

Guelph Potters Guild Meeting

June 26, 2017

Members in attendance: Juliet, Esther, Amanda, Sheena, Hilary, Roya, Eleanor, Gail

Point of sale machine for the studio will likely be available soon.

September Open Studio will be \$6 an hour. Clay and firing the same cost. There will be punch cards available where you buy in advance and it would be \$5 an hour (\$50 cards for 10 hours). The hours will be calculated to round up to the next hour (no more by every 15 minutes).

Customers to inform volunteer when they are finished so that it can be noted without clean up time being included.

Glazes will be commercially mixed and brought in. They will not be mixed on site anymore.

Potentially, in September Friday adult wheel class and Saturday and Sunday kids morning classes. Open studio will start at 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

New instructors, Carly and Annie have joined. Carly will be doing kids camps and the Tuesday night wheel class. Annie will be starting in September for some of the new classes noted previously. Both are experienced potters.

The new guild clear will be made soon. John's new work load has delayed a few items.

New slip colours that are ready are red, yellow and dark brown. Blue, green, teal, and a few others will be ready soon.

Summer kiln firings will only happen if the load is 3/4 or more full. Bisque/glaze will fire Friday evenings. Open studio volunteers will be expected to empty the kilns on Sunday (assuming the temperature is reasonable).

New volunteers should have some training on unloading the kiln.

Please clean all glaze tools after each and every use! Contamination has been an issue and has since been fixed.

Culture Days Sep 30, 2017

- Demo between 10:00am-2:00pm - "try it" on the wheel and "Tiles for Tots" (0-8 years old)
- sale will be from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the atrium at City Hall.
- all items for Mugs+ must be ready for glaze firing before end of August.

Christmas Show

- all items must be in for glaze firing at the end of October.

John to come up with schedule for deadlines on firings.

Gail has suggested that we keep a \$50 GPG petty cash for small amounts to members. This was approved.

John is unable to be the forth signing person for cheques. Sheena will be the forth signing agent. Gail to call and get paper work re-done. She will call all signers to attend Meridian Bank again for signatures.

The GPG as of June 25, 2017 has a balance of \$948.28 in the account.

Marketing budget has been approved at \$200. Amanda will look into signs for the upcoming sales.

City of Guelph has trailer signs available but, they must be reserved. Call ahead to reserve the sign for Mugs +.

Members may store large items on our shelf in the shed next to the studio.

The GPG will not schedule a cleaning day for the studio nor do a open house community event.

Regulations on bringing work home is that the majority of the work must be done in studio and small details can be done at home. Most of the work must be done in studio.

Esther's August 12, 2017 barn sale is at 5768 wellington rd 7, Guelph, ON N1H 6J2. There will be 13 tables available and proceeds will be split 10% guild and 90% potter. Signs are needed (Amanda) and volunteers needed for cleaning the barn and yard before hand. Volunteers to put out signs along the highway. Please confirm with Esther if you are interested well before the event.

Social media numbers of people following: Instagram 89, Facebook 390.

Roya to set up a new website through Square Space website maker. Ideas are to make it less formal and more appealing to users. She is to contact John for the domain name and register.

Next meeting Monday August 21, 2017 at Studio.

End Meeting