



**Membership:** Membership forms will be available at upcoming meetings and a pdf of the 2017-2018 **MD-PAG membership form** is available at [mdpag.org](http://mdpag.org).

**Education:** Donna Greenberg will be teaching workshops on Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st. She will give a presentation and have work for sale at the October 19th meeting. Spots are available in the classes. If you're interested, contact Susan Kaplan.

**Library:** If you have overdue library items, be sure to turn them in at the meeting. If there are books or dvds you would like Librarian Scott Raft to consider for the guild library, let him know at a meeting or on [mdpag.org](http://mdpag.org).

**Retreat:** Retreat 2018 will be on April 5-8 at Colombiere Center in Clarkston. Registration deadline is January 1st. Early bird discounts end on Jan. 1.

**Website:** Send jpgs of your work or ones you have taken at MDPAG workshops, meetings and Retreat to Webmaster Linda Vilas-Helton.



Meeting Pics

*At the September meeting members enjoyed seeing Denise Osborne reduce all types of canes.*

Photos by Dorothy Greynolds

Denise's Corner



On A Serious Note

To quote the late Joan Rivers, "Can we talk?" Are your affairs in order? I'm sure most of us by now, shame to say not me, have some sort of instructions or will informing our loved ones on how to disperse our worldly belongings.

What about your polymer clay stuff? Being single with no children I never gave it a second thought about any of my assets - I have plenty of time; my family can take what they want; and sort it out, etc.

Recently I had some time on my hands where I had no Ipad, phone, or access to the internet and a pretty bad scare to think about my stuff. My first thought was my Board material. As President there really wasn't that much other than the microphone, it's not marked MDPAG property and a contact number in case I'm unable to return it back to the guild. My Membership material is even more complex and stored on a thumb drive. I know it's on the red Sam disk thumb drive but no one else knows what it is or who to give it to.

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## Meetings will move to a new day and location

Starting in March, 2018 MDPAG will be moving the guild meetings to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. The meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am. After guild business has been taken care of, demos and clay day will begin. A posting of the date changes will be forthcoming.

Moving the meeting day & location will:

- Saving the guild money on room rentals
- Combine meetings with Clay Days
- Increase the length of demos
- Provide time to develop mini workshops
- Make it easier for long distance members to attend meetings
- Less traffic
- No nighttime driving

### **Poker Chip Swap**

- The deadline to sign up for the swap is Dec. 1. Sign up on the guild's Yahoo group database or by letting Denise know or sign up at the Nov. meeting.
- Poker chips need to be 39mm or approx. 1.5" in diameter.
- Decorate chips however you wish, same or different.
- The surface can be flat or raised.
- Chips are due by April 21, 2018 and will be returned at the May 19th meeting.
- Make one chip for each participant.  
16 participants = 16 chips.

## Upcoming Events:

### **Thursday, October 19th: Membership Meeting: 7 - 9 pm**

**Donna Greenberg presentation:** Donna will be demonstrating her fossil bone beads. She will have jewelry and mini vessels for sale. She will accept cash, check or Paypal with a service fee. It's an opportunity for everyone to see her work and enjoy her presentation.

**Snack:** Bring something to share - cookies, muffins, fruit, veggies, etc.

**Swap Sign Up:** Poker chips will be our upcoming swap. Members who are interested will also be able to sign up on MDPAG's Yahoo Group or by contacting Denise. Swap items will be due by the April 2018 meeting and returned at the May meeting.

**Nov. Meeting Potluck Sign Up:** If you plan on attending the November meeting, sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert. Thanks!

### **Friday, October 20th: Donna Greenberg Workshop: Jello Pendant or Brooch**

Class will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. It runs from 9am - 6pm. Clay for the class is generously donated by Polyform. Bring supplies listed on the materials list on the [class registration form](#).

You can still register for the class. Contact Education Chair Susan Kaplan right away to reserve your spot!

### **Saturday, October 21st: Donna Greenberg Workshop: Mini Vessels**

Class will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. It runs from 9am - 6pm. Clay for the class is generously donated by Polyform. Bring supplies listed on the materials list on the [class registration form](#).

You can still register for the class. Contact Education Chair Susan Kaplan right away to reserve your spot!

