

Guelph Potter's Guild – Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015; 7:00pm

In attendance: Joanne, Anita, Hilary, Esther, Gail

Regrets: Amanda, John, Nancy, Eleanor

1. Welcome, minutes from last meeting (24 June, 2015)

2. Information: general update on fence and key situation.

- The side walking gate appears to be open permanently and no longer has a lock. Only the large gates to the maintenance parking area are locked most evenings. The fence directly in front of our door has been cut open to allow passage to the parking lot.

3. Information and Discussion: Membership Team

- 14 paid members so far!
- The new tracking sheets and binder are now live. Many thanks, Amanda, for the brightly coloured ladybug binder with the clear and organized forms and sections! We have added a separate board meeting attendance section to be updated to include attendance by members at all previous board meetings as part of volunteer hours.
- Printing of membership cards pending, Hilary to contact Amanda for info
- Possible printing of logo onto aprons, T-shirts, Printed to a Tee quotes \$3.50 per impression, both apron types available at Len's Mill Store for \$4.99 a piece. Our logo has three colours which requires 3 different screens at \$20 per screen. That means for our initial run, we would have to pay out \$60 but not for any further runs as they keep the screens on file.. So if we order 15 items it would cost us each \$5 + \$4 screen fee + \$3.50 impression = \$12.50 + tax per item. We can post a sign-up sheet on our gPg bulletin board to see if we can make an order of at least 15 items.
- Member training sessions: Hilary will offer a pugging session for members to reclaim their own clay on Wednesday, August 12 at 6 pm
- Some members are having difficulty trying to access Members' Log-in page even with a g-mail account. Hilary will try to resolve this, perhaps by creating a general g-mail account with a password to be shared by paid-up members.

4. Information: Communication Team

- New site pending Doodle/Monkey poll, continue on with current website for disseminating information at present
- Any members wishing to post a picture of one of their pieces in our website Members Gallery can e-mail a picture to Hilary - appleton.hilary@gmail.com

5. Information: New Site Team

- Local artist Nan Hogg brought to our attention an Interesting community editorial in March 2015 Mercury from former mayoral candidate, Jason Blokhuis, in support of using Delhi as an arts centre. There are more voices out there to support our cause!

## 6. Information and Discussion: Exhibition Team: Mugfest!

- Alana Bell has contacted Alexandra Marson at the city regarding Special Event Application for Mugfest, for either Market Square or the Galleria, we have the application and prefer the September 26 date. Alana noted that there would be extra paperwork (Ministry of Health for selling or providing food and drink) and fees if city staff required to support for electrical needs
- In discussion, it was noted that some members are not comfortable with donating so much work to the event because of the expense to be born by the individual. We discussed several options to help reduce costs: a) share 50/50 with the Guild on the revenue; b) for those who have studio space at home, allow them to throw or create at home as long as they provide the requisite number of pieces (10 - 12?) and use the correct clay; c) have studio time waived for the time use for creating pieces for this specific time; d) be allowed to buy studio reclaim at the reduced price. The group preferred option a) or a) in conjunction with other options.
- We are not keen to manage the food and beverage aspect of the event and would rather focus on the clay and approaching beverage vendors to have them sponsor us through logos on a coupon which would be surrendered at their businesses for a 50 cent drink. We could charge \$25 per logo to help us cover the printing costs and the cost of booking the space.

## 7. New Business:

- Joanne will co-ordinate an order to PSH, date and details to come, to be posted on website and on sign-up sheets on the gPg bulletin board at the studio.
- Hilary briefly outlined the new Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF) structure which has been re-vamped to be simpler and more responsive to community needs. We noted that it is too soon for us to meet the current deadline but that there is one we could aim for on January 6th. Basically there are 6 action areas (Active People, Connected People, Green People, Inspired People (us!), Promising Young People and Prosperous People) and 3 types of funding levels (Seed Grants, Grow Grants and Capital Grants) The main questions applicants can ask when considering their applications are “How can we involve more people in our venture?” and “How can we do a better job of what we do?” For more specific details check out their website: [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)
- We had a brief discussion about our long term vision of being able to offer programs that give back to the community such as youth, mental health ventures and working with shelters, either at our studio or at their locations. Joanne has contact with the brain injury unit at St Joseph's.
- For a creative boost, we recommend visiting both the Gardiner Ceramics Museum in Toronto and the Corning Glass Museum in Corning, New York State, USA

**Next meeting:  
Tuesday, 25 August, 2015, 7pm  
Guelph Community Pottery Studio**