

January 13, 2019, 2:00PM
New Hampshire Potters Guild
Meeting Agenda

At the Currier Art Center

In Attendance: Lauren Dadmun(recording Secretary), Claire Provencher(Vice Chair), Lori Rollason(Chair), Hiromi Satoh (Treasurer), Eric Maglio, Linda Fletcher, Christian Slater, Karen Jonash, Andy Hampton, Bonnie Hoyt, Anne Gaiero, Liz Fletcher, Ronald and Sibylle Torneau (40+ year member), Sibylle Pottery, Donna Pererra, Lee Ustinich, Wendy Jackson, Lydia Gray, Al Jaeger, Maureen Mills, Dale Poirier, Paige Vaal, Sheilagh Flynn

Treasurer's Report:: Provided by Hiromi Satoh, Treasurer. Annual Report: Bank account totals \$10,310.78
Income \$3,097.40. Expenses: \$3,990.13. Includes NH annual report filings for 2014, 2015, 2017. Nest year it will be only \$75, Also includes domain names for 5 years at \$147.60. NCECA - Lori \$472.70, Claire \$308.28. Hiromi also provided a comprehensive Community Kiln financial report going back to 2005.

Membership Update: Current cost: \$30 individual, \$40 family, \$15 student.

Welcome new Members: Pay membership today to Hiromi or go online.

Community Kiln Committee report: Andy has a connection to some free, great wood in Pittsfield, NH. Al said don't be surprised if a call goes out to people with trucks to go get some. Many firings this year: May 17, 18, 19 Andy is renting it for Hanover League Students. Lydia is running one open to all NHPG members May 30, 31 and June 1. Wendy and Lydia are renting it July 15 to do work for the Craftsmens fair. Don Williams with UNH October 3, 4, 5? Open to some NHPG members? Al added that June and September are open times for firing. If someone wants to coordinate the participants, then ask one of the experienced firers to help. (Andy, Lydia Grey, Wendy, Hiromi, Lauren). Looking at potential designs for new kiln using donated bricks, and possibly a fundraiser.

Empty Bowls: Linda Fletcher. The coordinators want to move the location and expand. Linda hopes they don't kill the goose laying the golden eggs. They don't plan to have it in 2019 to work toward a new plan, also don't want to do it in the fall. They raised 12K last year.

Biennial: Bonnie Hoyt. Application was emailed to members and is on the web page along with a Paypal button. Updated dates and "mail to" address. Deadline to participate is Feb 1. Deadline for labels and bio info to Lee by Feb 11? (22 on updated form online)

Scholarship Committee: Update? Andy Hampton, Don Williams, David Ernster, who else? Got some background info: was taken from general fund in the past. Email later in the weekend from Liz:

Notes on Scholarship Fund History

Liz Fletcher 1/13/2019

At one point the Guild voted (1999 is the earliest record in my computer of the Scholarship Fund) to set aside \$500 each year from dues in a dedicated fund for scholarships, to be called after potter Rudy Houk. Rudy died suddenly in 1998 and his wife Alberta gave his kiln to the Guild, those bricks were used for the first community kiln at Jeff Brown's in Northwood. In appreciation the Guild named the Scholarship Fund after Rudy.

Somehow the dedicated fund must have been lost from the Guild records over time, as no applications have been received since Jessica Seaton in 2013 as far as I know. It's my fault, I should have been more active in seeking another member when Kit left in 2013. But life happens – there's so much I'm involved with that my volunteer work tends to be reactive rather than pro-active. If someone had applied for a scholarship, that would have motivated me to find another Committee member. But time passed and nothing happened in the scholarship scene ...

It's wonderful that Andy, Don Williams & David Ernster are reviving the Scholarship Committee. You can run it however it works for you – previously the Committee did everything by email, to avoid driving to meetings. The original application was based on the League's application form. The Scholarship Committee reviewed applications and approved them (or not, one we didn't) but the Guild Board had the final say since they allocate the money.

If \$500 annually doesn't seem enough, feel free to fundraise. But there's over \$5,000 in the Guild checking account to draw on initially, and since the Guild raised dues to \$30, some of that could be dedicated for scholarships. But I'm not on the Committee, so I'll say no more --- just, all the best to Andy, Don, and David and many thanks!

Liz

NH Potters Guild Rudy Houk Scholarship Fund Recipients

*Potters Guild Scholarship Committee:
Debby Grant, Kit Cornell, Liz Fletcher*

2001 Jeff Brown \$175 for the Chris Staley workshop at the Worcester Craft Center

2002 Sharyn Tullar \$150 for Al Jaeger's Ceramic Wall Pieces class at the NH Institute

2003 Ron Tornow \$150 for the Arnie Zimmerman clay sculpture workshop at North Country Studio Conference, Bennington, VT.

2004 Dan Wilson \$150 for the fall semester clay class with Jeff Brown at NH Institute of Art.

2005 no recipient --- Wendy Walter turned down because proposed study not related to purpose of Guild (clay used as material for healing rather than creating, more relevant to health)

2006 Devitt Liptak \$200 Sharyn Tullar \$150 Both for Sylvie Granatelli workshop at North Country Studio Conference, Bennington, VT.

2007 - 2012 no requests During this time, Debby Grant died and Kit's friend Deb Moran replaced her. Kit resigned from the Committee in 2013.

2013 Jessica Seaton \$500 Atmospheric Perspectives workshop at Watershed

1/13/19 Liz Fletcher note ---- Deb & I agreed Jessica could get the full \$500 since no one had applied for 5 years. The Guild officers, who make the final decision, agreed.

As far as I know this was the most recent scholarship award.

If anyone has any questions please ask!

Liz Fletcher

Nominating Committee: Per bylaws: Chair, Vice Chair and Recording secretary are all elected in the ODD year. Correspondence Secretary and Treasurer in EVEN year. Last year we accidentally re-elected Lauren to Recording secretary, when we should have had an election for the Correspondence Secretary (Kevin). "We're not going to have squeaky clean records because we are a dirty group." - Laren :-)

Nominating committee members: Sarah Burns, Andy Hampton, Lee Ustinich. Need to have a slate presented to membership by March 10, 2019.

New Business: non profit status. Expires in 2020. Lori wants to be sure the next board is aware of that so it is not overlooked.

New permanent and/or ad hoc committees?

(Scholarship Fundraising, Holiday (Month of December? Mother's Day?) Pop-up Shop?)

Maybe look into sponsoring visiting artists again?

August meeting: have a food committee? Have people who can, bring food, and others bring paper products/drinks? \$750 is a lot for a meal, and it doesn't necessarily bring in new members.

Protocol guidelines: renewing an effort to collect and archive information in a way that makes it safe and useful in the future

NCECA: March 27 - 30. Minneapolis, MN. \$198 for a 4 day pass.

News and Announcements:

Next Meeting: March 24 at Lori's house. Pot Swap.

Minutes/meeting notes recorded by Claire Provencher, edits/additions by Lori Rollason