

Clay Guild of the Cascades Meeting Minutes March 26, 2018

Meeting was held at Steve Provence's studio. In attendance were: Owen Dearing, Greg Fields, Eleanor Murphy, Mike & Michele Gwinup, Annie Dyer, Alan Werkman and Patches the Dog, Steve and Jasper Provence, and three new members: Georgia Moe, Jude Hord and Lewis Rothrock. Welcome new folks!

Steve showed us how he makes his plaster molds for his square plates using a **Hand made wooden jig** and frame boards placed on a marble slab (broken counter top). photos will be on the web site.

Greg Fields offered to host a Guild meeting at his studio. Our goal is to have all meetings hosted by members who will either do a demo or some sort of presentation involving ceramics. If you would like to host a meeting, contact Eleanor. We ask that attendants bring snack type food and BYOB. An equal portion of the meeting will be allotted to discussion and planning of Guild activities and for the demo/presentation.

Empty Bowls. It sounds like they would like to get a pre-commitment from potters for a certain number of bowls. They may be paying a small amount. Use 1.5lb clay per bowl, so try and work this into your potting cycles! Michele has the letter from Neighbor Impact and will send to Eleanor, who will share the details with membership. **(We will get this on our website and Facebook pages!)**

Picnic! A date for the picnic at Blue Spruce Pottery has been set. We will meet up at Gwinup's for that at 1:00 p.m. on June 16. More details TBA. Owen would like to prepare some "Clay Stories" from members to be shared at the picnic. More info will be sent out on that, maybe posted on website too.

Steve is working on getting potter Kathy Jefferson to come do a Guild workshop. Nothing definitive yet.

Owen shared some info about EDCO. Economic Development of Central Oregon. He was visited by Kip Barrett from EDCO and Kip will be invited to speak at one of our meetings. Eleanor will contact Kip and set something up.

We hope to put together some kind of group Raku firing. Eleanor is looking into a location for that. Reynolds Pond is one idea. Do any members have a portable kiln that could be used for wood firing? Property where we could hold the firing? (We may end up using propane.)

A reminder will be sent out to all members current and past to update their membership and contact information.

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Best,

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