# Southern Connecticut Polymer Clay Guild

Website: http://scpcg.org

# Now-A-Newsletter

Meeting on: February 13th at 11:00 am

NAN Submissions, Email: scpcgnan@outlook.com

Meeting Location: Hagaman Library

## Take Note!

**Note**: There has been a schedule conflict with the library so the **February** meeting with be held on the 2nd Saturday (**Feb 13, 2016**)

Membership dues owed (Jan-Dec) \$25 per year.

To be able to vote and take/teach classes, membership dues need to be current.

#### **Note from Debbie:**

I did a BoH workshop with Mary Gibson in Ansonia at the Holy Rosary Church. They had such a good time, and raved about it, that the Senior Center (in Ansonia) would like to hold a BoH workshop too. But they want to do it in the afternoon, when I'd be working. Mary would be willing to help (and she's a GREAT help). Is there anyone who could do this workshop?

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### Mary's Email:

The Senior Center would like to hold the workshop on any Tuesday in March-May in the afternoon. Contact is Mary Deptula @ 203-736-5933. I would certainly assist the workshop. So let me know. Thanks! Debbie

## Meeting Agenda

Demo - Marilyn Malcarne - Extrusions in Polymer Clay Sign ups for Weekend of Clay classes Discussion about Clay ConneCTion 2016 Retreat Raffle Chain? Show-n-tell

# Looking Ahead

#### **Demos:**

April – Lori Michaels(?) – Fordite (working demo)

TBD – Debbie Goodrow

TBD - Marilyn Malcarne - Extrusions in Polymer

TBD – Simple Slicer Demo – Carole Monahan-Kampfe

TBD (Summer) – Christy Sherman – Sculpting (with) Leaves and Flowers

Weekend of Clay March 5th & 6th 2016 at the Foxon Firehouse, East Haven CT

Save the date! Clay ConneCTion 2016 dates have been reserved for Thursday, July 28 - Sunday, July 31, 2016, at Connecticut College in New London.

# Other Items of Interest

The New York Polymer Clay Guild is having a Clay Day February 20th:

----Original Message----

From: Hall Valerie < <u>Valerie.Hall@scafg.com</u>>

Sent: Wed, Feb 3, 2016 10:42 am

Subject: NYPCG - Clay Day - February 20th

Hi Clayers!

We have a great Clay Day planned this month!

This Clay Day you will learn how to make your very own cookie cutter along with finishing techniques in creating that perfect piece!

First, you will make your own cookie cutter. The Guild will supply the metal strips for all members. Please do the following in preparation. Please draw your design (2 ½" x 2½") on the piece of paper, cut out, place the cut out on conditioned scrap clay (roll on #1) and bake. This baked piece of clay will serve as an outline for your cookie cutter. Please bring your flat nose pliers along with your other jewelry tools.

Also, Maribel will demo making your own jewelry findings - ear wires, bails, closures for necklaces, etc.

We will demo the **Stroppel cane** so please bring your old canes. We'll reduce, make a fabric panel, cut a design using your new cookie cutter, bake, sand and buff – VOILA!!! Your professionally finished creation!!

#### **Materials to bring:**

- · Pasta machine
- Working surface
- · Blades
- Bring old canes as many as you have?!?!
- · Clay (2) 2oz. of black clay conditioned and rolled out on #4
- · Sandpaper (400, 600, 800)
- · Ruler
- · Pan to hold water for sanding
- · 20 & 24 gauge jewelry wire
- · Hammer (nylon, chasing or rawhide)
- · Metal block for hammering
- · Bring your polymer clay tools
- Whatever items you don't have will be available for your use!

The Guild will bring the buffer!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Take care and see you soon!

Valerie

Valerie Hall President New York Polymer Clay Guild Inc.

www.nypcg.org

## February 2016









The New York Polymer Clay Guild is also having the following class:

Instructor: Donna Greenberg Date: April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Class: "Coral Cloud Shawl Pin and Pendant

Note: A materials fee of \$10.00 per student will cover the cost of leather cording, wooden sticks, and use of oil paints and glazes that Donna will provide.

