

# See you on Nov 1st!

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Northwest Polymer Clay Guild

# Clay Play



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by Kim Day

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It's (almost) that time of year again! Since we're coming up on my favorite meeting of the year, I thought I'd throw a few reminders out there for old timers, and a few info bites for newer members. For the December meeting, we will be having our annual Holiday Party! Bring a potluck dish of your choice (if able, don't let not being able to bring a dish stop you from coming). I'll bring my usual toffee, and you'll all remember why you keep me around. We've had people bring bread, chips and dip, soup, curry, cookies, brownies, and meatballs. Not that food is everything but... we have some amazing cooks in the Guild!

Other activities include the optional non-raffle raffle, and the brown bag exchange. Feel free to bring donations (clay supplies, handmade things of all crafting varieties, etc) for the non-raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and are divided by entry. All proceeds go to support the Guild.

For the optional brown bag exchange, remember to bring something you would be happy receiving. In an unmarked brown (usually lunch size bag, provided at the meeting), put in something – clay, jewelry supplies, handmade ornaments, chocolate, texture sheets and stamps have all been popular items. Those that bring a brown bag (one per person limit) take turns either opening a new bag from the table or stealing (gasp! do this, it's fun and guarantees the item finds a good home) an already opened item. Once an item has been stolen, it is no longer available to steal.

And lastly, we'll be doing a drawing. Remember those index cards you filled out during the year for show and tell? They each become an entry in the drawing for a nice JoAnns gift certificate. Anyways, hope to see you there!

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### **Business Meeting & Round Robin**

Nov 1 | 6:30 p.m.

| [Artworks](#)

*We will have our quarterly NWPCG business meeting followed by a program on covering round ornaments by Maria Brown.*

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### **Clay Day**

November 25 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | [Hillside](#)

[Community Church](#)

*Bring any project you're working on or just come to catch up*

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### **NWPCG Holiday Party**

Dec 6 | 6:30 p.m.

| [Artworks](#)

*Don't miss this party! We're going to have fun with non-raffle raffles, brown bag exchanges and tons of food! Read Kim's article below for details.*

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### **NWPCG Clay Day**

Dec 9 | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | [Third Place](#)

[Commons](#)



Come and clay with friends.  
Look for us at the food  
court.

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account and share ideas  
and inspirations with us.  
Check our boards for  
holiday project inspirations.

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**October Meeting**

by Ria M Hoyt

It was a relaxed meet-up with the bulk of the time spent among Cheryl Simmon's donations to the Guild. Members freely chose among the wide selection of her crafting supplies to take home and use.

We had a good turnout with a full table for Show & Tell so be sure to scroll down and see the multitude of projects our members have been working on.

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**Show & Tell**



Works by Liz White



Works by Kim Day



Works by Kim Day



ATC by Andrea Rivers (left); Jewelry by Cathy Gilbert (right)



Jewelry (left) and Christmas ornament (right) by Cathy Gilbert



Jewelry set by Cathy Gilbert (left); Candle holder by Maria Brown (right)



Works by Andrea Rivers



Raku beads by Andrea Rivers (left); Fossil pendant by Charles Nagel (right)



Polymer clay gingerbread houses by Kim Day (left) and Susan Locsin (right)



Canes by Susan Locsin using scrap clay (left); Bowl using the canes (right)



ATCs by Charlie Nagel (front and back)



Miniature dolls by Ria Mendoza Hoyt



# Tote Bag Challenge

by Susan Locsin

Please remember to bring your polymer clay artwork and its inspiration for the tote bag challenge. At this meeting, we will vote for the winning design and take orders for our new bag that will be available at the December party.



**November Program:**

## Cane-covered Round Ornaments

By Maria Brown | November 1 | 6:30 p.m. | [Artworks](#)

November's meeting topic will be a demonstration on how to cover round ornaments with polymer clay. I will show you a few different techniques, one will be with square cane slices. It's easy and a great way to use up leftover canes.

If you're like me, you've probably got some old, scratched-up glass Christmas tree balls hiding away somewhere. Bring them and some to share, if you have them. We'll magically transform them into beautiful one-of-a-kind artworks. Okay, it's not magic, but they are cool techniques!



I will also bring free samples of my Ornament Baking Tube (pat. pend.) for curious clayers. You're curious now, aren't you?

You will need:

- work surface
  - pasta machine
  - 4 to 6 ounces of your favorite colors of clay
  - texture sheets and mica powders, optional
  - about 3-4 inches long of any square cane, about one inch square
  - blade for slicing cane slices and an exacto blade
  - smallish 'roller' for smoothing (I use a knitting needle)
  - isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol
  - old glass Christmas tree ball
  - pencil, chopstick, bamboo skewer, or skinny little stick from your yard
  - masking, blue, or Scotch tape.
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## Awesome Gingerbread Houses!

