

NH Potters Guild General Meeting Notes

January 21, 2024 2pm

League of NH Craftsmen HQ

49 North Main St, Concord NH 03301

- Present: Wren - chair, Marcia biennial, Meadows at KJ, Andy Hampton, Monica Levesque, Lil Bailey, Frank McGuinn, Hiromi Satoh, Diane Lane, Patsy Belt, Barbara Sorce, Al Jaeger, Rebecca Hillman Social media helper, Pam Nowell Corresponding secretary, Lydia Gray, Linda Fletcher Co-Chair, Wendy Jackson, Kathy Kriegel Treasurer, Claire Provencher Recording secretary, Lisa - joining, Emily scientist and potter, Amy Lockwood in Deerfield teaches handbuilding at studio 550. Nancy Fulham former attorney, Maureen Mills, Fallon Ray from Pillar gallery and projects owner in Concord. Ronald Tourneau, Sybil his wife, Lori Rollason.
- Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$16512, CD \$10319. Income \$9319, expenses \$3436. Kiln building project - raised \$26020, expenses \$18149, remaining \$7871. \$290 from kiln deposits of people who didn't participate. We had a lot of donations. Claire motioned to approve the treasurer's report, and Lori second. passes.
- Kiln Committee Business: Setting dates for last firings of old kiln. Sign up sheet for kiln build will roll out soon. A series of weekends beginning May 31 through the last weekend of June, if we need to go that long. Eric and Belinda will be there each weekend, and hopefully have someone who has experience in each area and be a coordinator for each part from food, building, wood stacking, etc. Lydia would like someone to post on Instagram who has experience. Would like to encourage people to donate if they can't participate in helping. Amazon wish list? Meadow can help with that. Wendy can set up a wish list and add the 503(c) information. Question: is there a goal of the fundraising amount? No, but we should have an amount. There is a phase three plan for the surrounding grounds. Can Eric and Belinda bring a large drawing of the kiln to the March meeting? Andy has an electric brick saw with water. We can also use some advertising in community and group newsletters to make it more

public. If anyone knows people who would be interested, pass the info on.

- Newsletter and Welcome packet
 - Meadows Communications Services for the Guild - Meadows is working on a handout for new members and to recruit future.
 - Social Media Management
 - Loop Meadows into Events (pictures, important info)
- Venmo Account
- Biennial Show opening date September 27. It will be in the mansion and no size parameters. Have a wall of smalls for sale.
 - Results of the survey for the theme 38% chose hands on earth.
 - Logistics for KJ - if people from regions around the state can bring pieces to KJ. An email would go out to past and present members with requirements.
 - Dates of submission TBD
 - Events Committee
- League of NH Craft Fair
 - Dates August 3-11
 - Send out sign-up sheet
 - Need a co-leader to take a day or two. Email Wren.
- Proposal for Mug fundraiser with Pillar Gallery 205 North State street in Concord:<https://www.pillargalleryprojects.com/>
- Fallon: our next exhibition is called Excavations, AI will be participating in the show. In collaboration with a coffee/tea. Fundraising will be shared between the Gallery and the Guild. Probably sometime at the beginning of March, maybe coincide with the next Guild meeting date. Have work by the first week of March.
- Artist Talk or Workshop or Studio Tours
 - Goal - provide more educational experiences to members. Linda made a motion to a fund to pay workshop presenters. Pam second. Motion passes. Motion that the proceeds from the Pillar Gallery mug sale go to this fund.
- Next meeting date/time: March 10 at Kimball Jenkins Mansion, will be the same day as the mug fundraiser at Pillar Gallery.

- Andy commented that having meetings at artists' studios and in different locations around the state would be nice. Nancy Fulham added that a list of people with kiln space to share or offer. There is a web page called kilnshare.com

- Show:

Al Jaeger and friends The world of wood fired clay:

Al Jaeger is invited to participate in a show that exemplifies wood fire ceramics. He has also invited 13 woodfire artists to participate in the show! Al Jaeger, Chris Archer, Belinda Bodnar, Sarah Burns, David Ernster, Lydia Grey, Andy Hampton, Wendy Jackson, Eric Maglio, Frank McGinn, Maureen Mills, Hiromi Satoh, Barbara Sorce, Don Williams. The show is at St Anselm College and has four affiliated dates:

*Thursday 2/15/24 opening reception 4-6 PM at the LLC (Living Learning Commons), 100 St Anselm Drive, Manchester, NH 03102

* Thursday 2/22/24 Al Jaeger, power point presentation: My life as an artist, 4-5 PM, at The Chapel Arts Center, Alumni Hall, 100 St Anselm Drive, Manchester, NH 03102

*Thursday 4/11/24 Panel discussion: Ongoing, and future possibilities for the pursuit of ceramic arts. 4-6 PM, at The Chapel Arts Center, Alumni Hall, 100 St Anselm Drive, Manchester, NH 03102

*Thursday 4/25/24 Closing reception for the show 4-6PM, at the LLC (Living Learning Commons)

Please refer to the St Anselm campus map for the specific locations. The campus roadways move in one direction.

Ronald and Sybil (sp?) have a list of studio items free or for sale.

Meeting adjourned: 3:40.