

## Local Clay minutes - January 13, 2010

In Attendance: Michael Fromme, Paula Mance, R. Atencio, Merry Newcomer, Rhoda Fleischman, Nancy Fromme, Katie Swenson, SarahLyn Brooks, Pat Brooks, Sam Roderick, Josh Allen, Avi Harriman, Frank Gosar, Leslie Friedman

### Elections:

President, Paula Mance  
President-Elect, still vacant  
Secretary, Leslie Friedman  
Treasurer, Frank Gosar  
Workshops, Rhoda Fleischman  
Program Chair, SarahLyn Brooks  
Webmaster, vacant  
ClayFest, Avi Harriman  
Clay in Ed, Maryanne Smith  
Empty Bowls, Josh Allen

As the first Chair for the Program Committee, SarahLyn will be responsible for scheduling the demos that follow the March, May and November meetings, bringing plates, etc to the January and August potlucks, and organizing the raku firing or other activities for the August picnic. Please call SarahLyn at 541-344-1545 to volunteer to do a demo or to suggest an idea for a future demo.

Filling the Webmaster job is critical. The website is complete and now only needs to be updated occasionally. Maybe Susie Young or Don Clarke will be willing to update it. R. Atencio may be willing to consider it when her computer is repaired.

Frank is willing to hand over the Treasurer's job to anyone who'd like to earn ClayFest points. The job involves keeping track of money in and out, and giving the tracking information to the Bookkeeper.

Scholarship: Local Clay contributes \$500 each to existing ceramics scholarships at LCC and Umpqua College. Elaine Pruett and Cheryl Weese head the committee. The first scholarships will be awarded this year. We'll see photos of the recipients' finished works to show at ClayFest. The scholarship Committee will continue to update us.

Frank moved and Michael seconded that we accept the slate of officers for 2010.

Treasurer: The end of year balance is \$4936.14, with a net of -\$206. The Budget meeting will be held later this month. Dues are \$15. Donations to Clay in Ed are happily accepted.

ClayFest: The first meeting of the year will be held on January 26 at 6:30 at Georgies. The meeting will focus on a round-up of suggestions from the September meeting. ClayFest dates are October 8,9,10, 2010. The Fairgrounds have received our down payment and the banner insurance has been paid. We'll use a new pipe and drape company which will be in

residence through the duration of the show. ClayFest needs to determine the amount to be contributed to Local Clay before the Local Clay Budget meeting can be scheduled. ClayFest has a balance of \$1900 with one bill still to pay. The total gross sales of ClayFest 2009 were \$77.316.

Clay in Ed: no report

Empty Bowls: Food for Lane County has a new liaison. The Throwathon will be held on March 27-28 at ClaySpace. The Empty Bowls Sale is tentatively scheduled for the last Friday of May. Finished bowls can be delivered to ClaySpace or Georgies.

Workshops: Charles Gluskoter workshop will lead a workshop showing how he makes his monumental singular pieces. He uses an interesting slip that makes his work look like ancient Chinese bronzes. He makes handbuilt lizards as well. You can learn his interesting approach to texture and glazing at the workshop on January 23, 10am-4pm at LCC Building 11. \$25 for members. Bring a potluck lunch.

John Dix, recently featured in the November issue of Ceramics Monthly, will lead a 2-day workshop on January 30-31, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. \$30 member fee. Bring a potluck lunch.

Please call Rhoda at 541-466-5635 to recommend a potter you'd like to see lead a workshop.

Katie Swenson will lead a porcelain workshop at ClaySpace (541-653-8089) February 3-24 and March 3-24. You can register at ClaySpace for 4 weeks or all 8 weeks.

2010 Local Clay meetings:

March 11, Thursday - Georgies 6:30

May 12, Wednesday - Georgies 6:30

August 22, Sunday – picnic, place and time to be determined

November 4, Thursday - Georgies 6:30

New Members: Sam Roderick has been making pottery since June 2009. He says that he's learning about himself through clay. He has a studio in his home with a new kiln. Visit his website at [www.wonderlandcraftstudio.com](http://www.wonderlandcraftstudio.com).

Announcements: Georgies has new lights. They're nice and bright!

Frank moved that we adjourn. Michael seconded.

The potluck is always great but this time we outdid ourselves! Michael brought the most incredible homemade tiramisu. I still can't stop thinking about it! SarahLyn's garbanzo stew and Pat's roast chicken were other highlights, but the tiramisu stole the show!

