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# Faux stones tutorial & holiday party plans!

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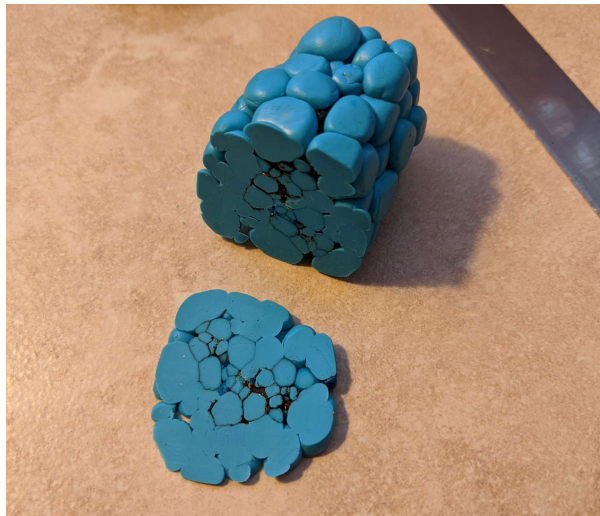
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## Guild Highlights: October Recap

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Maria Brown showed us three elegant faux stones: turquoise, coral, and howlite. We are blessed that she always goes above and beyond, and here's a [link](#) to her complete turquoise write up/tutorial she created just for us!



To view the full tutorial, please go to Maria's [website Blonde Crow Studio](#).

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## Show & Tell



Jewelry set by Esther Schmidt



Pendant by Esther Schmidt





Veneer with canes by Esther Schmidt



Work in progress by Esther Schmidt



Shaded bead by Jan Munyon



Horned toad keychains by Kim Day



Bowl by Krithika Parthan



Lion cane earrings by Krithika Parthan





Pendant by Krithika Parthan



Leaf earrings by Krithika Parthan



Turquoise cabochons by Maria Brown

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## Election Results

By Kim Day | Zoom

# Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

With one person running per board position, it shouldn't come as a shock that all three were elected unanimously. For January 2021-December 2022 please welcome the following to a second term:

- **Susan Locsin** as Secretary
- **Grace Seto** as Vice President of Membership.

We also welcome **Maria Brown** as Treasurer. We will try and make everything as painless as possible with continued votes and meetings by email. Thanks for helping keep the NWPCG running!

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## Online Meetings: Zoom with Us!

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We have our monthly meeting over Zoom the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

We also have small informal clay days every Wednesday 6:30-9:00 p.m. and every Saturday 9:00 a.m.-noon. All of these use the same Zoom link.



You are welcome to invite other people you know to these, there is no membership requirement for our informal get togethers. They can also craft with other mediums than clay.

If you'd like to be on an email list for people who want to schedule Zoom things outside these Wednesday and Saturday times, please let me know with very specific words "Add me to the Zoom e-mail list" at [polymerclay@gmail.com](mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com)

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 988 553 9980

Password: clayisfun

**Zoom with Us**

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## Holiday Party

By Kim Day | Zoom



We are letting you know about this ahead of time, so you can prepare! Since we are still not meeting in person, we've had several brainstorming sessions to keep it a special and fun event. While we will not have a raffle or potluck this year, we will have the brown bag exchange!

Here's how it will work. No surprise, this meeting will be on Zoom, during the normal Wednesday meeting time at 6:30pm on December

2nd. Here's our Zoom link again, if you need it:

- [Join Zoom Meeting: click here](#)
- Meeting ID: 988 553 9980
- Password: clayisfun

You have an item or items that are either delicious (chocolate), you made (jewelry?), or are related to clay (supplies!). In person, it's left on a table in an unmarked brown paper lunch sack, so no one knows whose bag it is they're grabbing. It is not a white elephant exchange. Please only contribute items you believe others will wish to have. There is no required minimum or maximum amount to spend, but if I had to guess a range I'd say \$15-25 ish.

From among the people participating, we will write their names down twice, and put them in two hats for drawing. One hat is the order of people going in the exchange, the second hat is the "table" with the unmarked bags. From the first hat we draw a name, that person is first. We draw a name from the second hat, and that person shows what they brought for the brown bag exchange. Next person is drawn from the first hat. They have the option to steal any unstolen item (one steal and it's permanent), or get a new bag from the table (name drawn from second

hat). We'll ask everyone that has had their bag "opened" and not stolen to raise their hand and show their item when asked. We continue until everyone has gone, then first place gets one last chance to steal an item, and they would give their current item in exchange.



At the end, each person should know who won their item, and can contact them to find if they want their item mailed, porch dropped off or picked up. Since we don't want monetary reasons to keep someone from participating, the Guild will cover shipping costs for the people that are in need (email me privately for this reimbursement, picture of receipt would make our treasurer happy.)

As always, I encourage stealing. It ensures items will go to homes that want and appreciate them. So here's your warning if you want to make something special! I usually try to make something new for it.

