

Guelph Potters' Guild Meeting Minutes
May 4th, 2016, 7pm

Attendance: Amanda, Carol B., Juliet, Lynn, Hilary, Anita, Gail, Esther, Eleanor, Lisa

Regrets: Nancy, John, Carol P.

Next Meeting: July 9th (9am-12pm) at the studio for general cleaning and organization

Creative Items:

1. Plaster moulds:
 - a. Juliet and Anita have made various sizes and types of hump plaster moulds which will be kept beside the damp storage shelf;
 - b. Moulds made from pottery plaster #1; pieces can be made with moulds in one session, using the fan to help dry, or can be stored up to one week under plastic wrap, but piece might crack depending on thickness and moisture level;
 - c. Anita and Juliet to be reimbursed for plaster cost.
2. Tile decoration:
 - a. Gail trying out a new decorating technique for tiles/coasters using alcohol and permanent makers;
 - b. Likely will need to use high fired tiles so effect of technique is maximized; can buy tiles at Restore for GPG Pop-Up Mug Shop activity for Culture Days.
3. Juliet will have some of her paintings on display at the Red Brick Café between May 30 to July 10, with artist reception on June 2 at 5:30pm.

Studio and Information Updates:

1. Nancy:
 - a. High volume of pieces right now (80 studio users, not including Open Studio)
 - b. Kilns working well; new update on kiln reader to show what type of error occurred during firing (let Nancy know if/what the error was if one is seen when unloading).
2. Amanda:
 - a. Laundromat coin dispenser machine in the plaza with Good Life for when change is tight;
 - b. Pop-Up Shop on Carden Street downtown; fairly expensive (\$550 for Friday-Sunday) or \$750 for a whole week; if we were to pursue in future, would need an artist partner or group to help share the cost.
3. Hilary:
 - a. Applying for Culture Days again this year, October 1st (Saturday) for time slot o 9-3pm
 - b. Decorate your own coaster free activity – keep thinking of different techniques we could offer for tile decorations!
 - c. Culture Day intensive planning meeting late August or early September
4. Studio location:

- a. Will remain at Municipal Street for the foreseeable future.
5. Social Media – Lynn:
 - a. Using Instagram to promote her pottery
 - b. Instagram account setup for GPG: user name: Guelph Potters’ Guild, password: gpgcomm
 - c. Can upload pictures and also short videos (15-30 seconds)
 - d. Tag your photo while posting to link to your personal Instagram account
 - e. #mugshotmonday very popular pottery search
6. Website – no updates yet
7. Esther’s Country Pottery Sale:
 - a. June 18th 8-3pm at 5768 Wellington Rd. 7
 - b. Drop pieces off Friday June 17th; follow the same labeling scheme as Mug Shop and Christmas sale
 - c. Encouraged to donate 10% of the sale price to GPG
 - d. Esther will use GPG signage for road markers on the sale day
 - e. Esther will leave flyers in the studio for us to spread around
 - f. Let Esther and Gail know if you can help out the weekend before with cleaning and prep for the show.
 - g. Promotion: tackboard.com is an online bulletin board for local events; \$5 fee per “flyer”
8. Onwards and Upwards – New Ideas:
 - a. Coordinate a group activity or “class”
 - b. For next meeting please research into different workshops that we could do as a guild activity, e.g. raku