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# Upcoming Program

Every first Sunday of the month | 12:30-2:30 p.m. Pacific Time

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## Patchwork Clay Earrings

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



For January, Kim Day will demonstrate how to make patchwork clay earrings

based on the paper mosaic leaves found on Pinterest using very simple veneers that we'll make together.

To prepare and follow along, you will want to have the following ready:

- Conditioned clay for backing color. Black is a good default color for high contrast,
- A little bit of a skinner blend,
- Some random scraps of color (cane ends are fine). Optionally you can use some cane slices for mini veneers,
- Paper,
- A nice cutting blade,
- Ruler, and
- Pasta machine or roller.

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# Review

Photos, write-ups, etc of events we've finished

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## Winter Party

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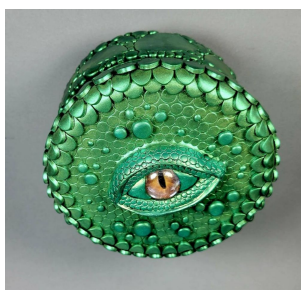


As usual, December's program was the Winter Party. We had door prizes, Show and Tell drawings, a small raffle (whoops, I'll contact those that still need to pay), and a very wonderful brown bag gift exchange full of awesome stuff. Really, you all went above and beyond this year.

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## Dragon Box How To

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



Sharon gave a wonderfully detailed program about making her clay dragon boxes. For those that saw her Zoom program, she has made available a write-up of all of the steps. Here's a [link to a google document](#) with the steps.

[Click Here](#)

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# Show & Tell

Show off what you're working on, new supplies, books or whatever!

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Work by Cathy Gilbert



Work by Cheryl Dixon



Work by Dawn Gray







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Work by Jerry Richardson



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Work by Jeremy and Joy



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Work by Kim Day







Work by Lu Ann Fino







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Work by Ria Mendoza Hoyt



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# Feature

Written tutorials, haikus, and other special stuff

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By Maria Brown

# Haiku

Take the photo now!

Clay friends will exclaim their praise

My clean studio.

## Announcements

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### Board Changes

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

Thank  
you 

Maria Brown has been hard at work as our technology chair. She has updated the website repeatedly, and found our Guild reasonable options for keeping track of membership, and registering for Clay Camp. In fact, she did such a good job that we realized the Vice President of Membership has become a fully automated job. Because of this, we did a vote by email, and have restructured the

Board to no longer have a VP of Membership position.

Washington state requires four board positions for 501 c3 status, and those are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Cheryl Dixon, who would have been VP of Membership, wanted to remain on the board, and our previous Secretary, Susan Locsin (thanks for always being so willing to help the Guild, Susan) has graciously stepped down to allow Cheryl the Secretary position. As always, we use this newsletter to inform people of Board decisions, and anyone can introduce topics they want discussed.

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### Bead Swap: Last Reminder

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

Here's a copy paste of the Bead Swap reminder from last month's newsletter. This is our final reminder. Sign-up by January 8th by using this [google form](#).

On January 9th, you will receive an email that will tell you how many people are participating in the swap and it will also tell you my mailing address. You should



make enough beads so we can have everyone get a swap item from everyone else. One swap item will be either a pair of coordinating beads or one pendant/focal bead. If you want to include more, you're welcome to, especially if you have lots of beads you'd be happy to rehome.

If there are eight people signed up (including yourself), you will send in seven swap items. Include as much return postage as it costs to mail your swap package. If you need help with

postage, just ask and the Guild will cover shipping costs. Ship your swap items by February 29, 2024 because it's leap year and that's a cool date!

[Sign-up](#)

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# From the President

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## New Year Laundry List

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



Happy New Year, program suggestions, items for board meeting, library liquidation incoming, and Jointit.

Our yearly Board meeting is coming up in January. We love getting input from members, so if there are activities you'd like to see happening or outreach ideas, please send them to us for consideration. We also super appreciate if you have make-along or demonstration ideas for next year's programs. These can be things you'd like to learn and have someone else teach, or things you would be willing to teach or lead us in making.

Speaking of teaching, 'tis the season to start thinking about Clay Camp! We really liked having day camp at Artworks, and we're looking for teaching proposals for 2024. If you think you'd like to teach, start brainstorming ideas. If you know someone that would be a good teacher, let us know and we can contact them (that's how we got Joan Taylor for 2023).

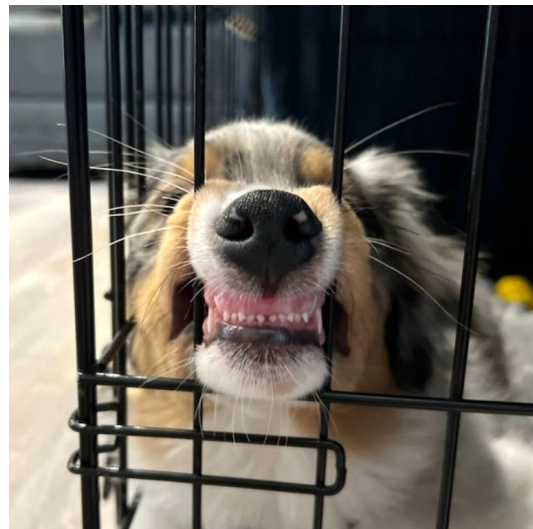
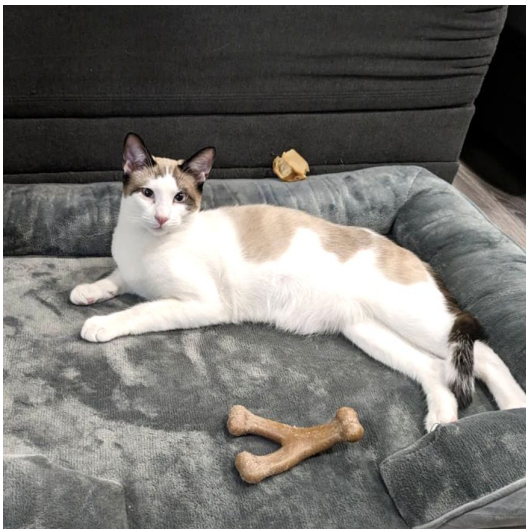
Quick reminder of the things available on Jointit.com, the site we use for keeping track of membership: Maria has updated it with some other useful things. If you haven't subscribed to the newsletter, you can sign-up there.

If your contact info has changed, you can change it there. Many past newsletters are available to browse, and the information on Guild discounts with OJoyCreations and Blueberry Beads are also there. It is also where you can set up automatic yearly billing for the membership fees which makes it super easy to not forget.



Knock on wood, but I'm going to be optimistic about this next year — so many things to make, and so much time! I've also been having a lot of fun with my new 3d printer. I'm currently trying to cram in a few more lithophane ornament prints before Christmas (where you print photographs out that you can see when there's a light inside, magical!). Then my learning continues. I have

goals to learn all sorts of modeling and drawing programs but I don't want to forget my goals and one of them is to use the printer to help my clay work. I just get a little easily distracted by shiny things for a bit. I hope all of you can find something that excites and inspires you in this next year.



Have fun, be safe, happy dreaming!

 Forward

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