is having an open house on January 26 and 27 admission is free. On the 26th they will have demos, make and take and will be doing horsehair and raku.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village Store - Peggy Faygal - After January your pieces will be sent back if the forms and tags are incorrectly filed out. There are samples of how to do them on the door for your convenience. Stilt marks need to be filed off or they can be covered with felt so your piece does not scratch the glass shelves in the Village Store.

NEW BUSINESS:

Updated OD list:

Please check with Cindy to verify if you still want to be on the OD list, if you can work AM or PM, or if you can be a sub. If you cannot work your scheduled day, you must find your own substitute.

Our club computer is a great tool and should be used more. If any member has computer experience and would be willing to teach other members, let Cindy know. The Office Supply list is now posted on the bulletin board. Put your requests on the list.

Evelyn Lewis would like our cooperation with the newsletter to make her job easier. Get your articles ready for her in a timely manner. She would also like recipes. There will be a new section called the Member's corner. Cindy will be asking members to tell of their experiences at the club in the newsletter. Evelyn will be available for taking new member pictures after the meeting.

Windows - Shirley Reynolds - Shirley will be available January 12 from 9-11 for redoing the windows. She would like things for spring, Easter, Valentines day, St Patrick's day or anything you would either like to display or sell.

Horsehair class is being offered at Bits & Pieces on January 24. Cost is \$40.00 if you bring your own pieces and \$30.00 if you get your pieces there.

Raffle winner was Pat O Neil.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32.

Submitted by,
Nancy Nighbor