

Local Clay Notes

Local Clay Meetings for 2004 : March 11th, May 12th, September 16th, and November 17th

The following are the minutes from the January 14th, 2004 Local Clay Membership Meeting

[Note that they are not in the order of presentation, rather in grouped by subject]

In Attendance : Don Clarke, Frank Gosar, Kay Irish, Mary Briggs, Barbara Ward, Robert Wolchock, Michael Fromme, Gil Harrison, Jeff Drullard, Don Prey, Paula MacCullen, Tracie Manso, Merry Newcomer, Denise Davis, Kathleen Piper, Carolyn Fredrickson (and Rhoda Fleischman in spirit since she was at Shannon's birthday party!).

Committee Reports

Empty Bowls : Mary Briggs introduced Terry Kirby from Food For Lane County (FFLC). Terry is taking over the responsibilities for Empty Bowls (was Angela). Her overview of the upcoming show/sale fundraiser highlighted that the tentative date was Friday, April 2nd in the Quakenbush building lobby. FFLC is trying to grow the event without overly burdening the ceramics community and wanted some dialog on how to do that. It was mentioned that the Eugene event raised more money in one day than the Portland show does in three and congratulations were given.

As part of the desire/plan to grow the show, Terry asked if there was a record of where the bowls came from, but apparently there are no exact records. FFLC is planning a mailing to Local Clay members regarding the event and it was suggested that this type of query could be included. She mentioned that the EMU was going to participate and hopefully increase their usual 350-400 bowls and it was suggested that she also contact LCC ceramics (Julie Riesner). Terry indicated that Brush Fire was going to participate this year with some sort of children's/family type event. Frank suggested that she also contact Potter's Quarter in the Oakway Plaza.

Other highlights of the fundraiser included a week-long series of pre-events one of which would be a dinner served on bowls (donated by Georgies and "signed" by local celebrities – possibly from the Eugene opera) which the patrons got to keep. Additionally, they will enlarge the "silent auction" portion of the fundraiser and are looking for more large/high-end bowls to be contributed.

The Throw-a-Thon is planned for Saturday, January 31st at Club Mud. It was mentioned that we often end the event early as we run out of clay and possibly more materials would generate more bowls. However, Don Prey reminded everyone that this event was never meant to replace individual potters' bowls rather it was an early attempt to increase the overall number of bowls available. Gil Harrison said that the 31st was also a large artists' sale in Eugene, but he did not think it would adversely impact the Throw-a-Thon.

WorkShops : Based on last year's funding, Frank had planned to do three workshops. He has already confirmed these as follows : (02/22) Sue Roden at Club Mud, (02/29) Ricky Bellinger at Club Mud, (03/13-14) Hank Murrow at his studio. Frank handed out some flyers for these three workshops and took names from people interested in attending. For more information on these workshops members can check the webpage (<http://www.clayfest.org/workshops.htm>). Payment for the workshops is done at the door. Frank gave an overview of the need for a new WorkShop chair and trainee saying that the Chair will be responsible for the 20-minute post-meeting Demos and coordinating any fall 2004 events, while the trainee will assist and take over the 2005 events. Given the increase in budget for the coming year, Frank will hand off to his successor other possibilities that he has been considering.

ClayFest : Robert reminded everyone that the first 2004 show Steering Committee meeting was next Thursday (22nd) at the Farmers Market building (120 Broadway) starting at 6:30PM. He mentioned that he has been working to fill all the openings and has had some success. For those of you still interested in volunteering to help manage the show, the openings can be seen online by visiting our webpage (<http://www.clayfest.org/chairs.htm>) where each position has a job description. He also mentioned that, while he hasn't updated the webpage lately, the Sales, Poster, and Sponsorship Chairs are also open. The upcoming meeting will focus on some policy issues and discussion about alternative floorplans being considered including the introduction of "group booth" space (these options can be seen online by visiting our webpage at <http://www.efn.org/~clayfest/cf04.htm> and following the links). The show is currently planned for three days this year (October 8th thru 10th) which will require set-up on Thursday the 7th.

Treasurer : Barbara handed out detailed sheets of the 2003 spending and 2004 budget, and gave a brief overview of the numbers. The budget that the Board approved on January 9th breaks out as follows :

Category	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
President	\$25	\$0	\$25
Secretary	\$216	\$296	\$270
Treasurer	\$0	\$0	\$10
Clay In Education	\$1173	\$700	\$1200
Membership	\$80	\$0	\$80
Empty Bowls	\$10	\$0	\$0
Workshops	\$1458	\$908	\$2000
Legal	\$20	\$20	\$20
POBox	\$19	\$19	\$19
Total	\$ 3,001	\$ 1,944	\$ 3,624

Given the current carry-forward bank balance of \$ 4,880 this means that we have \$ 1,256 held in reserve.

Election of Officers

Kay had a large sheet with outlined the current openings and names of people that had already volunteered to run. There were a number of still open slots; specifically the Secretary, WorkShops, and Clay in Education. There was some discussion about the Clay in Education position and Kay clarified that the position was responsible to "promote" the outreach not "do" the actual teaching. After some lengthy silences and mild arm-twisting the roster was filled as follows :

- President Michael Fromme
- President Elect Rhoda Fleischman
- Treasurer [Position not open but Trainee needed]
- Secretary Don Clarke
- ClayFest Robert Wolchock
- WorkShops Rhoda Fleischman (with assistance from Michael Fromme)
- Empty Bowls [Position not open but Trainee needed]
- Clay In Education Mary Briggs (with assistance from Jeff Drullard and Joshua)

Robert moved that we approve the slate as presented. Frank asked for clarification on the WorkShops arrangement as Rhoda would have two positions as would Michael (and there would be some overlap of "peak" period). After further discussion and entire panel of officers was unanimously approved.

Meeting ended