The rest of the Seasonal Festivities will include our yearly drawings for two \$25 gift certificates (Amazon this year!), one entry for each month the person sent in a show and tell picture to the newsletter or showed an item on Zoom during the monthly meeting (if you did both in the same month, it's still just one entry sorry). We will also have some giveaways, with one entry per person that comes to the December meeting. These giveaways (probably around four of them, so four winners) will then be shipped directly to the winners from Amazon.

If you have last minute ideas for things you want to happen at the Festivus feel free to email me whenever: [polymerclay@gmail.com](mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com).

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## November Program: **Two Round Robins**

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Round robins are our mini programs. Shorter but sweet clay product or technique tidbits. They were called round robins because in the past we would have two teachers, each teach half the class, then switch in the second half. We stopped doing that because the teachers usually wanted to try out what the other teacher was teaching as well! A little mini history lesson.

### **Stencils and Glitter with Krithika Parthan**



Krithika, queen of the sparklies (don't worry, there can be multiple queens), will be demoing how to use glitter on polymer clay, and demonstrating some ultra fine holographic glitter.

### **Brush Embroidery AKA MUD Painting AKA Texture Painting with Kim Day**



I've been pinning these ornaments for years on pinterest, and thought enough was enough, time to try it out! MUDDING with Margot A. Clark uses a glass medium that dries to a rock hard appearance. I was very happy when I found out the exact same technique was called brush embroidery and used with royal icing to decorate cookies! Learn how to make your polymer clay frosting/paint, and some techniques for making flower and leaf designs.

Materials required to follow along (watching/spectating is allowed as well):

- White clay (any color, but white is easy to see on a dark background)
- Dark background clay
- Liquid clay (or diluent in a pinch)
- Something to mix with (popsicle stick? Palette knife?)
- Needle tool/toothpick/pokey thingy
- Very stiff and small paint brushes or a toothbrush you're willing to cut down
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Q-tips/paper towels



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# Announcement

## New Store: Blueberry Beads

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There is a new store in town! (Well, in some people's towns, we have quite the widespread membership.) Guild member Jennifer LeBlanc has a bead store that would also like to become a polymer clay store, located in Bothell. She currently has Cernit for sale and will soon also have Premo.

From Jennifer:



"I've added a picture of my Cernit – the empty slots are for the new metallics that I can't sell until Monday. They're launching the new colors this weekend, and I had to agree not to sell them before Monday, but I have them here. I've been told I'm the first person to have these new colors in the United States! How cool is that?! Lol!!

If anyone in the Guild would be interested in offering classes through my shop, I am VERY interested! Some basic beginner classes to start once things get back to where we can congregate again. The way I'm doing classes is whatever the instructor charges is theirs to keep, I hope to make some money on students purchasing supplies here (or providing kits, whatever the instructor finds easiest). I will also provide a 10% off coupon for the students to use after the class. I have a small area available here at the shop, and a much larger area available through Cloud 9 Art School whom I share the building with. I figure the more people we can introduce clay to the better for all of us, right?!"

Welcome to the Guild Jennifer :) Visit her [website](#) for more information.

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## President's Message

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### Secret cookie charms

Hello Dear Clayers,

Remember when I said a few months ago if you started making Christmas presents then, you wouldn't be stressed? Well, I forgot... There is still time! That can be your slogan from now until Christmas Eve. :)

I'm very happy with an idea I came up with this year for my sisters, Mom, two nieces and a nephew. For many years we had a Christmas cookie all day long baking extravaganza, with hundreds and hundreds of cookies made. It was a lovely tradition, but we could never eat all the cookies. We'd give them as gifts to neighbors, relatives and church friends. We tried cutting back to "only a few of our favorite recipes" and still ended up with hundreds and hundreds. We also all got a little more health conscious, and last year we did a spiced nut exchange instead of cookie making. So, to celebrate our beloved but not forgotten tradition, I'm making them all cookie charm bracelets, with about 12 of our favorite types of Christmas cookies. It's one of the first projects I've been super excited about for a long time. It will be hard to keep it a secret (from them, not you guys) until I drop them off.



Speaking of which, my husband and I made the very tough decision to not do Thanksgiving this year with either side of the family. With cases on the rise in many parts of the country, including our own, it just didn't feel right. So I'm sure the rest of my family will get together anyway, but I'll be okay being labeled the paranoid one. But I do get to whine about missing them, and the food! Make decisions you can live with, and don't forget to make accommodations for mental health. If you need that family visit, just do it in as safe of a way as you can.

See other parts of the newsletter for our November and December programs coming up. And since I'm already being preachy and sappy, I'll end it with this: don't focus so much on the things you're missing out on, that you forget to find joy in the things you're able to do. Take care, clay on, come whine with me on Zoom sometime.

*Kim Day*





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