By [Ria Mendoza Hoyt](#) | October 14, Enumclaw

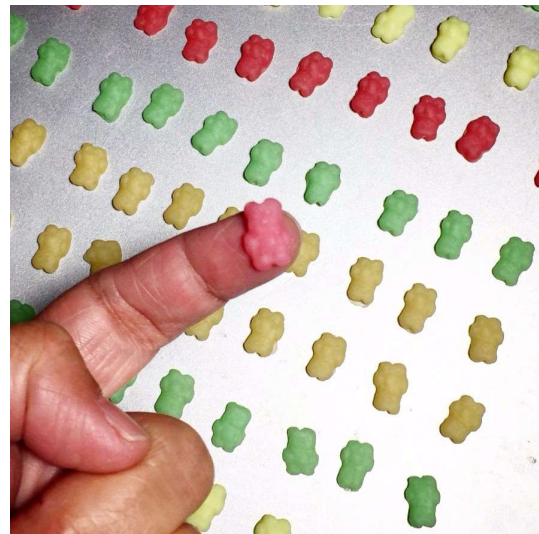
It was a beautiful Saturday and I enjoyed the drive down to Enumclaw. More so after I passed Muckleshoot Casino and the scenery changed into sprawling farms. The Southend Clay Day venue is huge and has everything you'd want for a peaceful day of claying – long tables, full kitchen and permit to use ovens to cure ready creations. Too bad I was only there for half the day since my morning was taken up with pottery class.

When I arrived, the gingerbread house making party was in full swing! Terri Standley, Maria Brown, Kim Day, Andrea Rivers and Cathy Gilbert were all there, studiously claying. Lining the back wall was a sumptuous spread of goodies – Maria's curry, Cathy's dips, Andrea's beans and more. It was a buffet more than enough for the whole Guild!

The candies this year were all adorable! It was a great effort by everybody to make miniature candies from Necco wafers, lollipops, gumdrops, Gummy Bears and more. It was a real pleasure to use them and design a fun little gingerbread house. Everybody made beautiful work. I'll let the photos speak for themselves.



Cathy Gilbert's Christmas tress (left); Maria Brown's Necco wafers, and Andrea Rivers' gumdrops and lollipops (right)



Kim Day's choco chips and Cathy Gilbert's canes (left); Ria M Hoyt's Gummy Bears (right)



Maria Brown's gingerbread house (left); Kim Day's ornament (right)



Maria Brown's ornament (left); Terri Standley's gingerbread house (right)



Cathy Gilbert's (left) and Terri Standley's (right) gingerbread houses



From left to right: Cathy Gilbert's, Ria M Hoyt's, Kim Day's, Terri Standley's and Andrea Rivers' gingerbread houses. Center ornament by Maria Brown



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## Welcome November

It's been sunny and cold and the colors of the leaves are beautiful! Time to start thinking about holiday crafts and gift giving. Clay-covered pens and crochet hooks are useful, and jewelry is always fun. I'm looking forward to learning how to cover glass ball ornaments with Maria at our meeting this month, and I'd love to try to make the swirly ornaments that Kim made last year. Don't forget that there are a lot of places to donate handmade gifts. I've donated to my kids' K-8 school in the past; they do gift giving for low-income families. Also the [Hopelink Food Bank](#) accepts donated gifts.

As we enter into the busy holiday season, don't forget to take the time to take care of yourself! I've been exercising at the gym regularly for three months now and I feel so much better for it. I also got a meditation app that I really like; I'm now up to 50 consecutive days of meditation. I wish I could say the same for crafting. One of the things I like so much about knitting and crocheting is being able to pick it up and do a few minutes here and there; my clay projects take more time and effort. But I'm always inspired by other Guild members, and look forward to continuing to learn new tricks.

***Liz White***

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## Election Results

by Kim Day

And the results are in! Please welcome our returning Vice President of Programs Cathy Gilbert, and our returning Secretary Susan Locsin. Thanks ladies for all you do to make the guild a better place.

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## Announcements

### *Sculpt Your Own Santa*

Learn how to make your own Santa with polymer clay! This class will put emphasis on sculpting the face, how to apply a beard and mustache, creating a fat little \*bowl full of jelly\* and cool Santa boots. Free during the live stream on November 6, 7 and 8.

### *Resins and Rivets, Patinas and More*

Upcoming classes at the Tacoma Metal Arts Center on December 2, 2017 will expand the possibilities with a variety of materials including polymer clay. Class taught by Meredith Arnold.

### *Dichroic Polymer Clay*

In the Tucson Gem Show in January/February, Meredith Arnold is offering Dichroic Polymer Clay and other classes in two different shows: To Bead True Blue and JOGS at the Expo Center.

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