### **Thursday, Nov. 16th: Membership Meeting: 7 - 9 pm**

**Potluck:** Bring in an appetizer or dessert to share.

**Show & Tell:** If you attended one or both of the Donna Greenberg classes, bring items you created in the classes so everyone can admire them. If you have samples of polymer clay poker chips, bring them in for everyone to get inspired for the upcoming swap.

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### **All Meetings:**

**Donations:** Contributions to our "Bottles of Hope" and "Bracelets and Badges of Hope" 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 2017-2018 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! **2**

## Meeting Pics



*At the August meeting Kathy Weinberg demonstrated several ways to create bails for hanging pendants. She brought samples of each technique.*



*At the September meeting Denise Osborne showed how to reduce canes of many types - triangle, circle, square, - and how reduce and combine segments of a cane to create several different options.*

*Thank you, Kathy and Denise, for your informative, detailed demos.*



## Denise's Corner

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Then there's my stuff. I've been a crafter for many years and accumulated a lot of art material. I would hate to see it just tossed in a dumpster or dropped off in a charity bin where it's a risk of being trashed or left on the shelf collecting dust.

Little by little I have been taking time to either gather the stuff I haven't used and pass it on or leaving written instructions for my family as to who to contact or where to take my stuff they don't want. We all have a lot of money invested in our art "stuff" just to have it go to waste in a land fill.

Enough serious talk, we have a lot coming up in these next few months. Donna Greenberg will be at the October meeting so if you're unable to take any of her workshops, this is a good opportunity to meet her and see her work. The Poker Chip Swap has started. Be sure to sign up on the guild's Yahoo group database or let me know and I'll add you to the list.

November will be our annual pot luck with a possible raffle. January 6<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup> are upcoming Clay Days at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. Starting in March all meetings will also be held at Holy Trinity.

Happy Claying,  
**Denise Osborne**  
**MDPAG President**

## Member News



*Longtime member Lynda Struble with a bottle Denise Osborne made for her. Lynda greatly appreciates the prayers, notes of encouragement and love, and bottles of hope she receives from guild members. She also loves when members visit her at home.*

*Photos by Dorothy Greynolds*

### **Extruder Disks & Templates**

*Lynda Gilcher, also a longtime guild member, has several sets of extruder disks she has designed for sale on her website including snowflakes, floral, butterflies, geometric shapes and more. She also has designed templates for jewelry. Check them out at [Lyndagilcher.com](http://Lyndagilcher.com).*

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### **Thursday Oct. 19th • 7-9pm: Meeting**

Donna Greenberg Presentation  
Snack • Swap Sign up • Potluck Sign up  
Royal Oak Senior Center

### **Friday Oct. 20th • 9am-6pm: Workshop**

Donna Greenberg Jello Pendant or  
Brooch Workshop.

### **Saturday Oct. 21st • 9am-6pm: Workshop**

Donna Greenberg Mini Vessel Workshop  
Both workshops will be held at Holy  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 5 Mile  
Road in Livonia

### **Thursday Nov. 16th • 7-9pm: Meeting**

Potluck • Show & Tell items made in Donna  
Greenberg's workshops & poker chips  
Royal Oak Senior Center



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.

**NOTE: Meeting location and day will  
change in March 2018. Info. on Pg. 2.**



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## **OUTREACH PROJECTS:**

*Use your creative talents to help people  
dealing with cancer and other serious ill-  
nesses. Bring them to meetings, Clay Days  
or Retreat. Your donations are appreciated!*

### **Bottles of Hope:**

Decorate small glass bottles (MDPAG pro-  
vides) with cane slices, Skinner blends,  
textures, etc. for Gilda's Club. Bottles are  
given to their members (men, women,  
teens and children).



### **Bracelets & Badges of Hope:**

MDPAG member Kathy Weaver sends  
bracelets, badges and zipper pulls to chil-  
dren's hospitals across the US. Any of these  
are greatly appreciated:

- **Zipper pulls:** sports, superheroes, Mine-  
craft, etc. Use fishing swivel hooks or lan-  
yard hooks on them.
- **Badges:** sports, superheroes, Minecraft, etc.
- **Spacer beads:** cured clay, metal, plastic or  
glass - 6mm or smaller
- **Cured Canes:** any colors, patterns or  
holiday themes (1/4" -1/2" in diameter)  
Kathy will slice and drill the canes and  
use them and spacer beads in bracelets.

