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Northwest Polymer Clay Guild

Clay Play



Clay Camp is coming – register now!

The NWPCG Clay Camp is almost here, are you ready to go? Make sure to book your slot and sign up for classes, we have so many exciting choices with great instructors this year! At Clay Camp, you will find fun, creative, supportive and generous friends and teachers. Cherry on top, you don't need to worry about cooking and cleaning up! Fabulous food is served by Camp Huston staff. Clay Camp is definitely one of the best decisions you will make this year. Registration deadline is May 9, 2017. Don't put it off, sign up now!

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April Guild Highlights

Snail Trail Canes

by Kim Day



Cathy Gilbert shows the Guild how to build a Snail Trail cane

Business Meeting & Clay Social

May 3 | 6:30 p.m. | [Artworks](#)

Business before pleasure. Bring the projects you're working on and we'll have fun socializing after the business meeting!

Cathy came super prepared to the round robin demonstration with a whole container full of samples and an awesome handout. She gave instructions on how to make different snails trails canes: two, three and four colors. Different people made different ones at the same time creating gorgeous canes – what a talented teacher! Pictures of the process will soon be up on her blog [Catrinket](#), for those who missed this round robin session.



Snail trail cane-covered horse ornament by Cathy Gilbert

Tsunami Cane Round Robin

By Cathy Gilbert



Tsunami canes by Kim Day

I have loved the Tsunami Cane since I first saw it in 2001. Why don't I make it more often?! So, I was very happy when our resident cane genius, Kim Day, agreed to demo it at the April Round Robin meeting. She did not disappoint and showed everyone what a beautiful cane it was. She even showed us how to do the heart with the finished cane! It's always easy to follow Kim's directions and I was very pleased with how my cane turned out. Thanks so much, Kim!

Clay Camp

May 18-22 | [Camp Huston](#)

Have you reserved your spot for this year's Clay Camp? If not, there's still time, [register now](#) and download the [Clay Camp Guide here](#).

Southend Clay Day

May 27 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | [Hillside Community Church](#)

Terri Standley is hosting a clay meetup every fourth Saturday of the month. An oven will be available at the venue so projects can be baked.

June Program: Fairy Doors

June 7 | 6:30 p.m.

| [Artworks](#)

We're making magic in June with whimsical fairy doors with Ria Mendoza Hoyt. Scroll down to Cathy's write-up to check for the materials list.

Help Promote Clay Camp



Help us spread the word about the NWPCG Clay Camp,



Hear-shaped ornament covered with Tsunami cane by Kim Day

Third Place Clay Day

By Kim Day

Once again, I am reminded of how awesome Clay Days are! We had a nice size group from the Guild show up including Dawn all the way from Oregon to swap some beads. For some reason, Dawn is choosing to see her daughter's once-in-a-lifetime grad school graduation over Clay Camp (gratz on graduation Dawn's daughter!).



Polymer clay covered Altoid tins by Andrea Rivers

Creative juices were definitely flowing. Katie and Terri were both having some extruder fun. Andrea glammed up some tins and shared the Altoid wealth with me. This was the first time ever that I decorated an Altoid tin! Liz and I also worked on beads for the Clay Camp bead pair swap. Dawn made some neat photo book pages out of polymer canes. Pat worked on a real light-up polymer clay lampost.

[download this teaser poster](#) and repost in your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media pages. Even one repost helps.

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We also had a great outreach exercise with a pair of ladies who took to polymer clay like ducks to water. If you haven't tried a Clay Day or just haven't been to one in a while, come and stop by. There is nothing quite so inspirational as watching others work on projects that make you want to try them too (looking at you Terri, I'm stealing that cane soon).



