



# Now-A-Newsletter

Meeting on: September 16th at 11:00 am

NAN Submissions, Email: [scpcgnan@outlook.com](mailto:scpcgnan@outlook.com)

Meeting Location: **Hagaman Library**

## Take Note

**Guild Challenge Due**- Covering those finials that were given out a few meetings ago - or something similar (about the size of a medium orange). “Something about that size, use it in some way to make art (cover it, use it as a structure, use it as a mold, whatever clever idea you can come up with) and your art should be significantly (or at least have SOME!) polymer clay.” ~ Debbie

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## Meeting Agenda

**Demo** - New 'Crackle' Technique - Debbie Goodrow.

Ana B taught this as part of her Synergy associated class, and is fine with us sharing as long as we give her credit. Which I'm more than happy to do.

This was the class I took ( <https://synergyconference.net/ana-belchi-nebulae/> ), you can see a bit of the crackle technique. She also has images on Facebook and Pinterest (neither of which I can access at this time).

For those who would like to try the technique bring a sheet of raw clay (about two inches by two inches is plenty) of a solid color.

### **Class and Anniversary Party Discussion**

**Guild Outreach** Project – Ronald McDonald Tree

This year's theme:

- Things with Wings - birds, angels, dragonflies, butterflies, insects, flying fish, etc.

**City Wide Open Studios** - Guild participation at Goffe Street Armory Oct 14 & 15

### **Clay Days:**

#### **Clay Day in Wallingford**

Sat, October 7, 10:30am – 4:30pm

Park Rec Dept, [6 Fairfield Blvd, Wallingford, CT](#)

Clay Day in Room 3, David Doherty Municipal Building.

All are welcome to come join us and make stuff with polymer clay. No fee to participate. Hope you can join us!

#### **Clay Day West Haven Library**

Sat, November 4, 11:30am – 4:30pm

West Haven Public Library, [300 Elm St, West Haven, CT 06516](#)

We will be hosting a Clay Day and Bottles of Hope Workshop. All are welcome to join us and learn to work with polymer clay to create art. No fee to participate. Hope you can join us!

Please check the guild calendar for upcoming events and let us know if there are events you want posted there:  
<https://scpcg.org/meetings-events/calendar/>

**Guild Librarian Needed:** The Guild is still looking for a guild librarian. Don't you want ALL THOSE BOOKS AND TAPES at your house, so you can look up anything you desire???  
We could possibly donate the books to the East Haven Library and take them out from that library????

Show-n-tell

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## Looking Ahead

### Demos:

TBD – Marilyn Malcarne – Felting Continued  
TBD – Sharon Mihalyak – Foil Fun  
TBD – Debbie Goodrow – Scrap Clay Resurrection  
Any Other Volunteers?

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The **Newtown Arts Festival**, September 15-17, 2017

The Newtown Arts Festival will take place on the historic Fairfield Hills Campus located off I84 Exit 11 on Wasserman Way. Tracy Van Buskirk will be making BOH and will welcome volunteers.

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**Guest Instructor Marie Segal - Sept 30 & Oct 1 (Currently on a Wait List):**

Classes - Tripping the Light Translucent & Disk Earrings

Email was sent out with details. A few spots opened up - Names to be drawn from those contacting Debbie \*BY Sept 13\* [dgoodrow@gmail.com](mailto:dgoodrow@gmail.com)

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September will be our **Guild's 20th Anniversary!**

We want to celebrate with a party at the Foxon Firehouse on Route 80 in East Haven.

We are hosting a class with Marie Segal the weekend of Sept 30 & Oct 1. The party will be following the class on Saturday. Tentative start time is 6 pm.

Current and former guild members are invited to attend. If there is someone you want to see, let Sharon know. We might not have current contact info and might need assistance contacting them.

Pot luck was mentioned. If interested in making something let Sharon know. Appetizers and desserts are welcome. Sharon will be making a signup sheet so we will be a bit more organized than usual.

Do you have any old pictures of the guild you'd like to share? We're thinking of doing a presentation/screening (or whatever you call it). **BLACKMAIL ALERT:** my pictures of you may be less flattering than the ones you have!

Let's all bring an old creation that we were proud of (or hated) and let's see how far we've come. We are always learning, so don't be shy. (In lieu of that, bring your oldest block of clay, LOL!)

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**Annual Outreach Project:**

We will again be decorating a Christmas tree to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. The 28th annual Trees of Hope event will be held at the Maritime Center, 555 Long Wharf Drive in New Haven, December 2-10. More than 140 beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and holiday baskets will be raffled off and more than 4,000 visitors are expected to attend. This event is free and open to the public 10-5 daily with free parking on the weekends. This is a great opportunity to show what can be done with polymer clay!

This year's theme:

- Things with Wings - birds, angels, dragonflies, butterflies, insects, flying fish, etc.

We're asking that everyone make AT LEAST three (3) ornaments. More is even better. Please make sure they have a hole for hanging. We will add hooks.

Ornaments are due at the November 18th meeting. (FYI, I will be away at a convention, so someone else will need to collect the ornaments.) Setup is the weekend after Thanksgiving. If you are interested in helping decorating the tree, please see Diane Villano.

