

Thursday, March 19th, 2020 Meeting online at Slack at 6:30 pm due to covid-19 closures

Attended: Esther, Kevin, Darlene, Louise, (Lisa - checked in later)

Regrets: Hilary, Nicole

1. May Sale at Victoria Road Recreation Centre on Sunday, May 3rd from 10-3pm; however, there's a good chance the date will be changed because of the covid-19 situation.

- Carrie, Darlene and Louise are the Spring Sale's Committee.
- This sale will be run by the City like the annual December sale.
- Waiting to hear from Siobhan (City) as to dates for registering and submission of inventory sheets.
- The Committee needs to know who is participating. If people could let the guild know at **guelphpottersguild@gmail.com**, and that information along with your questions will be forwarded to the Spring Sale's Committee.
- Esther and Lisa cannot participate on May 3, but may be able to if the date is changed.
- The Committee's been in contact with Siobhan (City) about posters and advertising.
- Otherwise, the Committee will keep us posted.

2. Treasurer's Report All agreed that we should pay the Guelph Arts Council membership fee for 2020. The full report is in the Slack meeting notes under # treasuryreport.

3. Workshop discussion:

- Eleanor agreed to instruct a series of more advanced classes, ie intermediate throwing or one time specific workshops ie plate throwing, etc. Eleanor has many excellent ideas for classes.
- We have confirmation from Siobhan that we could book the studio on Sunday afternoons at approximately \$25 plus tax and a small insurance fee per person for an hour and a half. We would need to have 8 participants (maximum 9 for on wheel classes) and would like to know who is interested. Lisa had some questions about the costs (see below).
- Esther, Kevin, Carrie, Louise and Darlene would like to attend. Lisa too with the caveat about costs below.
- There were lots of ideas about what kind of courses / workshops would be of interest. They are:

- Surface decorations on leather hard pieces - (*scraffito and carving*)
- Adding clay, *subtracting it from a piece to create interest*
- *Plates, glazing, throwing a set, teapots, closed forms*
- *Throwing a jar with a lid*
- *Altering a pot's shape and how to make a lid for it...*
- Throwing a set
- *Make my pieces more uniform!!!*
- *Also lids & galleries*
- On wheel decoration
- *Slip techniques*
- Glaze decoration

Many of these ideas are listed at the bottom of the GPG Workshop website page <http://www.guelphpottersguild.org/workshops.html> in the section titled Workshop Wish List. Perhaps Kevin could add the non-italicized items to the Wish List?

- Kevin is happy to run **sculpture workshops** and there is a lot of interest in this too. Please add to the Wish List.
- It was agreed that the workshops could be opened up to allow non-members (such as Eleanor's daughter) if there was enough room.
- Louise will connect Siobhan and Eleanor once the studio is open again.
- Lisa has some concerns about the costs, most particularly whether Eleanor or anyone else teaching advanced level classes will be fairly compensated for their expertise. This needs to be discussed further especially if the GPG is involved in organizing or promoting these classes. Further discussion can be added to the Slack meeting site. **Tabled for next meeting.**
- Once a class / workshop is decided to go ahead, Lisa will notify all members and others who may be interested via email.

4. Changes to website:

- Reduce the number of landing pages from 7 to 5 by combining About and Contact, have a News, Events and Sales page which includes all time sensitive information such as sales, workshops, events, meetings, etc.
- Have a separate Members page that members need to sign into. Kevin is going to ask a friend to help him with this. (I know Hilary has worked on this several times over the years.)
- We could link the website to our social media accounts having items posted on social media posted on our website. There would be an additional cost. This needs further discussion with Carrie and the group. **Tabled till next meeting.**
- Discussion about the continued problem of not having current images from members on the website or on social media. Possibility of having a weekly / monthly challenge to send in photos.
- Send images to guelphpottersguild@gmail.com and Lisa will forward them to Carrie. Lisa would like some direction on any required specifications (ie What is the best format?).

5. There was no discussion about moving the meeting dates back to Mondays, but participants seemed to enjoy the online meeting and that looks like what will be required for the foreseeable future. One advantage of an online meeting space is that it can be accessed afterwards and updates posted there.

(Proposed) 6. Next meeting: Monday, March 30 at 6:30 pm online at Slack. Contact guelphpottersguild@gmail.com for sign up instructions.

Notes and News:

1. Guelph Community Pottery Centre (GCPC) closed as part of all City run recreation centre closings <http://guelph.ca/living/recreation/recreation-programs/pottery/>