



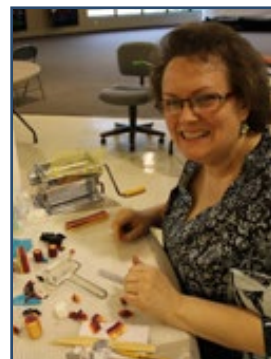
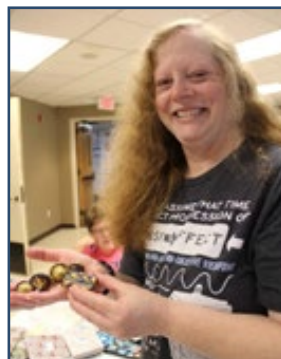
**Membership:** Dues for the 2016-2017 year are due at the Sept. 15th meeting. Membership form pdf is available at [mdpag.org](http://mdpag.org); [MDPAG\\_Application.pdf](#)

**Education:** September 1st is the opening date for the Carol Blackburn registration. Please mail in separate checks if you want to take both classes in case one of the classes fills up and your check needs to be returned. Carol will be teaching "Patterns in Polymer" on Friday, Feb. 17th and "Chop and Change" on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Registration pdf is available on [mdpag.org](http://mdpag.org); [Carol-Blackburn-Feb-2017-Registration.pdf](#)

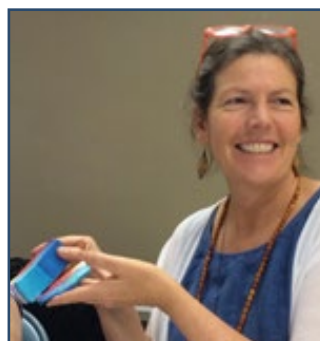
**Library:** Librarian Scott Raft has ordered some new books. If there are books or dvds you would like him to consider for the guild library, let him know at a meeting or on [mdpag.org](http://mdpag.org).

**Retreat:** Retreat 2017 will take place on April 6-9 at the Colombiere Conference Center in Clarkston, MI.

**Website:** Send jpgs of your work or from Retreat to Webmaster Linda Vilas-Helton.



### *Sarah Shriver Workshops*



*Members who attended Sarah Shriver's workshops in June learned how to create beautiful canes and acorn pendants.*



*Photos by  
Kathy Weinberg  
and Dorothy  
Greynolds*

### *Denise's Corner*



### **Thank You**

Wow, can you believe it, August all ready. We've had such a beautiful summer. A little too hot for me but the heat is so much easier to deal with than snow.

Trina's Way workshop was a hit. Sarah Shriver did such a wonderful job demonstrating her techniques and shared many tips of the trade. I'd like to thank Susan Kaplan for all the behind the scenes work that went into preparing and organizing the workshops.

We're always looking for volunteers to help out with organizing guild functions including Education. Please contact any of the board members if you would like to lend a hand.

I'd also like to thank Kathy Weinberg for being Hostess and Guild Ambassador seeing Sarah had an enjoyable time while visiting Michigan.

A big Thank to Fimo who had sent over \$400 dollars' worth of clay but

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the Postal Service decided to scatter it along a highway having Susan scrambling to make sure Sarah had the supplies she need for Sarah's demos and the workshop attendees, hence the kit fee. A big thanks to Polyform for their contributions that help offset our costs.

And, last but not least, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, thank you, for allowing us to use their facilities for workshops, clay days, and meetings. I had a chance to give back to HTLC this summer by volunteering to help out with their summer bible school program. The students and I made Hero Hearts for the Police and Fire Rescue teams that will be given out on 9/11 @ HTLC's picnic. The students did a wonderful job. Again, Polyform came through and donated all the clay for the event. Kathy was even considering starting "Claying for a Cause" a couple Wednesday's out of the month. I think it's a great way to introduce new people to Polymer clay and a way to pay it forward. More information will be on the way.

The Board met for the yearly Long Range Plan meeting. We tried to mix things up a bit for the upcoming year with demos, Clay Days, etc. Anyone wishing to demo a technique (the demo not have to be polymer clay related) (hint, hint, beadery) is more that welcome to.

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## *Upcoming Events:*

### *Thursday, Aug. 18th: Membership Meeting: 7 - 9 pm*

**Demos:** Kathy Weinberg will demo techniques using a ripple blade. Denise Osborne will demo making a jellyroll flower cane.

**Membership:** Renew your membership before or at the Sept. meeting to be eligible for the stipend drawing that will be held at the October 20th meeting.

### *Thursday, Sept. 1st: Opening Date for the Carol Blackburn Workshops*

Today is the first day you can mail in your registration form and payment (separate check for each workshop if you are signing up for both). Plan to send it in quickly because these are sure to fill up.

### *Thursday, Sept. 15th: Membership Meeting: 7 - 9 pm*

**Education:** Members who attended the Sarah Shriver workshop need to turn in 5 Bottles of Hope to fulfill their "Trina's Way" program commitment. Thank you!

**Make and Take Project:** People should bring a translucent cane or cane wrapped in translucent clay for the project. It can be 1/4" to 1/2" in diameter. Also bring a work surface, sharp blade, acrylic roller and needle tool and a box or container to take your uncured project home.

**Membership:** Renew your membership before or at the Sept. meeting to be eligible for the stipend drawing that will be held at the October 20th meeting.

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### *All Meetings:*

**Donations:** Contributions to our "Beads of Courage," "Bottles of Hope" and "Hearts for Heroes" outreach charity programs are always appreciated.

