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# Clay Camp 2023, Elections and Other Updates

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## August Recap: Clay Social

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Our August meeting was a friendly Clay Social. People brought pieces for Show and Tell, we chatted, and worked on projects. The usual – it's fun, not scary, come try it if you haven't!

We've been having some new people join us, and there's been a lot of chat about how good the International Polymer Clay Guild demos have been, so consider checking those out too.

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## Show & Tell

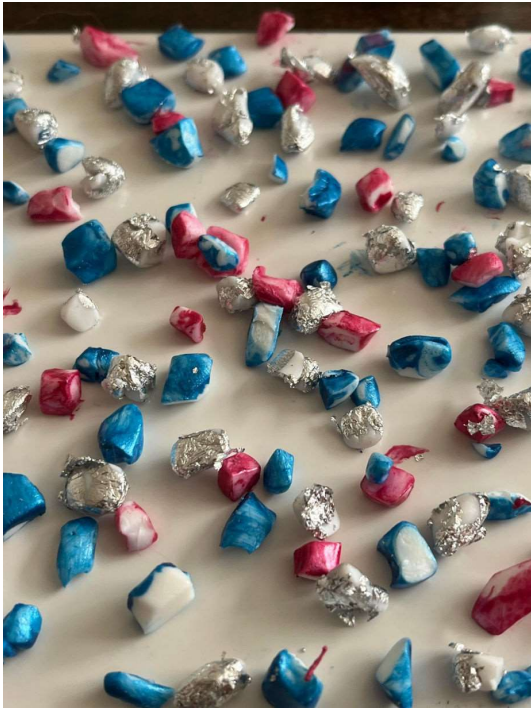


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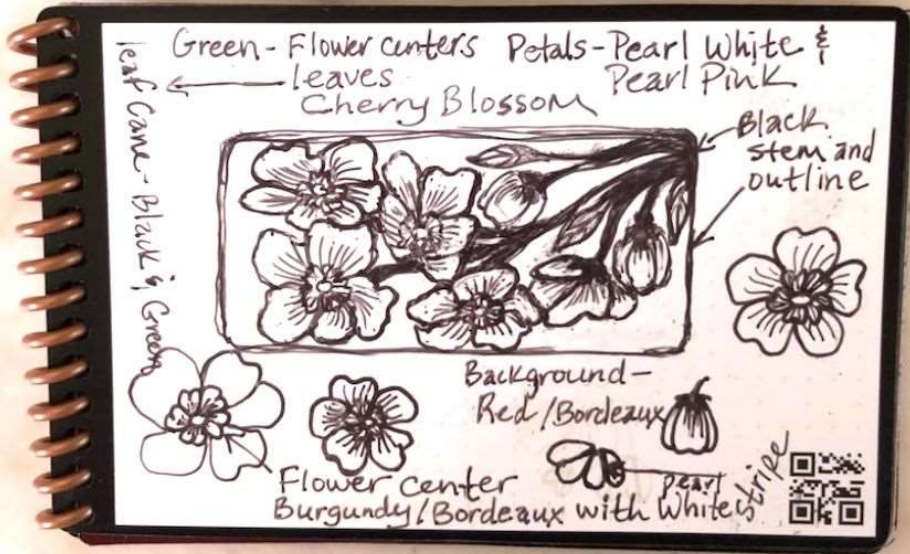