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## Other Items of Interest

**Into the Forest**, <https://intotheforestinstallation.com/about/>

November 10, 2017, to December 3, 2017, at the Spinning Plate Gallery in Pittsburgh, PA.  
A preview of Into The Forest was on display at the Synergy4 polymer clay conference in Valley Forge, PA in August 2017. It looked fabulous!

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**CHIHULY** @ NY Botanical Garden, <https://www.nybg.org/event/chihuly-2/>  
Through – Sunday, October 29, 2017

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### **Polymer Clay Lamp**

For those of you who attended our August meeting you had the pleasure of seeing Sharon's incredible lamp. Information was much requested, so Sharon has provided the following information:

*From Sharon:* <https://youtu.be/PLZB8IgSBUw>

I modified it a bit, used a 6" hoop (instead of the 8") and changed the template to fit the adjustments.  
The bulb I used was a Kichler 25W Equivalent Dimmable Soft White B10 LED Decorative Light Bulb with Filaments from Lowes.

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## Classes by Members

**Diane Villano:** Christ Episcopal Church, 11 Park Street, Guilford, CT.

Bottles of Hope Workshop  
October 7, 2017 – 1 – 3 pm

**Kristie Foss:** Teaching at Thistlebeads in Niantic, CT  
To register online go to: [www.thistlebeads.com](http://www.thistlebeads.com)



*Sunday, September 17, 2017*  
*Pearl-X & Real Leaves ~ 1 - 4 pm*

Here is a great project for fall. We will be using pearl-x powders, polymer clay and real leaves – bring any that intrigue you! The samples can be used as pendants or pins, but your imagination will take you in any direction you wish. Materials: Pasta machine, large tile or glass work surface, and Tissue blade.

**Teaching at Meiklem's Kilnworks in Bozrah, CT**

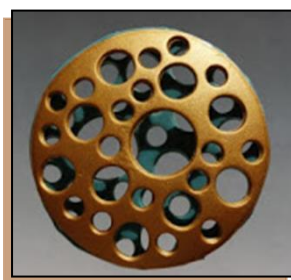
To register online go to: <http://www.meiklemkilnworks.com>

*Saturday, October 14, 2017*

*Basket Weave Cane ~ 9am - 2 pm*

Come learn how to make an illusion in clay! This is a square cane that looks like strips of ribbon weaving over and under each other. The use of darks and lights and outlines in the cane create this effect. A great cane for a variety of uses!

Materials: Participants will need clay in black, white, and one or two colors of their own choice, blades, acrylic roller, tiles, and other clay tools of their choice. Instructor will have clay available for sale if desired.



*Saturday, November 4, 2017*  
*Hollow "peek through" Beads ~ 9am - 2 pm*

In this class, participants will learn to create "peek through" hollow beads. Small holes perforate the sides of the beads opening a view to inside and all the way through the bead. These beads are unusual, and can be used in a variety of ways.



*Saturday, December 2, 2017*

***Translucent & Opaque Extrusions for Polymer Clay Votives ~ 9am - 2 pm***

Here is a project that is perfect for the holidays. Learn to use an extruder to make translucent and solid color canes. Then use the canes to cover small votive glasses. The translucent clay will allow light from a candle to shine through and augment the design. Use these at home or give them away as gifts.

Materials: Participants will need a clay extruder, (or borrow from instructor), translucent, white and/or colored clay, blades, small circle shape cutters, and other

clay tools of their choice. Instructor will have clay available for sale if desired, extra extruders to share, and small votive containers for covering with clay.

**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>

**Sculpt a Baby Seal by Christy Sherman**

**Saturday, October 28, 10 am - 1 pm**

Learn to sculpt and handle polymer clay in 3 dimensions as you sculpt an adorable baby seal. You'll learn how to create fur texture and how to use paint to bring out the texture and highlight your seal. Your seal can be a free-standing figurine or a hanging pendant. You will learn when (and if) to make a beading hole and how to embed jump rings for a pendant without crushing your sculpture



**Kudos!**



And the Fire Mountain Gems Creative Clay Contest results are in. Christy's "Space Kraken" placed with a Silver Medal award in the Wall Art category. Congratulations!

<http://www.firemountaingems.com/beadingcontests/bc2017ccwinners>

<http://www.firemountaingems.com/resources/gallery-of-designs/h41p>

Christy will be doing an art studio trail in October (they used one of her necklaces in the image on the site)

<http://www.hoparts.org/>

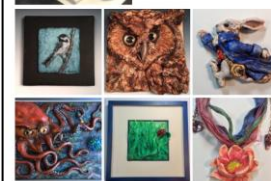
<http://www.hoparts.org/christy-sherman/>



CHRISTY SHERMAN



Christy Sherman is a wildlife artist who works in relief sculpture and jewelry. Her sculptures are highly tactile and her work has been featured in juried art shows, magazine ads and catalogs, and bead and clay magazines. She is a member of the Southern Connecticut Polymer Clay Guild and the Wickford Art Association.



## 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:**

October: Guilford Library

November: Wallingford Library

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

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## Welcome New Members

The guild would like to welcome Aniena Simone from RI.

## Minutes

19 Members attended the August meeting,

### Agenda:

Demo – No Demo (Meeting held on Beach)

City Wide Open Studios – Oct 14&15

Clay Day Discussion

Outreach Project

Show-n-tell

### **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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### **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)