



Now-A-Newsletter

Meeting on: February 18th at 11:00 am

NAN Submissions, Email: scpcgnan@outlook.com

Meeting Location: **Hagaman Library**

Take Note!

Please email Sharon sharchar@gmail.com for Library requests. Debbie will be away at a class and I will be schlepping the bare minimum of the library to the meeting.

Membership dues are now due. Guild membership runs from January to December. Still \$25 per year. Please note - participation in the Weekend of Clay is only open to members.

We would like to list member's websites, etsy stores, etc on our website links page. Please email those links to scpcgnan@outlook.com or bring the information to our February meeting.

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Meeting Agenda

Demo – Jackie McKinney – Flower Demo

Weekend of Clay - Class voting results and sign up starting

RI Librarian Convention is interested in a BOH workshop to take place during the convention, probably May. *Discuss*

Show-n-tell

Thank you, Lisa Gauthier, for volunteering to host / caretake our Bottles of Hope Workshop Box (teaching kit)

Looking Ahead

Weekend of Clay at the Foxon Firehouse, 1420 North High Street, East Haven, March 25th and 26th. (Located at the corner of Rt 80 and High St in East Haven)

Votes have been tallied and the results from a very close race:

- Sat am - Baby Seals - Christy Sherman
- Sat pm - Woodland Fairy Doors - Debbie Goodrow
- Sun am - Floral Chain - Debbie Jaffe
- Sun pm - Gelatin Printing - Tracy VanBuskirk



Times are 9:30 - 12:30 and 2-5 each day (the workroom will be open Saturday evening for extra clay time) Class fees are \$15 each class, payable to the Guild. Membership dues will need to be paid to take the classes. Materials fees paid directly to the teacher on the day of the class. You can take all 4 classes or any of them.

Guild Challenge - Hollow Form using packing peanut armature, due date moved to the March meeting.

March is National Craft Month - members will approach different Barnes & Noble stores to set up polymer clay demos.

Carole Monahan - Stamford

Diane Villano - North Haven

Dorian Boddy / Lori Michels - New Haven

Sharon Mihalyak - Milford

Guest Instructor Marie Segal - Sept 30 & Oct 1 - Classes to be announced

Demos:

March - Carole Monahan-Kampfe – Simple Slicer Demo

April - Lori Michels – Building a Photo Box

May – Christy Sherman – Pan Pastels

TBD – Sharon Mihalyak – Foil Fun



————— Inquiring Minds Want to Know

From Debbie Goodrow: I contacted Polyform (Sculpey. Premo!) directly (easily done through their website) to ask about clay becoming so much stiffer over time, even if it is still in the original wrapper, and stored properly. I questioned if there was a better way to be storing it so it did NOT become still.

This is the reply I got:

Thank you for contacting Polyform. The polymer clays are a consumable product and not meant to be stored for years and years. Over time the pvc resin particles swell and the plasticizer migrates into the resin particles and causes the polymer clay to become firmer. This happens faster when the temperatures are warmer but this can still happen when the polymer clays are stored at room temperature over a long period of time.

When you add the liquid clay conditioner in the clay you are adding back the plasticizer to the matrix and therefore it will make the clay softer and more pliable.

Other Items of Interest

Polymer Clay Adventure 2017 (Online Virtual Art Retreat), All-inclusive for \$99. (3 month payment plan available)
<http://createalong.teachable.com/p/polymer-clay-adventure-2017>

Instructors:

Christi Friesen	Iris Mishly
Debbie Crothers	Shannon Tabor
Katie Oskin	Syndee Holt
Mikaela Georgescu	Barbara McGuire
Teresa Pandora Salgado	Darlene Madden
Anke Humpert	Jessica Mount
Suzanne Ivester	Lisa Loria
Ann & Karen Mitchell	Marlene Brady
Agata Mezynska	Yoola-Yael Falk
Cindi McGee	Kira Byrd Slye
Ivy Niles	Lisa Pavelka
Jana Murinova	Elena Marunich
Brooke Bock	

For Sale:

Diane Villano received an email from Annette Chittenden who has decided that polymer clay is not for her. She has the following items for sale:

“For \$20.00 I have 30 new unopened cakes of polymer clay, plus a few supplies (cutting blade, etc). Can you pass on to the polymer clay guild this info? My phone number is 203-671-4656. I will deliver the bin to anyone who wants it - provided they are in the shoreline area - or I could deliver it to Hagaman library at one of your meetings.”

Additional info as requested:

Here is what I have - a picture is worth a thousand words - and it all goes as a block - all or nothing -haha! That’s the way I do it!!!! I don’t know if you can see clearly in photo but there’s a clear plexiglass roller, a long blade and a small jar of pearlX. So I can drop them off at Hagaman Library at your next meeting or give people my e-mail and I will make arrangements to get it to them!
 Annette



P.S. There is also a few opened ones included and some rolled out pieces that I was not able to deal with!
 I forgot about the pasta machine!!!!!! That can go with the stuff for \$5.00!

