
Elections & Event Reminders

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September Recap: Clay Carving with Kim Day

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Due to health issues (and reason for this delayed newsletter), this write up will be in next month's newsletter! Thanks for your patience.

Show & Tell







Work by Cathy Gilbert





Work by Cathy's grandchildren



Work by Cheryl Dixon







Work by Esther Schmidt





Work by Jerri Richardson



Work by Kim Day



Work by Maria Brown



Work by Sharon Mhyre



Work by Ria Mendoza Hoyt

October Program: Using Resin with Meredith Arnold

By Kim Day | polymerclay@gmail.com



Meredith will be demoing tips and tricks for using resin on clay to get that lovely, lovely shine. Come with questions for her after her presentation,

her brain is a veritable treasure trove of information.

Topic: NWPCG Wednesday evening meetings

Time: Oct 5, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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October Elections: Vote Now!

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We have two positions up for election this year, and one



candidate that has expressed interest for each position. Cheryl Dixon is running for VP of Membership, and Susan Locsin is running for Secretary.

Thanks so much to both of you for your very generous time donation to this Guild, to keep us compliant with the requirements for having an elected board position in a non-profit and allowing us to keep this awesome group able to keep meeting.

Please vote in this [ballot link](#) and we'll announce the winners next month.

[Vote Now](#)

Announcements: Classes, Clay Camp & Party Reminders

Blueberry Beads Looking for Instructors

By David LeBlanc | [Blueberry Beads](#)



Blueberry Beads is now able to host classes, and we're looking for instructors. We're just getting going on this – classes could be any length. We'd initially target two hours.

We give instructors 70% of the instruction fees. Any clay that we sell (Cernit, Pardo, Kato, Fimo, Premo or Souffle) can be used, and we'll provide the clay. We can likely assemble the tools needed, but that would need to be discussed beforehand.

We can manage class sizes of up to 12 people, of course

depending on how many people one instructor can manage. If there's additional questions, please ask – we're just now ramping up on this.

Official Clay Camp 2023 News

By Kim Day | polymerclay@gmail.com

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.

2022 Mini Gingerbread House Party



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!

Opt-in Only Directory



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 or text (206) 999-4156.

Questions? Email Kim

Meetings: Zoom

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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

[Zoom Link](#)

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From the President: Fall Camp & Reminders

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This has not been a great month health wise for me (not trying to panic people, just headaches that are annoying enough to keep me from computers and clay). I've missed many of our Zoom gatherings, but I wanted to again thank my clay friends for being there. Knowing I have this group to look forward to attending in the future definitely helps. Speaking of health news, please keep JuLee Wolfe in your thoughts, as she has a difficult surgery and road ahead. We love you JuLee.

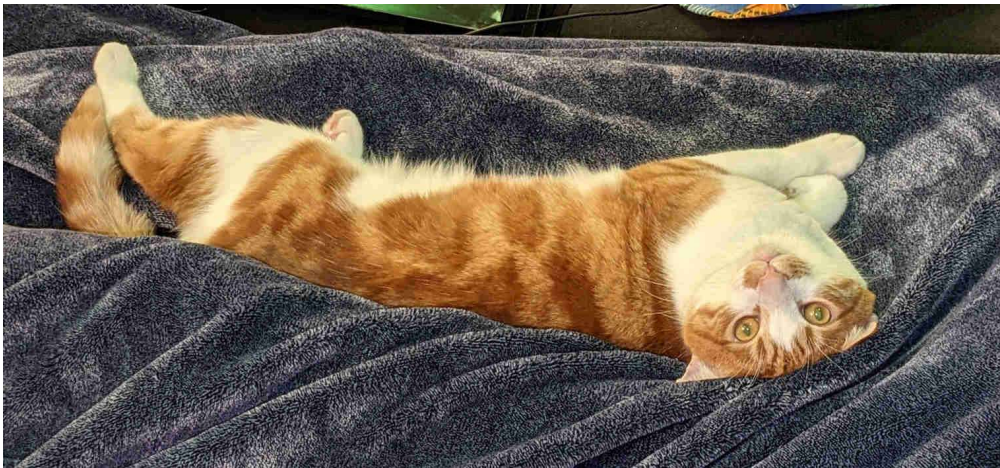
We planned on an online fall clay camp, but have decided to move it back to probably January, so we don't completely stress ourselves out trying to rush the process. So far the volunteers to teach are Cathy, myself, Maria, Sharon, Pamela and Joy. It will be fun, and hopefully this time extension can relieve some pressure.

Quick reminder that if you want to participate in the mini candy swap, it must be received by me by November 20th, 2022. If you participate in the swap (all details on the website), you will also receive some prebaked gingerbread house clay pieces and some clay frosting to help stick the candies on. Everyone, regardless of whether they join the swap or not, is welcome to our Gingerbread House Party Saturday, December 10th on Zoom.

We have lots of glorious show and tell pictures this month. Cathy

Gilbert did several day long demos at the Evergreen State Fair, and also entered a few pieces into both Fairs. Jerri did some clay demos with Cathy as well. Jerri also took an awesome metal smithing class and took some neat pics (remember, we like to see what people are up do, doesn't have to be clay!). The pictures are my favorite part of the newsletter each month, thanks everyone that sends them in! polymerclay@gmail.com (hint hint).

One last reminder: There is a zoom link for Wednesday evenings (including our monthly meeting) on the website. There is a separate zoom link for Saturday mornings, also on the website.



Here's a picture of my weird cat. Have a good month!

Much love,

Kim



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