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# Resin Basics, new zoom links and party details!

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## Meetings: Zooming with the Guild

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Beginning in November, our weekly Clay Socials on Zoom will move from Saturdays to Sundays.

Our Clay Socials are now every Sunday from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, Pacific Time.

All-Day Clay Socials are still on Saturdays. More dates will be added in 2023. Our last All-Day Clay Social of 2022 is our Gingerbread House-Making Party (on Zoom) which is December 10th, 10:00am - 5:00pm, Pacific Time. All the info about this yearly event is on our website.

Our monthly Guild meetings will still be held on the first Wednesday evening of the month, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, Pacific Time.

We will no longer have 'official' Guild Clay Socials on the other Wednesdays (the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month). Members who are interested are welcome to continue to use the Guild Zoom for clay gatherings, but should know that it may or may not be moderated by a Guild administrator.

PLEASE go to our website, [www.nwpcg.org](http://www.nwpcg.org), for the latest links. It's the easiest and most current way to join us on Zoom!

[Go to NWPCG Website](http://www.nwpcg.org)

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## October Recap: Resin Basics with Meredith Arnold

By Meredith Arnold | [meredith@mereditharnold.com](mailto:meredith@mereditharnold.com)



At the meeting I talked about two main types of resin: epoxy resin and polyester resin. Polymer clay is a thermoplastic resin (also an epoxy category resin). Some brands of each type are:

- Amazing Clear (made by Alumilite Corp.), is an epoxy resin,
- Magic Gloss is a polyester resin.

Because of technical difficulties I wasn't able to present a slide show that I put together for the meeting (Duh, I should have tried Share Screen in iOS! Sorry!). [I've made the slideshow into a movie in my DropBox for you to view. To watch it, click here or use the button below.](#)

Also in that folder is a PDF in a list format of the basic information I provided at the meeting.

Another resource on YouTube is a cheeky fella, his channel is [Steve McDonald Arts and Crafts](#). He's a hoot but tries out experiments on camera. Entertaining and informative. He even wears the earrings he makes sometimes. Check out the experiment using 3D printed elements with resin. Very cool!

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**Note from Kim Day:** We had some technical difficulties – screen sharing wasn't working, so Meredith's carefully prepared slide show wasn't able to be viewed. She is making it available to members, but please do not post this publicly anywhere since it is still a class she teaches.

Instead, Meredith smoothly and gracefully ad libbed a program on resin, with an extensive Q&A session at the end. She covered 2 part resins (which tend to expire after around a year), and UV (polyester) resins, one of which she's been using the same bottle for many many years.

Since this program was a requested topic (how to cover a 3-D earring shape with resin so it doesn't drip), this was covered in the Q&A and the product suggested was a UV resin made for nails, that comes in a nail polish bottle with a brush applicator. Since it goes on so thinly, it doesn't drip, and cures very quickly.

[View Resin Basics Slideshow](#)

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## Show & Tell



Note from Kim Day: In the last newsletter, I accidentally wrote that Cathy Gilbert made these canes above, but they are Sharon Mhyre's creations. Sorry for the confusion!





Work by Dawn Gray

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Work by Cathy Gilbert





Work by Esther Schmidt

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Work by Gil Ledesma







Work by Joy Coleman

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Work by Kim Day

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## November Program: Clay Social

By Kim Day | [polymerclay@gmail.com](mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com)



November's meeting will be another Clay Social. Bring a clay (or non-clay!) project to work on, and chat while you create. Some of the best clay help I've received has come from whining about things during these sessions!

To join the Zoom meeting, please use the link on our [website](#).

## Elections: Results are in!

By Kim Day | [polymerclay@gmail.com](mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com)



Thanks to those who voted in the election! Our new **Vice President of Membership is Cheryl Dixon**, and **Susan Locsin continues as our board Secretary** for the next two year term. Thanks to the board that lets us keep having a fun time with our favorite art medium and favorite people!

## Announcements: Parties and More

### Halloween Pumpkin

By Meredith Arnold | [meredith@mereditharnold.com](mailto:meredith@mereditharnold.com)



Cool Halloween polymer project on YouTube called [The Jack O' Lantern from the mind of Christine McConnell](#). Her pumpkin looks like an evil cat pumpkin...

