

New Hampshire Potters Guild Meeting Agenda
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025
Location: League of NH Craftsmen HQ, Concord NH

General Membership Meeting began at 2:20

There will be a presentation after the meeting by Gloria Steiger

Present: Claire Provencher, Recording Secretary; Wren Morocco, Chair; Lisa Hertel Zoom tech, Wendy Jackson is online, Ronald Tourneau, Sybil Tourneau, Lydia Gray, Frank MGuinn, Sue Babine, Al Jaeger, Andy Hampton, Don Williams, Belinda Bodnar, Eric Maglio, Kate Crocker, Lauren Dadmun, Hiromi Satoh, Patsy Belt, Diane Lane, Karen Jonash, Barbara Sorce, Kathy Kriegel, Treasurer; Molly Harper, Rin, Grace K?, Tammy Insley-Funk and husband. Helena Klein, Hannah from KJ, Marcia from KJ, Fallon Ray, Pillar Gallery Projects owner. Gloria Steiger. Linda Fletcher vice chair is unable to attend.

Liz Fletcher did a lot of work for the Guild. She hasn't told anyone that she is dealing with terminal cancer. Al is passing around a card.

Recording Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes from the last meeting. Motion to approve, second Frank, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report is the annual totals for 2024. Bank is 21,2050. Moved 10,000 into two separate CDs at 3.78%. Had 119 members last year, the year before 76, 52 are new this year. Winner for first membership is Rebecca Hillman. We had a lot of donations. See report. Biennial had 32 artists enter. Kimball Jenkins didn't charge us much, so we had a better profit. Empty bowls was successful. 2,200 from wood firing income. Made two awards for the Sunapee Fair. Made a donation to craftsmen relief fund for Ashland NC hurricane damage. Question about the income sales in the Biennial. Was the low number of sales unusual? Wren replied that it is about typical, though she wishes it were better. Al commented that the biennial is more about the gathering of fellow artists' work and the experience of a shared exhibition. Wider, and earlier advertising may help. Comments about what a great job Wren did arranging the work skillfully and beautifully, and creating a Gallery Guide of the show. Donation to Friendly Kitchen from Empty Bowls. Kiln expenses more than income, but that is expected. Andy makes a motion to accept, Al second, passes.

Correspondence Secretary Report: Pam Nowell cannot attend today, but was in the Board Zoom meeting yesterday. Hannah is going to help create social media elements to help take part of that responsibility from Pam. Pam created NHPG Gmail accounts for the board to make it easier to pass on to the incoming members. Suggestion to create a YouTube channel with one of the NHPG Gmail to upload videos. Question about photos of people at events being posted. Members give permission in membership. Anyone at a public event cannot expect privacy.

- Andy read his thank you letter for the Best in Functional award at the Sunapee fair.
- Letter of thanks from Friendly Kitchen in Concord, who benefitted from the empty bowls event.

Upcoming Events

- Pillar Gallery Mug Sale. Last year we did a mug sale fundraiser, and split the profits with the gallery to add \$1,000 to our education fund. Fallon asked if we wanted to stick with mugs, or maybe a vase sale. They have the weekend of Mothers Day and the next weekend available. Can arrange floral arrangements and coffee donations. Maybe May 9, 10. Or the 17th. What would the hours be on Friday and Saturday. Usually 2-5 or 1-4. Maybe 4-7 on Friday 12-6 on Saturday. Or perhaps have it all 3 days. Volunteers would be great. Pillar also wants to thank NHPG for participating in Sound and Color. Motion to do the mug sale on May 9,10,11. Barbara second. Motion passes.
- March meeting March 23. Emily Smith offered to host the meeting at her studio for the meeting. Motion to have the March meeting at Emily's studio. Andy second. Motion passes. 340 Ladieu Road, Plainfield, NH.

Kiln Committee Business

There has been a lot going on with the new kiln building. Three firings scheduled. Spring, Summer and Fall. Sign ups will be posted on the website by February 12. June firing is in collaboration with the New England wood firing conference. Guests who want to fire with us, as well as guild members. Reaching out to schools and clay studios to see if anyone wants to come and fire with us. If you are associated with a school and want to be involved, talk to Lydia. March 1 and 2 we need to move a truss that needs to be moved. Need about 6 people to help with that job. There is also a lot of other work to be done. Clean up, wood.

Web page has been updated with new kiln information and visuals. Newenglandwfc.com is the webpage for the New England Wood Firing Conference. Interesting speakers and demonstrators organized for the event. Nozomu Shinohara workshop during the conference. He will stay with Hiromi and is seeking a grant from the Japan Foundation.

Will we be changing the fee structure? Probably. Want to keep it affordable, but not only cover expenses but put money back into the kiln. Barbara figures it takes about \$1,000 to fire the kiln. What is the typical cost per person? A sign up fee of \$50. Has been between \$25-\$150 which the \$50 fee is applied to that. It is figured by space on a table, etc. Size suggestions: 9". Woodfiring conference ticket fee: to attend and fire 2 cubic feet \$650. Can attend the conference without firing for \$300. There is an Amazon wish list for the kiln.

Presentation by Gloria Steiger. Raised in Maine, lives on a small farm. A painter, but recently went back to school for BFA and learned ceramics.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 23, 2025. At Emily Smith's studio: 340 Ladieu Road, Plainfield, NH. Board and Kiln Committee meets at 1, General meeting at 2.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Submitted by Claire Provencher, Recording Secretary