

 Northwest Polymer Clay Guild

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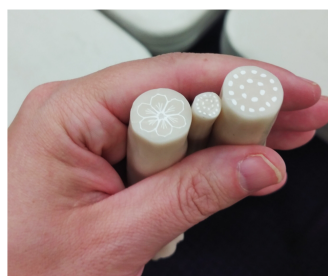
Guild Highlights

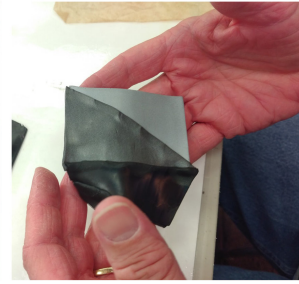
By Kim Day



June Clay Social

We had a nice turn out and while some of us chatted, many worked on clay projects including canes and skinner blends. Cathy Gilbert gave Helen an impromptu class/demo on making snails trails canes. Sometimes I think the relaxed clay socials are my favorites.





Show & Tell



Clay Camp 2019 Swap: Blue





Carol's big bin of miniature food



Charlie Nagel's bolo



Charlie Nagel's faux pebble



Kim Day's 100 Day Challenge work

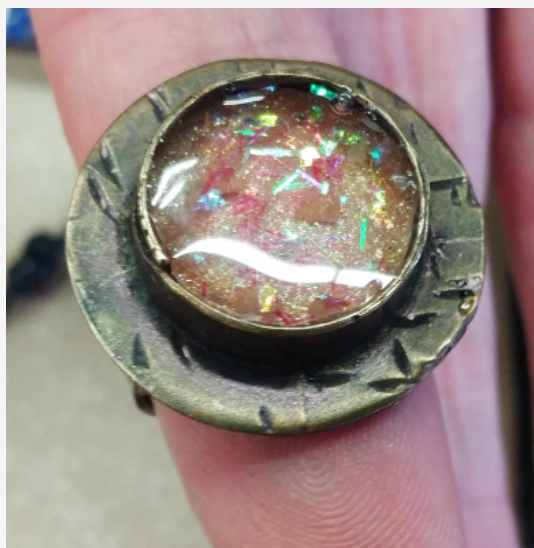


Left - Kim Day's KC Stripper Class

Right - Necklace and earrings by Jan Munyon



Left - Marie Segal's creations
Right - Helen Phillip's heart work



Nan Robkin's work



Charlie Nagel's work



Nan Robkin's collection from Clay Camp



Kim Day's collection from Clay Camp



Cathy's collection of animals made by Dawn Gray



Sculpture made by Dawn Gray in Nan Robkin's collection

Upcoming Elections

By Kim Day



In October we will be voting on two positions: NPWCG President and VP of Programs. To legally continue as a nonprofit entity, we need members to step up and run for these positions. Each one is for a two-year term. We have allowed co-chairs before when people wanted to share the load. Here are the responsibilities to help you determine if you are willing to help out in either position:

- **President** - run one board meeting in January, set-up an agenda, help create yearly budget and call for votes. Write monthly president's messages in the newsletter. Keeper of the Guild mailbox key and storage unit key. Facilitate other Guild decision-making as they come, usually by email like camp scholarships, unexpected expenses not covered in budget., etc. Current duties that can be passed on to other Guild members include paying Guild fees such as PO Box, Meetup account and storage unit, purchasing of non reusable supplies for Clay Camp (ex. table coverings), and setting up beginner's classes and Fair demos.
- **VP of Programs** - coordinate the NWPCG monthly Guild meetings, namely three programs (the fourth falls on December which is the Holiday party), four round robins and four clay socials. Invite people to teach the programs and request class descriptions and materials supply lists for publication in the newsletter. In the past we have passed around a sheet asking for round robin/program teachers suggestions or finding fun things to work on in the Guild library and assigning a member to lead the program. The rest of the Board frequently helps with ideas as well. If we have a guest teacher brought in apart from Clay Camp, they would help in the administration of it, or find a volunteer that would do so.

I am willing to do either position, so both are available. The term would start in January. Current officers who will be finishing their terms will of course be available

for any questions at any time. Please consider stepping up and let's keep the Guild running smoothly!

Monthly Meetings

July Program: Surface Techniques

By Susan Locsin | July 3, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. | [Artworks](#)



We will be learning several methods to control color and pattern on the surface of clay. You are encouraged to demonstrate your favorite techniques to the group as well. This is a hands on class.

Please bring:

- Transparent, translucent, resist and masking products
 - Favorite texture stamps, stencils, silkscreens
 - An assortment of alcohol inks, pearl powders, pastels, acrylic paint, markers
 - Pasta machine, blade, roller
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August Program: Round Robin

By Kim Day | Aug 7, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. | [Artworks](#)



We will be covering cheap BIC pens with polymer clay. In this round robin, Kim Day will show how to smoothly cover and bake pens. If you would like to participate, bring the following materials:

- Clay of choice,
- Blade,
- Pasta machine or roller,
- Work surface, and
- Either canes or a decorated veneer (flat sheet).

Pens will be provided. Pliers will also be available for sharing if you do not have your own. Kim will have extra leaf and/or kaleidoscope canes to share, depending on how ambitious she is when the time comes!

Have a program idea? [Contact Cathy, click the button below.](#)

[Email Cathy](#)

President's Message

By Kim Day | polymerclay@gmail.com



Just Make It!

Another month! I hope you all had some time to appreciate the gorgeous weather or at least take a glimpse out the window every now and then.

I'm still doing the 100 Day Challenge to spend time every day on the hobby of my choice (the finish line is in sight!), and I'm having fun experimenting with an Etsy shop which is reinforcing why I would never try and do it for a full time job (sorry Mom!).

Someone asked me how I managed to do clay every single day. My answer was that some days I didn't feel like doing it at all but then I went ahead and did it anyway.

"Oh and then once you started it was fine?"


Sometimes yes, and sometimes no. Probably the thing I'm most grateful about this 100 Day Challenge is that I no longer need a special occasion to do clay, or a carved out time block, or an especially inspiring idea. I don't love everything I've made but I love that I've been making things.

For the Guild, we'll be scheduling the next Beginner's Class soon (likely a Sunday in September), along with demo dates for the Evergreen State Fair. Stay tuned! As usual, we're accepting polymer clay beads or charm donations for our keychain giveaways at the demos.

We also reached a decision about next year's Clay Camp. By unanimous vote (of those that attended or emailed. Okay I lied, there were no emails) we will be dropping down to just the work area and cabins B and C. What does this mean? There is a chance, albeit a small one, that Clay Camp will fill up. But don't worry, we will announce registration openings to members before opening it up to non-members.

Hope everyone is well, thanks for being awesome!

Kim Day

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