

NHPG Meeting
March 10th 2024
Kimball Jenkins School of Art
Board Meeting

1 - 2pm Guidelines for non profits:

<https://www.doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/documents/guidebook-non-profit-organizations.pdf>

Treasurer's Report: See below:

Discussion of By laws past and edits.

Bylaws committee report

- Sunapee

- Award: Andy got a letter regarding Sunapee awards: Functional and Sculptural awards \$300 each.
- NCECA: no board members are going this year, so \$500 supplement won't be paid out. ○ Sign up ready online. The League was happy - some method attendees. Claire will be the volunteer coordinator Monday to Wednesday, August 5-7. Have a QR code with website and/or donation page. Wren will buy lunch bags and get reimbursed from Kathy. Bring tools and supplies to meeting at Al's.

Biennial Show

- Application fee, 25\$ per applicant, split total with KJ more info in full meeting minutes.

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Venmo account - which email account. Wren will get the email password from the account that Kathy uses, then will work with Kathy to set it up.

Meeting Adjourned 3pm.

New Hampshire Potters' Guild General meeting
Sunday, March 10, 2024 Kimball Jenkins Concord, NH 2 - 3:30 pm

- Welcome and introduction: Wren - Chair, Linda Fletcher - Co-Chair, Marcia from KJ and Biennial chair, Karen, Diane Lane, Nancy Fullam, Eric Maglio, Hannah Bunnell, Chris Archer, Wendy Jackson, Sue Babine, Wendy Langelier, Meg Langelier, Ig Wendling, Sarah Anderson, Don Williams, Barbara Souce, Emily S, Patsy Belt, Frank McGuinn, Al Jaeger, Lydia Gray, Pam Nowell - Corresponding Secretary, Rebecca Hillman, Kathy Kriegel - Treasurer, Lil Bailey, Belinda Bodnar, Sybil and Ron Tornow
- Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Wren first, al second. Motion passed. ● Thank you for helping with the Mug sale! Pillar gallery this morning. Final count after expenses we split the money. Total money collected was \$1,700. Unsold mugs will go on the online gallery. Over 70 mugs were donated by 23 different artists.
- Belinda and Kiln Committee Updates: Images of new kiln design to scale. Will have different chambers that can be segmented off for smaller or experimental firings. It will also help serve the educational goals of the Guild. The back chamber could easily be filled by two people and fired in a day. Question: will it be smokeless or reduced? We think so. Could we build into the cost a spark arrestor? Yes. Make it removable to be clean when it gets clogged up. Online sign-ups for work days and for firings. Both links are on the website. Go to Kiln on the top, Our Wood Kiln project for the build, Firings to sign up.
- Financial update from Kathy Kriegel. 12 new members, 39 individuals, 3 family, and 1 student. Don't need to be a member to be on the work committee, though membership is reasonable and we

encourage people to join. Working together for a common goal, and learning how a kiln is built, are wonderful experiences. We were allotted \$20,000 to spend. We ordered the new refractory bricks and other materials. We have roughly \$7,923 remaining. A stipend to Eric and Belinda of \$5,000 was approved. We will be ordering more materials: clay, wood, and cement. Can the stipend be paid out of the general fund instead of the Kiln fund? They will need the money within the month. Everything has to be on-site by the beginning of June. Ideas for paid workshops from colleges. First firing of the new kiln in August after Sunapee. Hope to have fundraisers for offering scholarships would be great as well as always having funds for wood,

- Nancy Fullam: **Motion** to approve funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$5000 to pay the stipend to Eric and Belinda. Linda Fletcher second. Motion passes. We will also likely need more for the kiln fund also roughly 3-5 K more. If we go forward with a Venmo QR code to donate to the kiln, make it easily accessible. New England wood firing conference will happen in June 2025. Would like to participate again with the new kiln. Trunk show at the end of the week. A couple of different events.

Correspondence Secretary's Report Pam Nowell and Rebecca Hillmann

Pam Nowell is happy to serve the NHPG as the corresponding Secretary for another 2 years.

TRAINING: Pam will be working on writing down her job requirements for the nominating committee. She will also start a training part to help in future transitions of this position.

MEMBERSHIP: Pam will send a final lapsed membership email, inviting them to renew and informing them in 30 days they will no longer receive correspondence from the NHPG email and newsletter. I will also be sending an email to current paid members who have expressed interest in a public page on the website to reach out to start the process.

WEBSITE: Pam has created a Woodfired Project page on the website to let the public know what is happening with our wood kiln and thank those who have and are participating.

We are renewing our efforts to move our emailing and media systems to reflect our 501c3 Status. This will help 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA: 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!

NEWSLETTER: Pam is working on creating a committee to work on the newsletter to help spread her current workload. The newsletter will be coming out 2-3 weeks after each meeting. Please make sure your membership is current as after 2 years lapsed members will have their contact information expunged from our database.