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## Holiday Party Shenanigans

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Our December program is our holiday party. Once again, it comes at a time when there are rising Covid cases, so we are most likely holding this as a virtual only event. If someone would like to host a get-together at their house (it will be announced in the next newsletter if that's happening), then we will do it as a hybrid virtual plus in-person event.

Besides a fun time to get-together, we will do several activities:

**1. Raffle** - anyone is welcome to donate to the prizes. If you wish the Guild to distribute them, it will need to be received by Kim Day in Edmonds before December 7th. If you are willing to get the prize to the winner, you may also donate to the prizes by emailing or texting a picture of the item to [Kim Day](#). People can paypal or venmo for raffle tickets, pictures will be posted in chat for the raffle drawings, and people can private chat Kim Day how many tickets they want in each raffle cup. We will use the magic of Google Sheets to pick the winning tickets for each item.

**2. Brown Bag Exchange** - 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 \$15-25ish.

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. A picture of the 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.

**3. Show and Tell Drawing** - for each month someone submitted a Show and Tell to the newsletter or brought to a meeting, their name will be entered once into this drawing. Two winners of \$25 Amazon e-gift certificates will be chosen.

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## 6th Annual Gingerbread House-Making Party

By Kim Day | [polymerclay@gmail.com](mailto:polymerclay@gmail.com)



Like the Holiday Party, we are exploring options of having a combined Zoom and live event (at someone’s house, not at Artworks). Stay tuned next month for a decision. It will either be a Zoom only event, or a hybrid of in-person plus Zoom.

## Main Event Details

What: Gingerbread House Making Zoom Party

When: Saturday, December 10th

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Here's what you need to do before the Main Event

**Candy Swap** - this takes place before the Gingerbread House-Making Party. Make approximately 1:4 scale candies for a gingerbread house, prebaked.

**Quantity** - I will evenly divide the candies I receive into piles. Each person who brought some will get some back (including a portion of the candies they donated).

**When do I need to get the candies I made to you?** Mail (to be received by) or drop off the candies to me by Friday November 20th at the latest. Email me for my address or phone number.

**When do I get the candies others made?** Pick up the candies from my place (or pay for shipping) somewhere between November 21st and our Gingerbread House-Making Party, on December 10th..

I can't guarantee anything since this is a post office issue, but this was the best compromise I could find between giving people enough time to make candies, and the amount of time it takes a priority mail package to be received within the US.

I will also provide pre-baked gingerbread house pieces (finished house size: two by three inches), and white clay frosting/glue. For those who wish to make their own, the recipe I like is two parts Premo gold to one part Premo burnt umber.

Don't want to do the swap? No worries! You do not have to participate in the candy swap to come and join us online at the Zoom Party!

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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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## From the President: Never Too Early Or Too Late For a New Start

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Hi Clay Peeps!!

Since some skim the newsletter, I just wanted to reinforce that you should read Maria's new Zoom information at the top of the newsletter. There is more than one Zoom link and new dates, just visit [nwpcg.org](http://nwpcg.org) if you're ever in doubt when the meetings are on how to join Zoom.

Our Zoom room is available for use if anyone wants to schedule additional clay socials, so feel free and consider opting into the directory to get contact information, get your contact information available as well.

We will be making a NWPCG phone group chat (this will be announced at the next meeting as well). It will be available for people to ask questions, share pictures, etc. It may become spammy, so I'd encourage anyone that wishes to join to google 'how to turn off group text notifications' for their device (you can turn it off for one specific group, while keeping it on for your other texts, for example).



As always, I'd like to encourage more people to send stuff for the newsletter. If you hear about polymer clay classes, fun YouTube tutorials, new products, awesome books, please share. I'd love to put some people's clay New Year's Resolutions in next month's newsletter as well.

And for just a little teaser, Dawn Gray has been hard at work reimagining what our Guild programs may look like next year. With so many of our Guild members already quite experienced in techniques, she is planning to try out some project based programs, where you clay along and we all have pictures of our project to share at the end. Thanks Dawn, sounds exciting!

Now to just get myself to do some more clay...

**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.

Changing your email? You can [update your personal](#) information to ensure that you receive our newsletter. You can also add your website or social media links to your profile. This link is also available in every newsletter at the footer area.

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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