For information on the cost and how to register, go to: http://nypcg.org/workshops.shtml

Debbie sent us information on the POLYMER CLAY CENTRAL CHALLENGE for February, details can be found at: http://polymerclaycentral.com/challenge.html

February's theme is HEARTS or LOVE

1st place prize – Sculpey Products worth \$50

2nd place prize – Sculpey Products worth \$35

3rd place prize – Sculpey Products worth \$25

You just need to email a couple of photos to PCC. See the PCC site for details. Come on, people! I know what a talented group of people are in this guild! Don't be shy.



Debbie also sent us another color chart:

Another useful color chart to help one think about combining colors.

http://brightside.me/article/the-ultimate-color-combinations-cheat-sheet-92405/

## Classes

**Diane Villano:** Teaching at **Kandu Beads** 

Kandu Beads is now located at the Watch Factory Shoppes, 116 Elm Street, Cheshire, CT, 203 439-8689 To enroll call (203) 439-8689 or email Sales@KanduBeads.com to reserve your spot.



Ancient Chinese "Cinnabar" is the art of etching ornate designs into the natural, red Cinnabar mineral. When the natural mineral was much later to be found unsafe to humans, the popular style was then recreated using wood and lacquer. In this class, Diane Villano will help us create our own Cinnabar-like pendants using Polymer Clay. Fee \$60 (Class materials sold separately)



Saturday, March 26, 2016

Faux Bone Polymer Clay Pendant

Time: 2:00-5:00

You won't believe this isn't real bone! Learn how to make polymer look exactly like a natural bone pendant! Fee \$65 (Class materials sold separately)

## **Christy Sherman:**



Saturday, March 12, 2016 Magpie Eclectic Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Wickford Art Center, Wickford RI

Sign up at: http://www.wickfordart.org/art-classes-current.html

Embrace your inner magpie, and dig out all your treasures. String a necklace or bracelet out of a bit of this and a bit of that and then add some wire to hold it all together. Asymmetry and mixed media are encouraged, but you can use the same techniques to make more traditional designs.

We will cover a variety of techniques such as making your own custom clasps, wire spirals, links, and connections between chains, beads, fiber, ribbon, leather and wire. You'll also learn how to use findings such as headpins, eye pins, jump rings and ear wires.

This is a great starting point for anyone who wants to make or mend your own jewelry, or for anyone who wants to learn connection techniques for mixed media. No experience necessary.

\$50 Members / \$85 Non-members, \$25 Supply fee

# **Guild Library**

To borrow any items from the Guild Library, please email your request to:

Debbie Goodrow at DGoodrow@gmail.com

Simply browse through the library list and email Debbie the ID numbers for the books and/or DVDs you wish to borrow.

(Please note that you MUST sign out all media with Debbie before taking them, even if they do not have a sign out card attached. Thank you)



Did you enjoy the DVD you watched? Hated it? Thought the book you took out was helpful? Write a short review (approx. 50-200 words) to let other members know what you think and submit it to: Debbie Goodrow at <a href="mailto:DGoodrow@gmail.com">DGoodrow@gmail.com</a>

Not comfortable writing the review, well Debbie has offered to help. Just email her your thoughts, what you liked, didn't like, and any anything else you specifically wanted to say. It only takes a few minutes, doesn't have to be long, and is a great way to participate even if you can't attend the meetings.

## **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.

#### **Exhibit Locations:**

February - New Haven - Ives Branch, 133 Elm St, New Haven, CT

## Welcome New Members

The Guild welcomes new members:

Marjie Riordan Kemper from Cortlandt Manor, NY (check out her site: https://marjiekemper.com),

Liz Stefano from Cape Cod We met Liz at the Southern New England Polymer Artists Guild.

## **Minutes**

17 members attended the January meeting:
Demo – Color Mixr App Demo – Carole Monahan-Kampfe
Discussion about Board of Directors meeting
Discussion on Weekend of Clay classes
News about the Southern New England Polymer Artists Guild
Show-n-tell

## **Southern CT Polymer Clay Guild**

Visit our guild website: <a href="http://www.scpcg.org">http://www.scpcg.org</a>



The guild message board is located at: http://forums.delphiforums.com/scpcg

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

The Bottles of Hope message board is: http://forums.delphiforums.com/boh1

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### Where do we meet?

#### **Sept-June:**



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

The Beach House Cosey Beach Avenue East Haven, CT



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)