

Guelph Potter's Guild – Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 17, 2016; 7:00pm

In attendance: Hilary, Anita, John, Eleanor, Sheena, Juliet, Carol B., Gail, Lisa, and Amanda

Regrets: Nancy, Ester, Lynn, Carol P., Joanne

1. Surface decoration workshop planning with Goldie Sherman:

- a. Saturday, January 14th, 12-2pm at the studio
- b. Please bring a minimum of three trimmed, leather hard to dry pieces for decoration with slips, underglaze, wax resist, and/or scraffito, in addition to personal supply of paint brushes, carving tools, paint palettes, etc. which may be useful for the workshop
- c. Cost is \$15 per potter, with a maximum attendance of 12 people
- d. Guild will cover the cost of supplies provided by Goldie for the workshop
- e. A note will be left in the studio two weeks prior to the workshop to advise participants that the studio may be closed from 12-2pm during the workshop due to maximum capacity limit.

2. Mug Shop de-brief, planning for 2017 event:

- a. Happy with success of Mug Shop 2016; Cube reader was an asset for credit cards sales; to keep event fresh, might be worth considering to alternate years of Mug Shop and Bowl Fest
- b. Preliminary popular vote to pursue VegFest as 2017 Guild Fall Show
 - i. \$85 early bird sign-up fee due April
 - ii. one day show (Saturday) end of September
 - iii. space allowances, tables, associated strings to be determined
 - iv. will focus on bowls, soup mugs, spoon rests, garlic graters, anything kitchen-soup-stew related items
 - v. there was a presence of non-food vendors at VegFest 2016, and overall well attended and organized.

3. Christmas Show!

- a. Saturday, December 3rd 10am to 4pm, City Hall Atrium
- b. Arrive at 830am on Saturday morning to set up for sale, attract early birds that the show starts at 10am
- c. Friday, December 2nd 7pm at studio to help pack up supplies for show
- d. Current poster lists cash or cheque only, John to see if there is a City contact to discuss the benefits of using Cube reader
- e. **Action item: ALL PARTICIPANTS** Sign-up sheets posted on bathroom door for:
 - i. Poster distribution (library, community centres, schools, work, local businesses, etc.)
 - ii. Friday pick-up and pack-up at the studio
 - iii. Cash, wrapping, and hold table
 - iv. Throwing demo
 - v. Treats
- f. Order 30 tables for the day
- g. Person covering holding table will also be responsible to monitor stock on display tables, and esthetically reorganize as pieces sell
- h. Gail will provide a projector
- i. John looking after City supplied supplies: bags and wrapping, electrical cords, coffee maker, cups, cream, sugar, etc.
- j. Continue with sparse decoration with garland, white fairy lights (battery operated), plain wooden boxes and clear plastic risers for display – simple is better and mandatory!

4. Studio News:

- a. Open Studio volunteer checklist will be provided in a visible, laminated format to check off each day and initial that basic items are always complete
- b. Possibility that basic tools will need to be provided by individual potters for Open Studio (Guild member or not); Guild could offer small kits for sale as a service/fundraiser (ribs, pin tool, natural sponge, wooden tool, wire, basic ribbon trimming tool).

Next Meeting: Friday, December 2nd, 7pm at the Studio