



Education: Education Chair Susan Kaplan is hard at work planning some workshops for the upcoming year.

Library: If you have checked out library books, videos or dvds, please bring them to the November meeting or mail them to Librarian Sue Screws so they can be inventoried over winter break.

Retreat: It will be held on April 30-May 3, 2015. The Guest Artist is Michigan artist Kathy Bingaman. You can see her work at <http://www.bingamandesign.com>.

Registrations will be available at the November meeting and at http://www.mdpag.org/pdfs/2015_MDPAG_Retreat_early_registration.pdf. Be sure to get your deposits in as soon as possible. We are being restricted in the number of rooms that will be available because of other groups that are anticipated to be on site on our weekend in 2015. **Deposits are due by January 1, 2015.**

Website: Please send pictures (jpgs) of your artwork or from MDPAG events to our webmaster Linda Vilas-Helton.



At the October meeting, members enjoyed watching Claire Maunsell demo her technique for creating butterfly beads.



Photos by Kathy Weinberg

Linda's Corner



What are your plans over the winter break?

We won't be holding meetings over the winter months, but that doesn't mean we can't get together! Weather permitting, we have two clay days scheduled on our calendar, January 10 and February 28. All the details are available at <http://www.mdpag.org/clayday.htm>. In case of inclement weather and possible cancellation we will make an announcement on Facebook and on our Members Only Group by 8:30am that morning. Here's to a mild winter!

I am looking forward to the holidays, making gifts and spending time with family. This is also a good time of year to make "Beads of Courage" and "Bottles of Hope" to remember those facing difficult health challenges.

What I am not looking forward to is the cold weather and feeling trapped indoors.

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Retreat

Start saving your money for the 2015 MDPAG Retreat! Registration forms and deposit are due by January 1, 2015. Retreat will be held at Colombiere in Clarkston on April 30-May 3, 2015. The Guest Artist is Michigan artist **Kathy Bingaman**.

SWAP

We would like to do another swap soon. Bring ideas of what items you would enjoy making and swapping to the November meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, send your ideas to Vice President Chris Corliss or post them on the Members Only Group. Thanks!

Past MDPAG Swaps:

- 1999: Tiles (3" x 3")
- 2000: Big Bohunkin' Beads
- 2001: Vessels
- 2002: Knobs
- 2003: Buttons
- 2004: Masks
- 2005: Art Dolls
- 2006: ATC cards
- 2007: Tiles (1.5" x 1.5")
- 2008: Bookmarks
- 2009: Texture Wheels
- 2010: Mini swaps: shoes, purses
- 2011: Mini swaps: charms, hats
Mokume Gane tiles
Flower Canes
- 2012: Beads with cores
- 2013: Mokume Gane impression tools
Facial features canes
- 2014: Chibis

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 20th: Membership Meeting: 7 - 9 pm

Holiday Gift Exchange: It's your opportunity to take home an art piece created by a fellow MDPAG member! If you would like to participate, bring an item you created, (not an ornament or religious item) that will fit in a paper lunch bag.

Holiday Potluck: Bring in an appetizer, dessert or other item for our potluck.

Show and Tell: Bring in any items you made in Claire Maunsell's workshops or since the October meeting.

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Donations: Contributions to our "Beads of Courage" and "Bottles of Hope" outreach charity programs are always appreciated.

Swap: Bring your ideas for the next swap to the meeting. We hope to set one up and have items due in Feb. or March, so everyone would have time to work on their items during the winter break.

Saturday, January 10th: Clay Day: 9am - 5pm

Bring your clay projects, work surface, pasta machine (without motor preferred), tools, chair pad (optional). If you're not sure what you want to work on, make some "Beads of Courage" or "Bottles of Hope." Your time and creativity will be appreciated.

Bring your own lunch, bring something to share or get some take-out from a local restaurant - lots of choices for everyone.

Saturday, February 28th: Clay Day: 9am - 5pm

Bring your clay projects, work surface, pasta machine (without motor preferred), tools, chair pad (optional). If you're not sure what you want to work on, make some "Beads of Courage" or "Bottles of Hope." Your time and creativity will be appreciated.

Bring your own lunch, bring something to share or get some take-out from a local restaurant - lots of choices for everyone.

REMINDER:

There will not be any meetings in December, January and February.
There will be clay days in January and February so we can get together and clay.

Claire Maunsell Workshop Pictures



Students enjoyed watching Claire create hollow forms and beads, trying their hand at it and experimenting with different surface treatment supplies and techniques.



Photos by Kathy Weinberg and Sue Screws

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How about a swap over the break? Swaps are a great opportunity to battle the winter blues, try a new technique, and collect work from other MDPAG members.

Swaps can be a good creative diversion, a chance to try out techniques you haven't had time to explore. Please bring your suggestions for swap ideas to the November meeting.

Hope to see you later this month, and if I don't see you at the November meeting, have a safe and happy holiday!

Until next time,

Linda Vilas-Helton
President

Need some inspiration for projects?

[Pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com) is full of polymer clay:

- Tutorials
- Videos
- Beads & Jewelry
- Bottles of Hope
- Color palettes
- Sculptures

And for more inspiration try:

- quilt designs
- mixed media art
- painting & drawing
- textures
- nature

Explore and have fun!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Nov. 20 • 7-9pm

Membership Meeting

Royal Oak Senior Center
Gift Exchange • Pot luck

- All Library Items due for Inventory

Saturday, Jan. 10 • 9-5

Clay Day

Holy Trinity Church
39020 Five Mile Rd. Livonia

Saturday, Feb. 28 • 9-5

Clay Day

Holy Trinity Church, Livonia
39020 Five Mile Rd. Livonia

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Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, excluding December, January and February.

All meetings take place at 7-9pm
Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais

www.mdpag.org



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NOV. POTLUCK SIGNUP

Chris Corliss	Gluten free cake
Denise Osborne	plates/utensils
Sue Screws	baklava
Dorothy Greynolds	apples or fruit
Kathy Weinberg	squash casserole
Peggy Johnson	BBQ meatballs
Lois Bell	utensils & dessert
Linda VH	pink dessert
Kim J	veggies

If you haven't signed up at the October meeting or on the MDPAG Yahoo Group, and plan on attending the meeting, bring something not on the list. Gluten-free and dairy-free items are always appreciated.

Happy Holidays!