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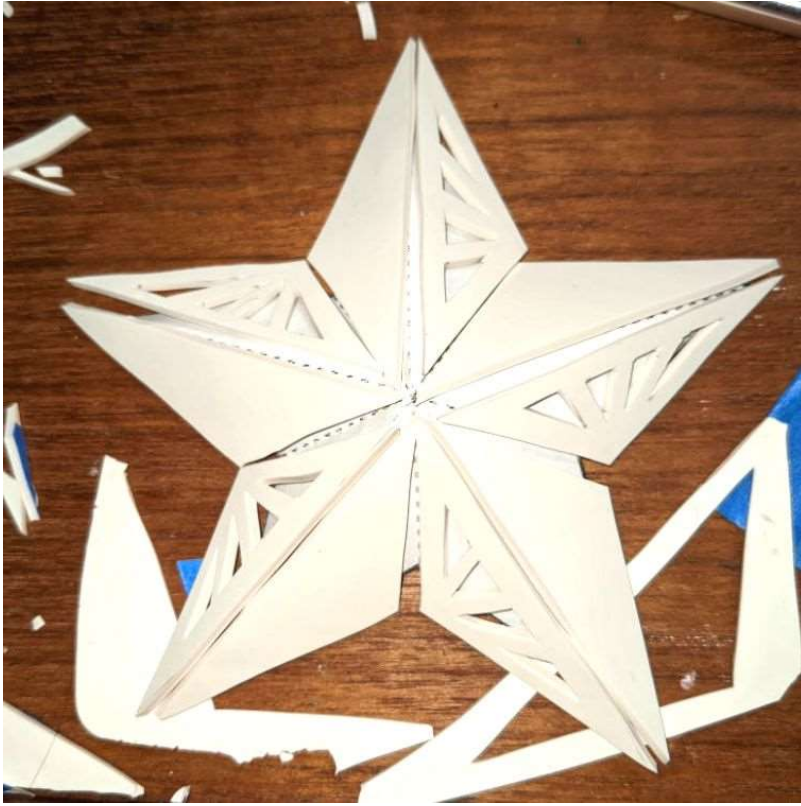


Ria Mendoza Hoyt's new studio manager, Tuti

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## September Program: Carving Baked Clay

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I'm not a carving expert, but I learned a lot (especially what not to do!) making my hollow carved totems for the swap this year. I'll be demonstrating a few techniques, with the main focus on carving using an exacto knife plus heat.



I'll also show my beginning efforts with an engraving bit. Mostly after the techniques, my goal will be to encourage your imagination as I explore several applications of carved pieces, including 3D ornaments and layered stacked designs. Also included will be some drawing on clay, transfers and project design.

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## **Announcements: Official Clay Camp 2023, Elections & More**

### **Official Clay Camp 2023 News**

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After several months of trying to get input on venues, and after losing a lot of money this year for not meeting the minimum number of campers at Camp Huston, your Clay Camp committee (it sounds official, but it's Maria, myself, Meredith, Sharon, and anyone that wants to help!) has made a decision regarding Clay Camp 2023. Our usual weekend was not available unfortunately. If we like this location we can reserve it more in advance next year, so give us feedback.



- Location: Artworks 200 Dayton St, Edmonds, WA 98020
- Dates: Friday June 2nd through Sunday June 4th, 2023

This will be a short and sweet Camp. There are no overnight lodgings (feel free to try and find a local friend, we'll also ask if any locals have spare rooms they're making available), but it is close to many Airbnbs and hotels. There are no prepared meals, though we've tossed around the idea of at least one potluck. There are many fantastic and close by restaurants, along with the fridge and microwave options.



What it does have: Lots of room, tables, folding chairs, ovens, a full working kitchen with dishwasher, fridge, oven, stovetop, microwave, water dispenser, hot water, concrete floor (no cleaning clay from carpet, yay!), and two bathrooms. It does have a separate room we can use for classes, if we decide to offer classes. Because we are the only people for those three days, we can set up Friday and leave everything out until Sunday evening. It also has our complete Guild library of many many books if you want inspiration!

There is much still up in the air. We will have our swap, we will have a non-raffle raffle, we will have a brown bag exchange, we will have a free table, and we will have a snack table. What else we do is up for discussion. Do we want to do classes, or just have free scheduled demos? Do we want to do a potluck every day or just once? Do a few people with slow cookers want to offer to make specialty meals (vegan?) for help with ingredient costs?

Anyways, throwing out ideas. We do not yet have a price, and we don't know if it will be available on a day camper basis or only for the three days yet.

