



Membership: If you haven't paid your dues for the 2016-2017 year, now is the time. Denise has Membership forms at the meetings. A pdf is available at mdpag.org: [MDPAG_Application.pdf](#)

Education: Carol Blackburn will be teaching "Patterns in Polymer" on Friday, Feb. 17th and "Chop and Change" on Saturday, Feb. 18th. The classes are filling fast! Registration pdf is available on 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.

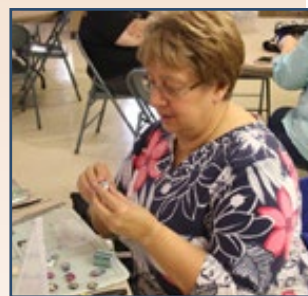
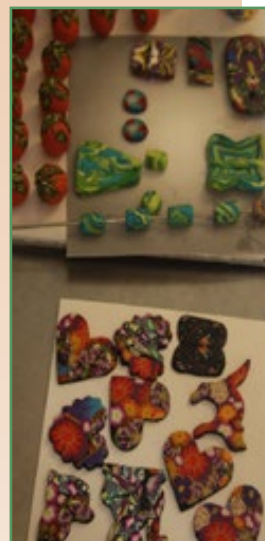
Retreat: Retreat 2017 will take place on April 6-9 at the Colombiere Conference Center in Clarkston, MI. Registration Deadline is January 1st. If you register before then, you will get an early bird discount.

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

September Clay Day Pics



Members enjoyed spending the day with friends working on a variety of polymer clay projects, including Halloween beads and Bottles of Hope.



Photos by Charmaine Lipa

Denise's Corner



Getting Ready for the Holidays

Autumn in Michigan is such a colorful time of year. I enjoy going for long drives through wooded areas to take in the beauty. For our long distance members I hope your region of the country is just as breathtaking. I am praying we will have another wonderful winter like last year.

Sue Screws has suggested we do a bead swap at our October meeting with the theme of Halloween/fall colors, sort of a trick-or-treat. Members make enough beads to hand out to other members who made beads. How many? I would say at least 25-30 beads.

Depending how this works out, a bead swap might a nice event to do at other meetings. For example, November's theme could be the Holidays/Winter colors. If you create beads with Christmas colors or themes, please make a few winter themed beads

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BOWL SWAP:

- Sign up at the October or November meeting or on the MDPAG Members Only Yahoo Group. December 1st is the deadline for signing up.
- Make one bowl for each participant. This number will be announced in an email to all swap participants after Dec. 1. The number will include yourself.
- If you would like to make an extra bowl or two for MDPAG, it would be greatly appreciated. They would be donated to the Trina's Treasure Box or to the Silent Auction at Retreat.
- Bowls need to be 3" or smaller. They don't need to be round. Be creative!
- April 20th, 2017 is the deadline for turning in the bowls.
- They will be returned at the May 18th meeting. If all bowls are turned in at Retreat, they will be returned at Retreat instead of at the April meeting.

CLAY DAY: Jan. 7

The next Clay Day will be on Saturday, January 7th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 9020 5 Mile Road in Livonia. It will be held from 10am to 5 pm. Bring your clay, pasta machine, work surface, tools and projects to work on. It would be a good day for swap participants to work on their bowls.

Upcoming Events:

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

Demos: Sue Screws will demo making bowls. Lois Bell will do a make-and-take project.

Swap: Sign up for the Mini Bowl Swap. The bowls will be due at the April 20, 2017 meeting.

Bowl Show and Tell: If you have bowls you've made, we would love to see them!

Stipend Drawing: All members who have renewed their membership by the Sept. meeting are eligible for the stipends. Five \$50 stipends will be drawn. They can be used for workshops and Retreat in the 2016-2017 year.

Nov. Potluck Sign up: Sign up for bringing a dish to the Nov. meeting. A database where you can sign up will be on the Members Only Yahoo Group.

Bead Exchange: Bring in your Halloween or fall themed beads for trick-or-treating! Make 25-30 beads.

Donations for Gilda's Club: Gilda's Club is participating in an Alternative Christmas Fair on November 12th. If you have any crafted items or artwork you would like to contribute for their sales table, give them to Outreach Chair Kathie Harroun. All types of work would be greatly appreciated!

Thursday, November 17th: Membership Meeting: 7 - 9 pm

Bead Exchange: Create 25-30 Holiday/Winter themed beads to exchange. If you make beads that are Christmas themed, also make some winter themed beads for members who don't celebrate Christmas.

