

New Hampshire Potters Guild Meeting Agenda

Date: Sunday, November 17, 2024

Location: The home of Ronald and Sibylle Tornow: 58 McQuestion Rd, Merrimack, NH

- Executive Board & Kiln Committee Meeting: 1:00 PM
- General Membership Meeting: 2:00 PM

Board Meeting:

Members Present Biennial Committee chair Marcia O'Brian. Linda Fletcher, Co chair, Wren Morocco Chair, Claire Provencher Recording Secretary

1:04 pm

1. Financial Report
 - a. Kathy's report. Income: 6,533.67. Expenses 11,242.90. Balance \$22,865.64
 - b. Kathy question about insurance. We can add \$350 per year for medical coverage for firings and meetings. Still, special events would require notifying the insurance company and an extra fee. Wren will follow up for more specific info such as workshops.
 - c. Workshop fund has \$1,000 in it. Wren tested the interest by offering a workshop with Lori Rollason at Kimball-Jenkins. 8 people, \$250, and it filled up. December 7 and 14.
 - d. From Wren: Report funds from recent events: Empty Bowls: \$524.96 net credit cards, \$223 cash, \$30 check. \$777.96 total, \$150 on supplies and KJ fee (\$50) \$677.96 total donation to the Friendly Kitchen.
 - e. Biennial \$711.67 Credit card net
 - f. Split funds from Biennial sales between KJ and Artists
2. Review Fall Activities: Keep Empty Bowls at KJ, but benefit a different organization. Friendly Kitchen wasn't that great to work with. Maybe single mothers home in Manchester, or Liberty House, or another town or city that could benefit. Reach out to them early to promote the event and possibly have residents participate in bowl making. Biennial: Marcia reaching out to places now for the next show, possibly Ava Gallery in Lebanon? Linda suggested Nashua Center for the Arts. Kathy suggested St. Anselm College. Sound and color festival in Concord, had crafts and music for kids. Wren set up a booth with her wheel and handed out flyers about the Guild and Empty Bowls. October 18, 19 this year. Organized by the Chamber of Commerce.
3. Review Committees:

4. Upcoming events: Pillar gallery wants to do another mug sale in February or March. Create a map of kiln sharing and other resources?
5. Possibility of donating to the arts community after the hurricane: Craft Emergency relief fund.
6. Future meetings: Maybe the Manchester Public Library or Currier on January 12? March 23, TBD, June 15 at Al's, August at Sunapee is a social, Sept 21 to set nomination committee, Nov 16 for voting.

1. Call to Order 2:23. Thanks to our hosts Ronald and Sibylle Tornow

2. Approval of Minutes

- Review and confirm the minutes from the last meeting. AI, second, motion passes.

3. Treasurer's Report: question about Individual Donations in the amount of 535. A couple of people made donations to the kiln committee. Current bank balance \$22,865.64. CD was rolled into checking account. Income \$6,533.67. Expenses 11,242.90. Allocated 34K and only have 29K to the kiln committee. There was a question about returning money to a CD to gain interest. The subject of cashing out the CD was discussed and voted on at the last meeting. If money is needed for the kiln, we didn't want to have funds tied up in a CD.

4. Re-Election Vote Nominating committee is on the zoom: Andy Hampton, Sarah Burns, Lil Bailey, and Lori Rollason. All the existing positions agreed to continue, so their names were put forward to the vote. Wren asked if there are any nominations from the floor? No other recommendations. **All in favor of accepting the nominees in the positions for another term. Unanimous vote.**

- Election of officers for the coming term:
 - President: Wren Morocco
 - Vice President: Linda Fletcher
 - Recording Secretary: Claire Provencher

5. Fall Activities Review & Acknowledgments

- A thank you to all members for their hard work and contributions during a productive season.
- Biennial Show: Wren commented it was a great event with positive feedback. 2026 will be the next Biennial, Marcia O'Brien is contacting galleries for the next

show. Wren made a PDF of all the artists that participated in the show. It will get added to the website. It can also be shown to potential gallery sites.