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## **Election: Board Positions Open**

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# Volunteer Opportunities

Last year we voted on the positions of President (myself, Kim Day) and Vice President of Programs (Dawn Gray – doing amazing lady!). This year, the spots open are:

- **Vice President of Membership** (this is almost completely automated, but it is a voting board position)
- **Secretary** (voting board position, plus take meeting minutes in our once a year board meeting, make a summary of those minutes for the newsletter), and
- **Treasurer** (keep track of finances, sign checks, file tax and secretary of state yearly forms, and voting board position).

If you are currently in one of these positions and are willing to run again for another two-year tenure starting from January 2023 through December 2024, please let me know! I'll also email to ask.

If you are not on the Board and would like to help out, several of these are low effort positions, can be done remotely, and filling them helps us keep our non-profit status. Once we have a list of people running for election, it will be in the next newsletter, with voting occurring in the October newsletter.

Thanks for all those that help keep this Guild running!

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## 2022 Mini Gingerbread House Party

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Our Zoom party worked quite well last year, so that's what we're doing again this year! We do a candy swap ahead of time (we had 10 swappers last year). Get the candy to me by November 20th, 2022. The party is on December 10th, 2022. This time around, I'll request you tell me by [email](#) if you are participating, so I don't receive candy the day after I've already mailed it out to everyone else.



**What you need to make: Miniature Candies**

Candies must be handmade by you and made out of polymer clay (can include things like toothpicks for lollipop stems).



## Size

Small, small, small! The houses are only about 2 x 3 inches. For example, a peppermint hard candy might be 1 inch diameter in real life, but the size candy for a house would be more like  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch in diameter. This is around a 1:4 ratio.

## Quantity

We'll take whatever people turn in, and divide it into as many piles as there are swap participants.

## Where

Miniature candies can be delivered to me by mail or by being dropped off at my house. If you mail, please include return postage, or let us know if you need Guild help to pay for shipping costs. We don't want postage to be a limiting factor on participation.



## Candy Ideas

We've had many parties and many types of candies over the years! Here's a non-exhaustive list of the ones I remember: Candy ribbons, gummy bears, lollipops, chocolate chips, marshmallows, peppermint candies, tree candies, cookies, xmas lights, wreaths, candy canes, licorice allsorts, licorice, lemon drops, necco wafers, frosting dollops, m&ms, lifesavers, gingerbread people, red hots, sugar plums, cupcake tree, gumdrops, and more!

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## Opt-in Only Directory

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We are making an optional directory (shared Google Doc) for those who want to be available for contact to other clay members. This is intended for use for setting up Zoom Clay Days, or hangouts, since our Guild Zoom channel is always available.

If you want to be included, you must tell me in writing (no verbal opt ins) that you want to be in the directory. Email [polymerclay@gmail.com](mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com) or text (206) 999-4156.