Potluck: Bring in a dish to share. A database where you can sign up will be on the Members Only Yahoo Group.

February Meeting Potluck Sign up: Sign up for a dish to share at the Feb. 16th meeting.

Raffle: MDPAG will be raffling of a goody or two so bring your money.

Swap: Sign up for the Mini Bowl Swap. Deadline to sign up is December 1st.

Trina's Treasure Box: Bring in items you would like to donate for Trina's Treasure Box and money to purchase goodies from the box. All proceeds will go to the "Trina's Way" fund.

Sunday, January 1st: Retreat Registration Deadline

If you register by January 1st, you will pay "early bird" rates so plan to send your deposit in early!

Thursday, February 16th: Membership Meeting: 6 - 8 pm

This meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, not at the Royal Oak Senior Center. The church is located at 39020 5 Mile Road in Livonia. The meeting times are an hour earlier.

Guest Artist: Carol Blackburn will discuss her work and have samples for everyone to see.

Potluck: We will have a potluck meal at the meeting.

Friday, Feb. 17th & Saturday, Feb. 18th: Carol Blackburn Workshops: 9am - 6pm

On Friday Carol will teach "Patterns in Polymer." On Saturday she will be teaching "Chop and Change." Classes will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 5 Mile Road, Livonia. **2**

Pictures

August and September Meeting Pics

Members enjoyed inspiring demos by Kathy Weinberg, Susan Kaplan and Denise Osborne on several caning techniques, creating beads with translucent cane slices, using the ripple blade and wire wrapping beads.



Photos by Charmaine Lipa and Dorothy Greynolds

Denise's Corner

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to trade with members who don't celebrate Christmas.

Extra beads are always appreciated! They can be donated to Beads of Courage and to Trina's Treasure Box (where they could be turned into necklaces to be auctioned off). Trina's Treasure Box contains any donated items relating to polymer clay: finished or unfinished items, clay, canes, findings, beads, etc. Members can purchase items in the box. All proceeds go into the Trina's Way fund for future classes provided by MDPAG.

We will have a meeting in February. Education Chair Susan Kaplan plans workshops to be held the Fri. and Sat. after a guild meeting, giving the teacher the opportunity to come discuss and show their artwork at the guild meeting. It gives meeting attendees the opportunity to meet the teacher and be inspired by their work and creative process.

Since our first meeting in 2017 isn't until March, the Board has decided to hold an extra guild meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (not the Senior Center) on February 16th. Carol Blackburn will be here to discuss her work. We are also making this a potluck meeting. More information will be posted on the Yahoo Members Only group and Facebook.

Happy claying everyone,

Denise Osborne
MDPAG President

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Royal Oak Senior Center

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
39020 5 Mile Road, Livonia*

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Guest Artist Carol Blackburn • Potluck

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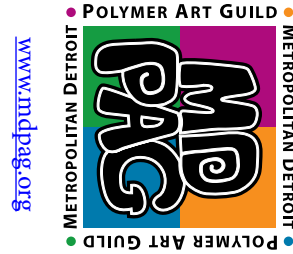
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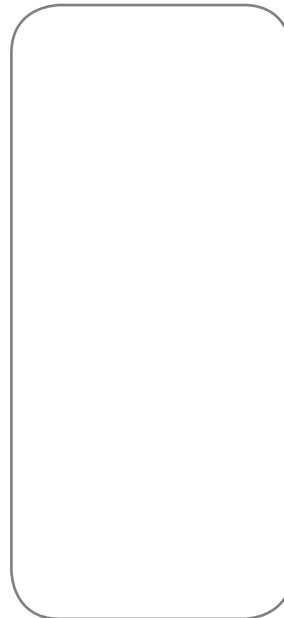


Meetings are held on the
third Thursday of the month,
excluding Dec., Jan. and Feb.

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



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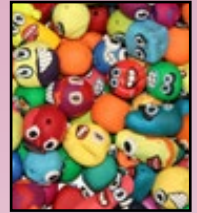
Dorothy Greynolds
5678 Eldridge Drive
Waterford MI 48327

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 strug-
gling with cancer or
other serious illnesses.
All styles are appreci-
ated 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 bot-
tles (MDPAG provides)
for Gilda's Club. Use a fa-
vorite technique or try a
new one. The decorated
bottles are given to Gilda's
Club members (men, women, teens and chil-
dren) 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.