- Empty Bowls Fundraiser: Smaller than last year but successful, \$678 will be donated to the Friendly Kitchen in Concord.
- Sound and Color Arts Fair Sound and color festival in Concord, had crafts and music for kids. Wren set up a booth with her wheel and handed out flyers about the Guild and Empty Bowls. October 18, 19 this year. Organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

6. Kiln Committee Business

- Update on the Kiln Committee's latest projects and maintenance. Happy with the first firing, but also a list of projects for future safety and success. Reorganized the kiln committee with coordinators for each aspect of the overall committee. Set tentative dates: late March early April, in coordination with NE wood firing conference. We will have a liaison with them to promote our kiln as a place to fire to make money. It will cost \$200 for 2 cubic fee for each participant. Looking broadly at two issues: What is recommended practice for firing this kiln, and the idea to offer workshops in the future for members and others as a potential way to learn and bring in funds. Also talked about a name. When some members were patting down the outer surface of the kiln, the idea of **Nakamagama** came up. Japanese for community anagama kiln. Request for an additional \$5,000 for funds for upcoming work. Changes to shed structure. Some safety procedure, and some shelves. Once everything is safe and more frequent firings can happen, the kiln committee will be able to contribute funds. **Motion by Barbara to allocate \$5,000 to kiln committee account. All Second, motion passes.**
- New Wood Kiln Firing Results
 - Review of the recent wood kiln firing outcomes. Glen McGuinness. 2 days to load, 4 hours to unload. 880 pieces. temp range in front was cone 12-13 with a lot of ash, 10-11 in arch. A bit less ash in the back of the anagama. Arch kiln temp went down fast once we stopped feeding it. Lisa Hertel: head of policy and procedures committee for the kiln. Laurel via Zoom said she is interested in being involved with the kiln in this capacity. If you are interested email. lisa@cogitation.org. There is a strategy and procedure for each part of the firing, which Belinda and Eric oversaw.
 - Discussion of any issues encountered and plans for future firings.

Insurance Question: Kathy discovered our liability does not cover medical costs in the event of an injury. She contacted the insurance company and learned we can add \$350

per year for medical coverage for firings and meetings, but special events would require notifying the insurance company and an extra fee. Wren will follow up for more specific info such as workshops. **Motion to add \$350 per year for medical coverage. Wren second, motion passed.**

Financial assistance for Asheville North Carolina potters inundated in a recent hurricane. River Arts District Association is in that area. Barbara donated to CERF and she could dedicate it to potters specifically. **Motion to donate \$500 to relief funds to CERF. Motion approved.**

7. Upcoming Events

- Pillar Gallery Mug Sale
 - Overview of the winter mug sale event at Pillar Gallery. They suggested January but Wren is thinking February could be better - link into Valentines day, cozy cups, chocolate, Hug a Mug. Motion to collaborate with pillar gallery. Motion passed. Question - it was only one day last year, but they offered to have it up longer. We have leftover cups. Some sold in the small sale. Discussion about putting more money into the education fund. **Kathy made a motion to move small sale money into the education fund, Lil second. Motion passes.**
 - Discussion on member participation and any coordination needed for the sale.

8. Other Business

Pillar Gallery is having a small show right now. A couple of Guild members have work at the League headquarters - Al Jaeger, Alice Ogden, and Al's apprentice Tejas Moses, will be up until November 30.

1. Future meetings: Maybe the Manchester Public Library, Currier, or French Building on January 12, with a potential artist talk. March 23 location TBD, May move the mug sale to March on the same date as meeting. June 15, father's day at Al's. August at Sunapee is a social, not a meeting. Sept 21 to set nomination committee, Treasurer and Corresponding secretary will be up for re election. Nov 16 for voting. Locations TBD for September and November meetings.

Linda Fletcher mentioned that one of our members could offer a workshop for members. If it was offered to members, it would be a volunteer, or if open to outsiders, there could be a fee for expenses. Another option would be to have a member and non member fee.

The studio in Ronald and Sibylle's home is being liquidated. They have set some reasonable rates, but if you disagree, talk to them. Peruse after you eat.

Wendy has a kick wheel for free in Newton New Hampshire.

Pot Swap began at 3:30

9. Adjournment 3:30

Submitted by Claire Provencher

Recording Secretary

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