

And the Claying Fun Continues

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Guild Highlights: Let's Get Real

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Virtual Clay Camp 2020

Hi folks! Inspired by Cathy Gilbert's determination to enjoy Camp at home (no cooking, cleaning or work if possible), we set up a virtual Camp this year. It didn't have quite everything – the views, wandering around workspaces, the food, the raffle or classes.

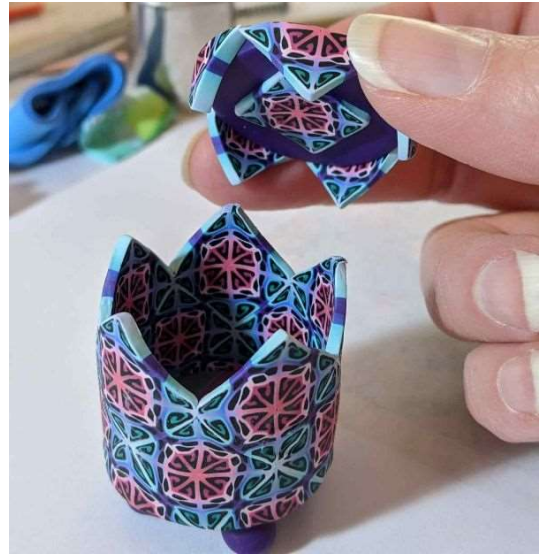
Instead, we just hung out on Zoom, and did some clay and talked. However, sometimes simple is pretty dang awesome too. Hanging out with people that we don't normally get to see (Patti in California, Dawn in Oregon, Esther in Canada, Cheryl in Sequim, and Syndee also in California), it really felt a bit like Camp.

Some people who joined are people who are a bit scared of the technology, and later said it was much easier than they expected. So next time, don't let that hold you back, give it a try!

For four days we set aside around 3-3.5 hours from our normal lives, and we were able to carve out some special moments. Each day we had around 10 people, not always the same ones, and it was fabulous. We tried a last minute Bottles of Hope competition, and managed to get four entries on our Facebook group. :) We will try another bottles of hope competition with at least a month's warning later this year (any bottle/pinch pot/container works).

Thanks to Katie Weibel for taking a screenshot!

Bottles of Hope



And the winner is: Maria Brown!



Left: Kim Day | Right: Cathy Gilbert



By Cheryl Flynn Dixon

June Program



With our successful trial of a virtual monthly meeting/clay social last month, we're going to reimplement having programs/round robins

over Zoom, during our normal meeting times: first Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm-9pm. See Zoom article below for how to join in.

This month Kim Day will be teaching a decorated veneer that can be called Scrap Quilt Squares or Striped Quilt Squares. There are templates that can make it easier if you end up loving the technique, but we're going to do it the low tech way.

Here are the materials you'll need to clay along:

- Scrap clay in somewhat coordinating colors. Get some lights and darks in there so your end thing doesn't look like mud, contrast is good. If you're a slow worker, go ahead and pre-chop it up.
- Paper or index card – I prefer the thicker index card.
- Scissors
- Pen/Ruler (optional, have them handy in case you want them)
- Pasta machine
- Clay blade
- Burnisher (can be a smooth rock, paper folder etc)
- Burnishing paper (can be paper, parchment paper, deli paper-- this is what I use, rice paper, tracing paper).

Show & Tell



By Cathy Gilbert



By Kim Day



By Maria Brown

Left: Mini floral ornaments and another ornament made with a variation of Meg Newberg's "Squiggle Cane"

Right: Polymer clay buttons made for face mask ear-savers. My dentist office LOVED them!