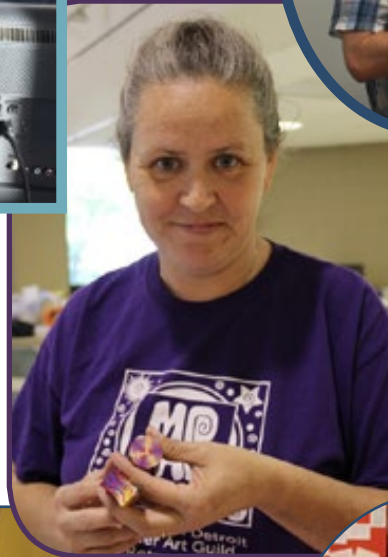
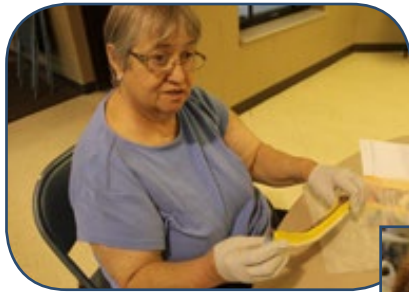
**Library:** Librarian Scott Raft will be bringing the library materials to the meeting. Make sure you have paid your 2016-2017 dues so you can check out items. If you have a suggestion for books and dvds that would be good for MDPAG to consider purchasing, let Scott Raft know. Thanks!

**Member Ideas:** We are always interested in your ideas for upcoming meeting demos, swaps, make & take projects and other topics. Share them at a meeting or send your ideas to Vice President Chirs Corliss.

**Show and Tell:** Bring in work you have recently created to show fellow MDPAG members at the Show & Tell table.



## Pictures



**June and July Pics:  
Meetings  
Sarah Shriver Workshops**

### ***Denise's Corner*** (Continued from Page 2)

Just contacting me or let us know at one of the meetings and we will be more than happy to adjust the schedule and make time.

One last note, MDPAG will not be providing guild ovens at our Mini Clay Days (at meetings). The reason is to try and stretch the life of the guild's ovens as long as we can. The new ovens just don't last as long or are as stable. I had bought a new Faberware oven which only lasted 2 years before one of the elements burnt out. I am so bummed. So on Mini Clay Days remember to bring a container for your uncured work to carry home. If anyone would like to bring their oven on those days, thank you. We will have an oven available on our regular Saturday Clay Days.

Everyone enjoy the rest of the summer.  
Happy claying,  
**Denise Osborne**

### **LOOKING FORWARD:**

In October we will hold a stipend drawing. The stipends can be used for Retreat or upcoming classes. Renew your membership at or before the Sept. meeting to be eligible.

Also in October our next swap will be announced. Items will be due at the March 16, 2017 meeting. Interested in being the Swap Meister? Let us know!

## Upcoming Events:

### Thursday, Aug. 18th • 7-9pm

- Kathy Weinberg ripple blade demo
  - Denise Osborne jellyroll flower cane demo
- Renew your membership to be eligible for the stipend drawing in October

### Thursday, Sept. 15th • 7-9pm

- Renew your membership to be eligible for the stipend drawing in October
- 5 Bottles for Trina's Way due from all Sarah Shriver class participants

#### All meetings:

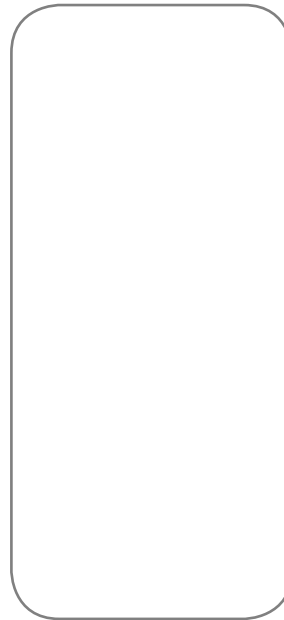
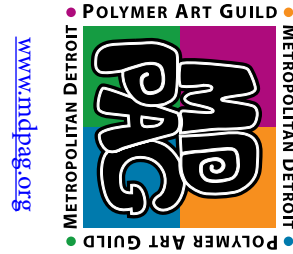
- Show & Tell • Library
- Donations to outreach charities

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Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, excluding Dec., Jan. and Feb.

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



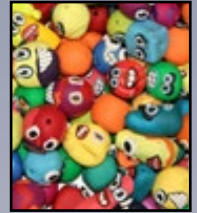
Dorothy Greynolds  
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## **OUTREACH PROJECTS:**

*Here are several ways to donate your creative talents to help others.*

### **Beads of Courage:**

Make fun beads to help boys and girls struggling with cancer or other serious illnesses. All styles are appreciated in any clay (except Sculpey 3 because it's brittle). Drill a hole in the bead large enough for a round toothpick to slide through.



### **Bottles of Hope:**

Decorate small glass bottles (MDPAG provides) for Gilda's Club. Use a favorite technique or try a new one. The decorated bottles are given to Gilda's Club members (men, women, teens and children) who are dealing with cancer or other serious illnesses, as an encouragement.



### **Hearts for Heroes:**

Make hearts about the size of a quarter for the armed forces. Attach them to a lanyard hook or fishing swivel hook. More masculine colors/styles are appreciated.



Bring the items you make to meetings, Retreat or Clay Days. Thank you for your participation.