Classes Online

Craftcast.com:



Polymer Clay Cut Ups: Putting your Silhouette Curio™ to work
CYNTHIA TINAPPLE
\$44.95



New ways to Create using CONCRETE with Robert Dancik
ROBERT DANCIK
\$39.95



Creating Faux Batik on Polymer with Lisa Pavelka
LISA PAVELKA
\$39.95

Craftartedu.com:



Original Price: \$15.00 **Special Rate: \$10.00**
3-in-1 Cane Tec ...
Jan Geisen
Make a cane that can be use to realize three very different look!



Fancy Goldfish ... \$30
Melissa Terlizzi
Learn to make these delightful fancy goldfish with Melissa Terlizzi. Melissa's instruction ...



Alien Flower with ... \$20
Cecilia Botton
Achieve rich, dramatic color as you make a fun eye-catching necklace!

Polypediaonlineexpress.com:



POLYMER CLAY TUTORIAL
FAUX CERAMIC – GREENLAND BRACELET
"COSMIC CERAMIC"
(EBOOK+VIDEO)
\$24.00



POLYMER CLAY TUTORIAL
FAUX CERAMIC – OLYMPIC RINGS NECKLACE "COSMIC CERAMIC" (EBOOK+VIDEO)
\$24.00



POLYMER CLAY FLOWERS TUTORIAL – GOBLET FLOWER "FLOWER ACADEMY" (EBOOK+VIDEO)
\$22.00

Classes by Members

Christy Sherman: Teaching at **Wickford Art Association**

Wickford Art Association; 36 Beach Street; Wickford, Rhode Island 02852; Phone: (401) 294-6840
<http://www.wickfordart.org/art-classes-current.html>



Saturday, April 8, 2017

Sculpt a Dragon from Christy Sherman ~ 10 am - 3 pm

This workshop will be an in depth exploration of all things dragon as we sculpt one in relief. We will work in polymer clay, and cover different techniques to sculpt, model, and texture the dragon. Relief sculpture is a marvelous combination of 2 and 3 dimensional techniques, drawing and sculpting at the same time.

This is a great starting point for anyone who wants to try sculpting or polymer clay. No experience needed, and techniques will apply to any sculpting project you do, not just dragons.

\$100 Members \$135 Non-members \$25 Material fee - All materials included

(NOTE - for anyone who's already into polymer clay, let me know if you'll be attending. I can send you the materials list so you can waive that fee.)

Kristie Foss: Teaching at Meiklem's Kilnworks in Bozrah, CT.

To register online go to: <http://www.meiklemkilnworks.com>

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Silk Screening with Mica Powders ~ 9 am - 2 pm

Silk screens create lovely patterns on polymer clay. Usually, paint is used. Learn how to use mica powders, such as the Pearl X brand, to create patterns on polymer clay. Uses of the resulting sheets and protection of the surface after baking will be discussed. Materials: Participants will need clay in your choice of colors, pasta machine, glossy work surface, sharp tissue blades, jewelry findings if you wish, and other clay tools of your choice. Also useful are Magic Gloss, PYM2 or other preservative help to protect the finish after baking. Instructor will have clay available for sale if desired. The instructor will also have a few silk screens for sharing, or you may bring your own



Saturday, April 1, 2017

Surface Embroidery with Polymer ~ 9 am - 2 pm

Embroidery with needle and thread can take a while. With polymer, we're able to produce the same effect, and it's fun! Come learn how to embroider with clay. This process uses tiny amounts of clay, on a clay base, and the end result is lovely. Participants will need clay in your choice of colors, pasta machine, glossy work surface, sharp tissue blades, knitting needle, tapestry needle or toothpicks, jewelry findings if you wish, and other clay tools of your choice.

Traveling Exhibit

The Traveling Exhibit – Gerry Pieper is our Traveling Exhibit Coordinator. With setup help from a number of other members, our Exhibit will continue to inspire those with artistic interest.

Traveling Exhibit Locations:

Contact Gerry Pieper to schedule the Traveling Exhibit in a Library or other public space near you. gerryssilver@att.net

Welcome New Members

New Members are always welcome!

Southern CT Polymer Clay Guild

Visit our guild website:
<http://www.scpcg.org>



The Bottles of Hope website is:
<http://www.bottlesofhope.org>

SCPCG Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/scpcg.org>

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Minutes

12 Members attended the January meeting,

Agenda:

Demo –DYI - Group Discussion - tell us about neat things/tools you've made
Board Meeting Update
Show-n-tell

Where do we meet?

Sept-June:



Hagaman Library;
227 Main Street
East Haven, CT 06512
(203) 468-3890

July & August:



The Beach House
Cosey Beach Avenue
East Haven, CT

(See our website for directions)

Meetings are usually on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 11 am. Check our website for location/time changes, or email us. All interested are welcome to attend and join.

(There is no fee for the first meeting, so come see what we're about)