

NH Potters' Guild Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 2023
League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters, Concord

Board Members unable to attend: Andy Hampton (Chair), Kathy Kriegel (Treasurer), Pam Nowell (Corresponding Secretary), Jen Markmanrud (Recording Secretary). Due to the lack of Board members, a Board meeting did not occur.

Introductions: Claire, Lauren artist and educator currently no studio space, Barbara Sorce retired nurse, sculptural and functional. Don Williams involved in wood kiln, Selinda Checoin (sp?), Sharon arts and in Dublin. Patsy Belt works in Dublin makers space. Liz Fletcher and Patsy have a show coming up at the Dublin community center. The long Road to social justice. Rebecca Hillman alltypes of clay and firing, teaching sometimes. Figurative and some functional. John Laurie - new to pottery took a class. In Biddeford ME. Hope to learn more. Al Jaeger - sculptural and functional work, community kiln is on his property. Kurt Heinzman retired engineer in Fancistown. Diane studio in her house shifting from wheel to slab. Retired now. Lauren (Wren) Morocco - Kimball Jenkins coordinator and Kimball Jenkins part time. Ignatious Wentling - moved from PA to west Lebanon in October. First time to Concord. Handbuilding and wood fire. Pottery asst with Simon Pierce studio. Rachel Montroy sculptor - teaches at St. Anselm and NHTI, and here as education coordinator. Lil Bailey lives in Concord, have a seasonal studio in her barn. Involved in community wood kiln. Don Wood the Builder helping construct the kiln. Lori Rollason - potter in Hillsboro - mostly functional. Teaches at NHTI and League member. Christina Bellinger works out of Purple Sage pottery. Throw and hand building. Frank McGuinn works in Mass at maker space. Likes wood firing. Water sealed fermentation crocks. Lydia Gray - orange Mass Launch makerspace also.

***Renew memberships now**

Secretary's Report (is/should be online) Rebecca, Barbara source second.

Treasurers Report: Al, Rebecca second.

Correspondence Secretary's report 1.22.2023

Pam Nowell and Rebecca Hillmann

MEMBERSHIP

We have been working this month on buttoning up the new membership intake form to reflect how members you will wish their personal and or business your information to be accessible used.

This month will be a busy time as we will be updating the Guild's incoming data of new and renewal memberships to the website.

Look for the members only website pages that will be coming. Paid members will receive a yearly code that will allow access to the members only pages on our website. If you have signed up for having a public professional page on our website. Be informed, you will be sent a follow up email.

This e-mail will ask for more info to work w you to create your public page for our website.

As a side note from Pamela; this project may require additional hands on help depending on the amount of response to our growing membership.

Soon, all paid members will be receiving an annual access code to the "Members Only" page.

WEBSITE

On the radar, we are working on creating a “donors’ recognition” page for the website to honor all the hard work and monetary contributions for our community wood kiln project.

This month will be a busy time as we will be updating your new and renewal memberships on the website. They will include links to your public professional page or to the “members only” resource page. Keep those memberships coming!

Lastly but most importantly We are in the process of moving our emailing and media systems to reflect our 501c3 Status.

Federal vs State

For Federal purposes, we are in need of a permanent address preferably a lawyer’s office or registered agent for IRS and if we want federal grant applications in our future. Side note, all official mail will still go through to our treasurer as registered w the State.

Universal Emails

We are in the process of Creating universal emails that can simplify transition of history and files. This will legally & more easily transfer guild information from one elected person on the board to the next

person voted into that position on the board.

SOCIALMEDIA

These universal emails are a crucial first step before we can streamline and make more efficient and user friendly our social media platforms. We are determined after sorting out this administrative puzzle to enable New designated emails are in the works as well as getting our social media to be working smoothly.

It takes a village, and we are dedicated!

In the meantime, please keep your corresponding secretaries in the loop. document, take pictures and tell us what you need to share about your studio village or community at large.

We look forward to a day those running the firings can post directly and transition of posts and positions of seats in our guild. various committees’ needs & communications can be more intuitive and streamline. We continue to work on clarifying our social media platform!

Keep those memberships coming!

Nominating Committee: Chair and Co Chair and recording secretary are up for reelection next meeting. Claire agree to run for recording secretary, so we still need a Chair and Co Chair.

Empty Bowls: After COVID Linda fletcher said it was shut down, but make and/or collect bowls for future events. Important to keep it going because it is important for us to support the community. Miller used to donate clay that was from the pug - sort of mixed. Maybe at the Craftsmens fair at the demo tent have someone throwing bowls.

Kiln Committee Report: At the last meeting we split into sub committees. Each of those have been meeting. Recommending that the kiln building happen in 2024. 2023 will be for building the shed addition, use it for fundraising as we need additional funds for the building. This will take the pressure off the committee and allow the guild to continue its work. It will aslo make for time for members to volunteer to be workers to help. Plans for firing the old kiln. Open dates in May and June, closed in April and July. More firings in the fall. Sign up will be online asap. Question - how much experience do

people need to have? None, there will be someone supervising. Barbara - Don Wood is our guest and contractor. He did the plans and we are working with him to start the new wood shed late april or May depending on the weather and Al. Allowing about 3 separate weekends to do this. May take longer, may take less. The Guild will be part of the New England wood firing conference, June 21 - July 1. Several kilns in New England will be participating. We're doing a firing in June around the 23 that will be part of the conference. <https://www.newenglandwfc.com/#/> The first part of the week you travel to see different kilns in action. We may be unique in that we are the only cooperative group in the list. Mr. Wood: We may or may not need someone with a truck and trailer to get donated stuff at a critical point.

Old Business:

New Business: Rachel has a proposal to the Guild. The league has the craft fair each year, this will be year 90. Historically the Guild has helped us with the pottery tent for the entirety of the fair. What is the cost? The League would pay the Guild and they can decide how to use that money - for supplies or for staff, or have volunteers and keep the money. It could be demos and hands-on mini lessons in hand building or wheel throwing, also information about the kiln and guild in general. When would the league like to know? In a month would be good. The Board will discuss and make a decision and bring it to the March meeting and start soliciting volunteers and coordinators. Have a handout about where the bowl is going. Kurt said he would do demos during the fair and would pack them up at the end of the day leather hard. Diane offered to do a firing.

We need a banner. Linda Fletcher may know about one.

Diane - is there anyone that would or has done a pit fire? Join the southern Maine clay guild. They do one every year. Dublin makerspace does it also.

March meeting: - Public meeting with election of officers (Chair, Co-chair and Recording Secretary) Meeting place and date. Maybe Kimball Jenkins 12, 19 or 26. Lauren will check their calendar and let us know.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.