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### Liquid Sculpey and More

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**Guild Announcements:** By Kim Day

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**Washington State Fair Demo** 



We have received the dates for our demo times at the Washington State Fair (or Puyallup Fair, as I shall forever call it). Monday September  $10^{th}$  from 2:30 pm until 9:30 pm and Saturday September  $22^{nd}$  from 9:30 am until 9:30 pm. It is a long drive, but always so much fun. We bring a clay oven so you can bake projects as well. You can work on a project, or do lentil swirl beads for hours (they love it!). When we have more than 4 people, we also take some time and check out things like the Hobby Hall and the quilt contest.

Please sign up for as many of the 4 hour blocks as you wish, our goal is to have 4 people "on duty" at all times. Sign up by e-mail to me, polymerclay@gmail.com and include your mailing address so I can get your entrance ticket and parking ticket mailed to you (when we get them). Because we need to know how many tickets to ask for, I'll ask people sign up by the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (signing up in person is fine, and carpools will be available if you're staying all day like I am).

#### September 10

2:30 - 6:30

6:00 - 9:30

#### September 22

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

#### Extruders

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#### **NWPCG Program**

Aug 1 | 6:30 p.m.
| Artworks
Let's experiment with the new Clear Liquid Sculpey and see what wonderful creations we can come up with!

#### NWPCG Clay Day

Aug 11 | 9:00 - 5:00 |

Third Place Commons

Join us for a day of claying
at Third Place Commons,

Town Center at Lake Forest

Park. We'll be in a long
table by the stage.

#### Spread the Word

Help us spread the word, share our <u>FB</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Pinterest</u> accounts in your social media.

#### **Amazon Smile**

Shopping on Amazon?
Choose the Northwest
Polymer Clay Guild as
recipient of Amazon
Smile and with every eligible
purchase, Amazon will
donate 0.5% to our Guild.

#### Show your works

Showcase your works, finished or in progress in our <u>Instagram account</u>.

<u>Email photos with caption to Ria.</u>

## **NWPCG** is Hosting a Beginner's Class



In an effort to grow our membership, we will be hosting a completely free (supplies included) beginner's class on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until 4pm at ArtWorks. We will be adding a sign-up form on the website (it will greatly help our volunteer teachers to know how many are coming!). Please pass the news along to anyone you think may be interested, or e-mail me at <a href="mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com">polymerclay@gmail.com</a> with ideas on how we can promote this. This event will likely turn into a twice a year thing, with the second date after our Puyallup Fair demos so we can advertise it then as well. It is for adults, or chaperoned high functioning children/teens.

For more information or to sign up, please go to our <u>Meet-up site</u>. You can also give this link to friends who are interested.

It's Keychain Time!



Well, it's kind of always key chain time. As part of our Washington State Fair outreach, we hand out key chains with a polymer clay bead/charm along with our business card. The past few years we've given out over 1000 a year. If you would like to donate any polymer clay beads, canes that can be sliced for beads, or premade key chains (the guild has key rings available for this purpose), we

would welcome any donations. Lentil swirl beads are popular key chain beads and a wonderful use of scrap clay, as are stamped and mica powdered shapes. You may donate any time, and if you miss the deadline for the Fair this year we'll add them to next year's. :)

#### **Enter the Fairs**



I've been promising myself I'd do it for years now, maybe this will finally be the year. Both the Washington State Fair (Puyallup) and the Evergreen State Fair (Monroe, demo dates still to be arranged) have crafting categories for our beautiful polymer clay creations. Cathy, Ria and Maria have all entered before and received some lovely ribbons, including a Grand Champion one for Ria! If you fill out the paperwork and bring your clay thing to a meeting or clay day, we even have people that are willing to drive our to enter the work in the appropriate Fair for you. How's that for service?

Evergreen State Fair: Enter online by 8/8/18, bring to guild meeting 8/1/18, no entry fee. New this year, special polymer clay categories!

J10. Sculpture: Figurines

J11. Sculpture: Other

J12. Accessories

J13. Jewelry: with caned components

J14. Jewelry: non-caned components

J15. 2D Creations

Non-polymer categories include stuff like steam punk, mixed media dolls, and holiday decorations.

Washington State Fair: Online entry registration due by 10pm for Handcrafts Divisions 200-232 8/15/18. Please print the online summary/receipt and bring a copy with your entries when you bring them to The Fair. Review the receipt to see each class listed for the items you will be bringing. Bring to guild meeting 8/1/18 or Clay Day 8/11/18.

There is just one polymer specific category (4243 NON FIRED CLAY (polymer, fimo, etc) ), but pretty much anything you make will have a category. Picture frames, ornaments, beads, jewelry, dolls, covered eggs, etc.

## **Programs**

**NWPCG Monthly Meeting** 

# August Program: Clear Liquid Sculpey

By Cathy Gilbert | August 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Artworks



You can find liquid polymer clay in any polymer clay crafter's stash. Sculpey came out with it long ago and crafters and artists have done amazing things with it. Most major brands have their own version of liquid clay and there are a TON of tutorials and demos online, showing the wonderful things you can do with it.

Recently, Sculpey has come out with a new product: liquid Sculpey that approaches transparency, available in gold, silver and pearl. We received one sample bottle in our Clay Camp swag bags and I saw a couple of people doing some really intriguing things with it. Meredith Arnold will be showing Liquid Sculpey Clear and Liz White will be showing Liquid Sculpey Metallics. Come on out and be intrigued along with me!

## **Sept Program: Focus on Extruders**

By Cathy Gilbert | August 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Artworks

We've come along way since the early days of extruding when everyone tried to modify caulking guns to squeeze clay through those push extruders. The Makins and Walnut Hollow extruders are definitely a step up and the Lucy extruder takes it a level higher. But no matter which one you use, there are some neat things that can be made. We'll have a program for September

covering all things extruder. Come and check. it out!

Have a program idea? Contact Cathy, click the button below.

**Email Cathy!** 

President's Message | president@nwpcg.org



**Back on Track** 

Hello clay people!

Not much change from last month! Everything we wrote about entering fairs, demoing in fairs, making keychains, upcoming open board positions and the beginner's class are all still relevant. If you want to enter the Fairs and want someone to bring them in for you, be sure you do your electronic sign up before the meeting and bring it to the next meeting, August 1st.

I've noticed that life just kind of keeps on happening. There are always emergencies that come up, events to plan for, unexpected sicknesses. I'd been waiting to do clay until I felt especially motivated, and now somehow the months I had to make something for the fairs have just about disappeared. Isn't it weird that you can enjoy doing something so much, and then not make time for it??? Our brains can be very stupid sometimes. Wish me luck on retraining my brain, and getting that clay out between meetings and clay days.:)

As always, be safe, be healthy, have fun, and clay on!

Much love,

Kim Day
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# **Edmonds Arts Festival Gallery Looking for Group Exhibits**

By Meredith Arnold

The Edmonds Arts Festival Gallery is looking for groups to exhibit their work as a group show to help them promote their group. The Edmonds Arts Festival Gallery is in the Frances Anderson Cultural Center on Main St. in downtown Edmonds (where



the Edmonds Arts Festival is held every year Father's Day weekend). The Gallery is already scheduled through the year so any exhibit would be 'down the road'. NWPCG smaller work could be displayed in shadow boxes or hanging shelf units (ArtWorks has two of these). If you are interested to join,

contact any Board Member. For more information, click here.

#### **NWPCG** website









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