

Southern Connecticut Polymer Clay Guild

Website: <http://scpcg.org>



Now-A-Newsletter

Meeting on: CANCELLED Due to Covid-19

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Meeting Location: Closed

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☞ TAKE NOTE ☞

May meeting cancelled, however we are discussing the possibility of having a Zoom meeting for June or July. For those not familiar with Zoom, it allows users to hold an online meeting. You need a computer, phone, or tablet with internet access, and camera. Instructions will be sent out for the June 20th meeting.

Photos of Bottles of Hope are Needed. Please send photos to Sharon. We have a new and improved **Bottles of Hope** page as well! bottlesofhope.org Check it out.

☞ GUILD UPDATE ☞

Demo – No demo

Weekend of Clay cancelled for 2020

Clay ConneCTion cancelled for 2020

Guild Donations: \$200 donation made to the Hagaman Library and \$200 to the Ronald McDonald House

Virtual Retreat: Possibly One day virtual retreat in place of Clay ConneCTion for 2020.

Feasibility of event and possible ideas being discussed by the Board of Directors:

- Virtual Cocktail Hour
- Wear your Art
- Live Demos
- Auctions through Ebay (donated items, would need a person to acquire donations)
- Market Place online for a nominal fee
- Bags of Bits Challenge
- Studio Search, 10 – 20 items, timed event

LOOKING AHEAD

Demos:

TBD: Torn Clay Technique - Laura

TBD: Slab O Rama - Carole

TBD: Crazy Crafting and Storage Organization 101– Dorian

TBD- Inside Out Cane - Marilyn

TBD- Translucent Candle Jars -Vickie

TBD: A Starburst Cane Demo - Vicki (she will discuss her sales this past holiday season as well!)

Guild Challenge

As you know Debbie Goodrow has held a Guild Challenge in the past, however with her being in Florida now it makes things difficult. However we don't want to let the challenges fall by the way side. So during the March meeting I asked the members to fill out three slips of paper.

Each slip held one of the following: 1) a Technique, 2) a Texture, 3) a Theme.

I then randomly pulled one slip from each pile. So the first challenge of 2020 will be to create something made from **Scrap Clay** that uses some sort of **Stamp impression**, and where some part of your creation represents a **Geometric shape**.

Now don't panic, this is a challenge to test your creativity, think out of the box and have fun. As in the past when you come to the meeting (whenever that may be), place it in a bag and hand it to me (Michelle). We will all try to guess whose creation it is.

I know many of you were not at the March meeting, so if you would like to contribute your ideas please email me your three choices: 1) a Technique, 2) a Texture, and 3) a Theme and I will add them to the others I've collected.

Although we currently don't know when our next in person meeting will be, you can most certainly start the challenge. Let me know if you have any questions and happy claying! --Michelle

☞ OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST ☞

Here are some fun links from Carol:

Our very own Libby has a conversation with Cynthia Tinapple

<https://vimeo.com/417435569>

Have you seen all the Great free tutorials Debbie Crother's has on her site ??

<https://www.debbicrothers.com/free-tutorials>

Now is the time to dive deep into your own designs and design concepts!

<https://tenthmusearts.com/virtual-art-box/>

Link for inspiration pieces from all over the world, not polymer clay though.

<https://www.preciouscollective.com/austria.html>

Tired of claying? Of course not, but who can say no to cookies. Cat Szetu is always keeping us in mind and has sent us the recipe below. The best part of this recipe is that it uses no white flour or eggs. –Thx Cat!

3 Ingredient Banana Almond Flour Cookies from Powerhungry.com

Ingredients

- * 1 cup {112g} blanched almond flour (not almond meal)
- * ½ teaspoon baking powder
- * ⅛ teaspoon salt (optional)
- * ⅓ cup VERY RIPE banana, mashed (about 1)
- * ½ tsp vanilla extract (my adaptation, optional)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a small bowl, stir together the almond flour, baking powder and optional salt. Add the mashed banana, stirring until completely blended.
3. Using a small cookie scoop or a tablespoon, drop dough in mounds, spacing 2 inches apart, on prepared cookie sheet.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 13 to 16 to 20 minutes until golden brown at edges and centers of cookies feel firm to the touch. Transfer cookies to a cooling rack and cool completely.

<https://www.powerhungry.com/2018/11/3-ingredient-almond-banana-cookies-vegan-grain-free/>

TRAVELING EXHIBIT

The Traveling Exhibit – Dorian Merriman-Boddy 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: On Hold at this time

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

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MEETING MINUTES

March meeting, 9 members attended.
April meeting cancelled due to Covid-19.

New Members

New Members are always Welcome!

Where do we meet?

Sept-June:



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

July & August:



Stop & Shop-Conference Rm
370 Hemingway Ave
East Haven, CT 06512
(203) 468-7012

(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)

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The Bottles of Hope website is:

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SCPCG Facebook Page:

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