Questions? Email Kim

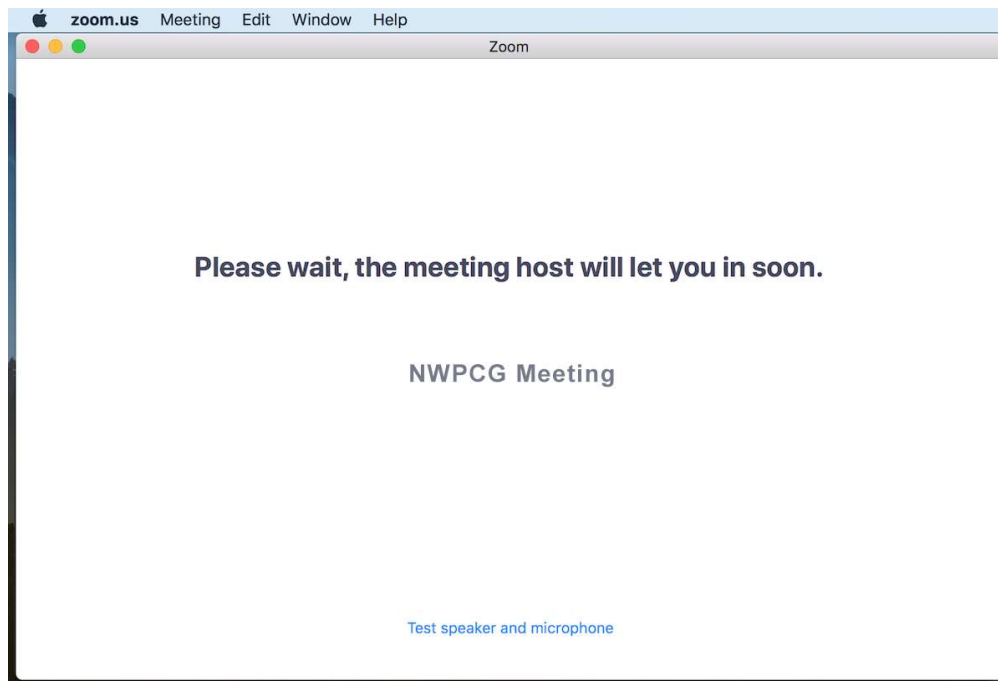
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## Meetings: Zoom

### Changes to Zoom Beginning August 31st

By Maria Brown | NWPCG Tech Administrator | [tech@nwpcg.org](mailto:tech@nwpcg.org)





Recently we experienced some unwanted hackers to a Wednesday evening Clay Zoom. They've been blocked and reported to Zoom and these particular people won't bother us again.

In a continuing effort to be inclusionary and easy for both our members and the public, I've opted to keep our Meeting ID and passcode the same as always for Saturday meetings.

For Wednesday meetings, the Meeting ID has been changed. The passcode remains the same. For details of these changes, please check below.

We can all join in the Zoom meetings with the same info. The difference now is the waiting room feature may be enabled and all that means is when you join a NWPCG Zoom session, a host will let you in instead of you automatically joining the meeting directly. Please join meetings with your first and last name, and start your video, or you may accidentally be booted if we don't recognize you as a legitimate player!

It's difficult to feel connected to our polymer peeps during this time (of not meeting in-person yet), and Zoom is a fantastic tool we've been using to see our friends. I urge you to join in the Guild Zoom meetings and clay with fellow members, share your work, share ideas, and/or just chat. All of the joining Zoom details are in every newsletter so take advantage of this great resource!

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## Zoom Meeting Information

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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 10:00 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 email list" at [polymerclay@gmail.com](mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com).

[Join the Saturday Zoom Link by clicking here.](#)

Meeting ID: 988 553 9980

Password: clayisfun

[Join the Wednesday Zoom Meetings by clicking here.](#)

Please note, the meeting ID# is now different from the Saturday meetings.

Meeting ID: 880 5794 0108

Passcode: clayisfun

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## From the President: Handy-dandy list of reminders

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Hi Folks!

Long enough newsletter, so here are some short and sweet reminders of what's going on:

- Some time in October we'll have a Free online Clay Camp - TBD
- Full Day Clay Day on October 8th (unless we choose that as Clay Camp weekend)
- Mail mini clay candy swap items to me by November 20th, 2022 (see last newsletter)
- Mini Gingerbread House Party on December 10th, 2022 via Zoom
- Our 2023 Clay Camp is from June 2-4 at Artworks, swap theme is cats and/or dogs.

I've said it before, but maybe with the hot weather out of the way, I'll go back to scheduling myself some daily clay time to get back in the swing of things. Be safe, make stuff, send me pics for the newsletter.

**Much love,**

*Kim*

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New members need to sign-up to our newsletter, the sign-up form is included in your NWPCG Welcome email from Membership.

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If you haven't yet, please add "newsletter@nwpcg.org" to your address book so our newsletters do not go to spam.

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