Happiness Challenge



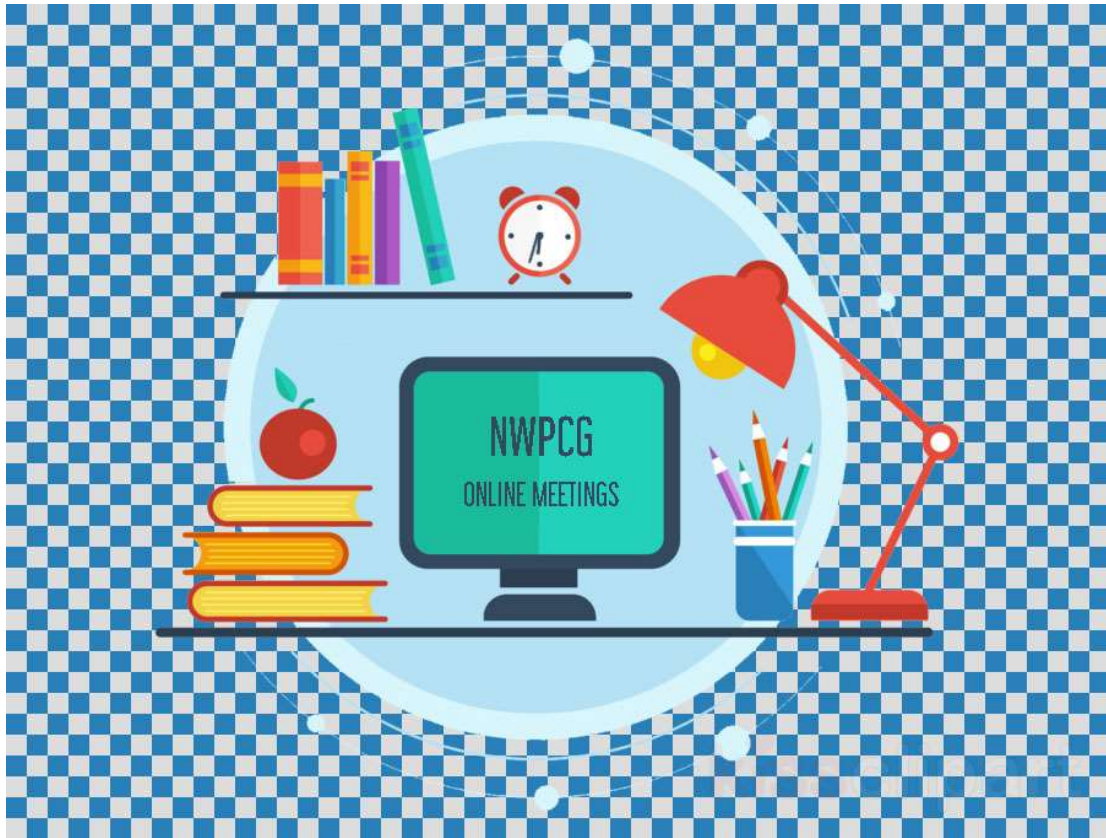
By Charlie Nagel

The theme that Kim suggested was "happiness" and I got to thinking that what makes me happiest is making things to give away to loved ones and friends. I have made a stack of these gadgets that ease pressure on the ears while wearing face masks with ear loops. The loops go over the knobs on the holders worn in

back of your head. Depicted are just a dozen of them and the detail photo shows how the knobs are attached. Stay safe, stay well!

Online Meetings: **We're on Zoom!**

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Zoom Info

Every meeting or clay social, we will use the same [join link](#) we've been using or just click this link: [Zoom with us.](#)

Meeting ID: 988 553 9980

Password: clayisfun

Last month we started an email list for those that want to be able to schedule clay hang outs at random times. The list is currently myself, Jerri, Jan, Dawn, Mari, Maria and Cathy. If your name is not on this list, it is because you didn't contact me asking to be put on the email

list. Please [email](mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com) me at polymerclay@gmail.com if you would like to be on it.

Due to popular demand, there is a regularly scheduled Zoom Clay Day every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are going to add a second regular weekly Clay Day on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This also nicely overlaps with our monthly meeting times. Our next all day Clay Day (formerly Third Place Clay Day) is June 13, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (changing it an hour earlier because of our normal Saturday socials). So here's a recap for the next month:

- Wednesday May 27: Clay Social 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday May 30: Clay Social 9:00 a.m.-noon
- **Wednesday June 3: Clay Program 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- Saturday June 6: Clay Social 9:00 a.m.-noon
- Wednesday June 10: Clay Social 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- **Saturday June 13: All Day Clay Day 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday June 17: Clay Social 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday June 20: Clay Social 9:00 a.m.-noon
- Wednesday June 24: Clay Social 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday June 27: Clay Social 9:00 a.m.-noon

How to Join Zoom

President's Message

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Everything is Okay

Hello Dear Clayers,

In case you're wondering why we have so many clay days scheduled, it's because some of us realized we're only doing clay when we're in a group. Maybe it's the doom and gloom of Covid, maybe it's just finding it hard to carve out a routine in a non-routine setting. But so far it's been fun, and it gets me claying and talking. Thanks everyone that has been showing up!

We're starting up with meetings with actual agendas again. Yay!



My cat is sweet, and sitting next to me right now. My garden is producing spinach like crazy (another yay!). I'm slowly working on learning programming. Life is... okay. Sometimes okay is enough. I don't really have words of wisdom, but that never stops me from trying.

Be kind, be safe, take some time to plan future clay projects even if you don't currently feel up to working on them. It is good to have things to look forward to.

Much love,

Kim Day

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