

Local Clay Minutes  
November 7, 2013  
at Clay Space

Present: Leslie Friedman, Maryanne Smith, Nolan Blansit, Sally Lockhart, Avi Harriman, Karen Washburn, Susan Fairbanks, Merry Newcomer, Annie Heron

The opening question for the evening was, "What other medium do you work in besides clay?" We went around the table giving answers ranging from photography to textiles to painting to music, and probably others I have forgotten.

Reports:

**Clay Fest Chair**, Karen Washburn: Clay Fest was successful; all agreed it went quite smoothly without major hassles or complaints. Attendance and overall sales were down from last year, but last year was an exceptionally high year. Karen submitted a balance sheet for the record.

**Treasurer**, Merry Newcomer: Scholarship moneys were sent to LCC and UCC, \$500. each for the year. \$400 was paid for the upcoming workshop. \$3761. was brought in from Clay in Ed, dues and other sources.

**Workshops**, Leslie Friedman: A workshop is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 10 – 4, with Rhoda

Fleishmann. It will be held at Amazon Community Center, and there are 11 people signed up for it. Nolan Blansit will be presenting a workshop in January, topic to be announced.

The Local Clay Lending Library of DVD's continues to be a successful program. These are available for 2 - 4 weeks, and may be checked out at Georgies for a nominal fee. Leslie will be developing a listing of all available DVD's, and these will be posted on the website.

Merry mentioned she is doing a free demo at Georgies on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November also.

**Clay in Education,** Maryanne Smith: We have learned that Chere Todd, a student at LCC, was selected as the recipient of the scholarship moneys we sent, through the Tom Rohr Scholarship Endowment.

There was a discussion of whether this is the best way to support ceramic education in the community, as we lose a lot of control in selection of recipients. We discussed the purposes of the scholarship - to further ceramic education, to promote Local Clay and build bonds with emerging clay artists in our community, and/or to provide continuing education for working potters in helping them attend workshops. It was decided that this called for more discussion in the future, and at some point perhaps a sub-committee to

make proposals, which the membership could then discuss and choose from.

**Program,** Avi Harriman: The August picnic was fun and delicious, with new and old members mingling over food and raku kilns.

Avi has posted his photos to the Clay Fest Facebook page, including one of each member's booth and every gallery piece.

### **Miscellaneous Discussion**

The idea was floated of some sort of "Studio Crawl" or tour of studios of membership.

Some folks are having trouble receiving communications from the new mailing program. We discussed the possibility of using the [clayfest@gmail.com](mailto:clayfest@gmail.com) account for sending out newsletters, mailings, etc., or establishing a Local Clay gmail account, and/or using a different mailing program. It was decided that I should have a chat with Don Clarke about all these possibilities.

Any members who have a Facebook business page they would like others to "like" should email it to Ziggy; similarly if you have an Etsy storefront.

Sally Lockhart passed out information about a holiday fair in Brownsville at the Art Center there.

[BAArtCenter@centurylink.net](mailto:BAArtCenter@centurylink.net) if you are interested.

## **Nominations**

**The slate of officers nominated** by the members for next year:

President: Elizabeth (Ziggy) Blum

Secretary: Annie Heron

Treasurer: Robin Russell

Workshops: Leslie Friedman

Clay in Education: Maryanne Smith

Program: Avi Harriman

Clay Fest Chair: Karen Washburn

Empty Bowls Chair: Nolan Blansit

Webmaster (mistress?): Merry Newcomer

**Meeting Schedule for next year** – all meetings will be at Clay Space until further notice

January 23: potluck and officer election

February: Board meeting to deal with budget

March 20: general meeting

May 22: general meeting

August 17: potluck

November 13: general meeting, nomination of officers for 2014

That's all folks. Submitted by : Annie Heron, Secty.

## Local Clay Treasurer's Report :11/7/2012 Meeting

Balance brought forward 8/18/13           \$3771.69

### Income:

2013 Membership	\$ 15.00
R Fleischman workshop	75.00
DVD rental	4.00
Clay in Ed sales at CF	194.00
Clay in Ed raffle	375.00

Total income:                   \$ 663.00

### Expenses:

DVD purchases	\$139.85
Workshop flyers	6.75
LC brochure printing	101.54
LC Picnic expenses	211.54

Total expenses:               (459.68)

Profit for period:               \$203.32

Ending cash for 11/7/2013:               \$3975.01