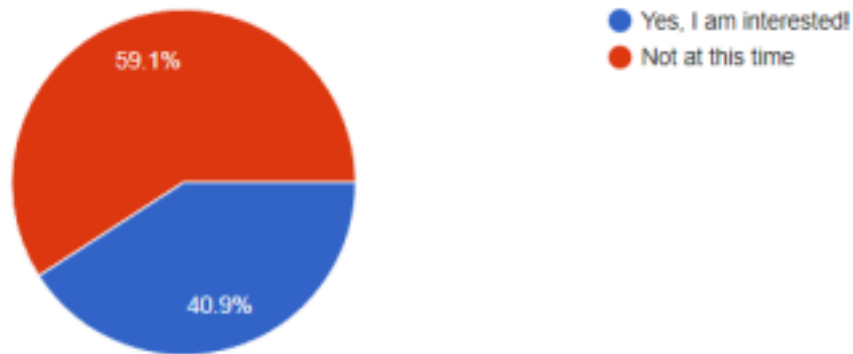
- Responses from the last survey sent out
 - Kiln space available to share: Manchester, NH, Temple, NH, Orange, MA, Derry, NH, Newton, NH, Merrimack, NH, Meredith, NH. Make a map?
 - Workshop ideas: Carving clay and surface decoration, Small Raku kiln, Mold making, Pit firing and sawdust fueled kiln, Smoke firing, Colored porcelain and slab building with texture

Education committee

Our fantastic Co-chair, Linda Fletcher, is looking for members to join the **Education Committee**. This group will be responsible for developing educational experiences for guild members, promoting workshops and other offerings, and spreading the vast wealth of knowledge and experience we have within our guild to new and potential members.

Please indicate if you'd be interested in joining the Education Committee!

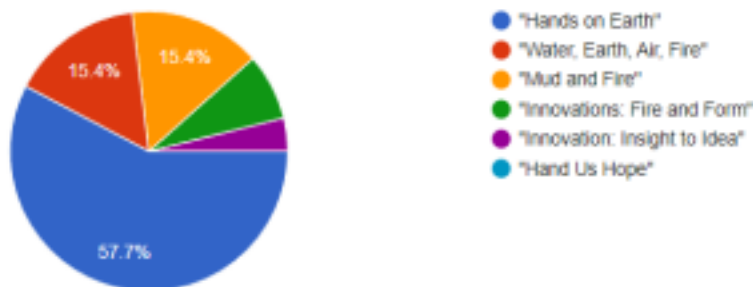
22 responses



Biennial Title:

Please choose your favorite Biennial theme title. Below are the top two most popular answers and the independent suggestions

26 responses



- **The Biennial Application** and drop off dates Biennial Show
- Application fee, 25\$ per applicant, split total with KJ. Sign-up will be online, link will be sent Fill out the

application form. It will be done via Jot Form. Opening night is Friday, September 27th from 6 - 8 pm. Drop off dates are as follows:

- Sunday, Sept 15 12 - 4 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 16 5 - 7 pm
- Wednesday, Sept 17 2 - 6 pm
- Friday, Sept 20 5 - 7 pm

If you cannot take photos of the work, there will be a space to do so at drop-off. No concurrent wall show, there is plenty of wall space

- **Sunapee Craft Fair.** Wren will set up and be the volunteer coordinator August 3, 4. Claire will be the coordinator from August 5-7, and Wren again from August 8 - 11. Sign up! Same format and schedule as last year. Morning or Afternoon shift. Free Admittance into the Fair! Sign up on “signup genius” link. Everything will be for sale. 25% goes to KJ. Rebecca: Can we have a “Smalls” sale, raffle and/or QR code for Fundraising. Or perhaps artists agree to have all the money from a sale go to fundraising. Have fliers for the Biennial at the tent. Sunapee Craft fair award: Motion to donate \$300 to each of two awards at the fair. Al second. Motion passes.



- Fundraising Idea: Pots and Pets Calendar?
Potters send pictures of themselves, their pottery, and their pets to create a calendar! This would be a fun and adorable way for those to connect with the NHPG community. Especially if we can include some important dates on the calendar (Empty Bowls event, Wood Kiln openings, Biennial show, Sunapee craft fair) Hannah: for empty bowls, they sold tickets by arm length. Do we need pedestals? If you have some to donate, that would be great.
- Amazon wish list has been created and a link will be added to the web page. Heavy-duty wood splitter is needed. Is a Lowe's wish list an option?
- End and future meeting places. Sybil and Ron Tornow volunteered.
- Hannah: NHPG does not have a lot of social media presence. Maybe Hannah can join the corresponding committee. Guild Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/new_hampshire_potters_guild/
Wood kiln instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nhpgkiln/>

Next meeting: June 30th at 2pm at Al Jaeger's house 20 Perry Road, Deerfield, NH.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53