Left: Terri Standley at work; Right: Katie Weibel at work

Southend Clay Day

By Cathy Gilbert



Kim Day worked on a butterfly polymer clay cane

Can I say how glad I am that the South Sound Clay Day in Enumclaw (or is that Enumclay?) doesn't start until 10:00? I'm a north sound

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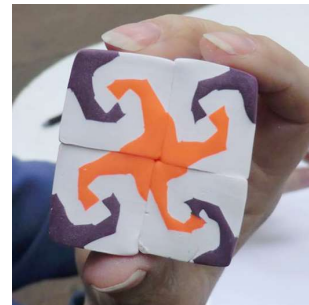
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April Program



By Holly Alanis



By Terri Standley



Tsunami cane demo by Kim Day

person, so it took me two hours total to get there (and I am NOT a morning person). But, oh my! The church is a beautiful place to spend a day playing with clay. The space was nice and bright with plenty of room and natural light. This first Clay Day, we had three attendees: Terri, Kim and I. Kim and Terry worked on butterfly canes (you can see how deep the talent runs in our Guild!) and I got a very good start on my African angel ornaments. We had much fun and good food (thanks, ladies!) and I, for one, can't wait until the next one!

Photos by: Kim Day, Cathy Gilbert and Liz White



Tsunami cane by Kim Day



April 5 meeting

June Program: **Fairy Doors**

By Cathy Gilbert | June 7 | 6:30pm | [Artworks](#)



We're in for a special treat for the June meeting this year! Fairy Doors are all the thing lately and we have the great good fortune to have Ria Mendoza Hoyt present a program on how to make them. Ria has a special talent for these kinds of things and I can't wait to learn how it's done and get tips and information from one of our own very talented members. Come and clay along, come and watch, or just come for fun, but don't miss it!o share. And if you're not in a claying mood? Come for the company and fun (and, quite often, food!). See you there!

What to bring:

- Conditioned clay, color of your choice for the door and another color for the doorframe (you can use solid colors or Skinner blends or a flattened sheet of canes; totally depends on what you want your door color to be)
- Sculpting tools to use for texturing our clay
- Roller
- Texture stamps
- A flat container to bring your work home



President's Message By Liz White

Spring Fever

The weather this week has been quite temperamental. Lots of clouds and heavy rains with brief periods of sunshine. That's how I feel about my life right now. Most often those sunbursts occur when I'm at Guild events – good friends and wonderful creations to admire. I'm excited for Clay Camp as always. If you can't make it this year, plan ahead for next year – it's always the weekend after Mother's Day.

The Clay Day events we have are also great fun. You can bring your supplies and work on those projects that have been living on the back burner. If Wednesday evenings aren't doable, join us on a different event. Check out our calendar – we have a lot going on.

None of this would be happening without our fantastic volunteers. Huge THANK YOU to Meredith Arnold for her hard work on Clay Camp! And Ria Mendoza is doing a fantastic job with this newsletter (which is also available as PDF downloads in our Yahoo Groups). She's doing amazing work in social media – be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

I'm very grateful for Susan Locsin for taking over both the library and my secretarial duties, and doing great with both. And she's been hosting Guild video library viewing parties as we figure out which old VHS programs are worth converting to DVD. Cathy Gilbert has been gathering wonderful programs and demos for our monthly meetings; thanks for your hard work, Cathy! Terri Standley jumped right into the duties of treasurer and she's doing great. Maria Brown continues her wonderful work with the website and membership duties, and getting more involved with Clay Camp. There's a lot going on behind the scenes to keep our guild going, and I'm extremely grateful to work with such a fantastic group of volunteers.

Our Business Meeting this month will cover updates from last month's Board Meeting, and updates from Clay Camp. In July, we'll be having our next Board Meeting, and we will be reviewing our Standing Rules and Bylaws to update them. They can be found on our Yahoo Group, under the tab Files.

Happy Spring!

Liz White

president@nwpcg.org

Show & Tell



Works by Holly Alanis, the red is from when she was in high school (left) and Bracelet by Carole Hayes (right)



Egg ornament by Kim Day (left) and Bracelets by Cathy Gilbert (right)



New tools from Meredith Arnold (left) and Polymer Clay stamp by Nan Robkin (right)



Polymer clay covered Altoid tins by Andrea Rivers

But wait, there's more!

Announcements



Polymer Clay Bracelets

Date: August 12, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Venue: Tacoma Arts Center, Tacoma, WA

Cost: \$70 plus \$20 kit

You too, can make a rainbow bracelet like this one made by Carol Hayes! Meredith is teaching this class at the Tacoma Metal Arts Center on August 12. [Get all the info and register by clicking here.](#)

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