



Education: Marie Segal's workshops are full. Supply list is on Page 2. **Melanie West** workshops will be on November 2 and 3. We will be doing an on-line registration which will be available soon. The link will be on MDPAG.org.

Library: If you have overdue library items, be sure to turn them in at the next meeting. Scott is working on putting articles from donated magazines in 3 ring binders. He will have some reference books kept at the church but will be keeping most of the library materials at his home. Scott will be ordering Christi Friesen's new book coming out in August.

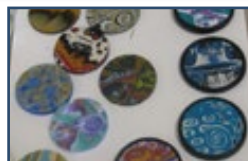
Outreach: Kathie Harroun has sent boxes of "Bottles of Hope" to Gilda's Club and to Johnson Cancer Center in Muskegon. Thank you to all who have decorated bottles.

Website: The website needs your pictures! If you have some good ones of your polymer clay artwork or from guild meetings, Retreat and classes send jpgs to Linda Vilas Helton. Thanks!

At the March and April meetings, members enjoyed the new Saturday meeting/clay day format giving them more time for claying.



Meeting Pics



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Denise's Corner



Change is Good

Newsletter time is what I thought on April 23rd. What to write is as important to me as to where I write. Sometimes the oddest places give me inspiration, Oddly enough the same goes for my art and creativity. When I least expect it an idea will pop into my head and I'll be nowhere near my crafting area. Being outdoors really pushes me past any block so when the temperature went up to 67°, with pencil, paper, and Diet Coke, I went to a park. Listening to the birds, feeling the sun, seeing the trees were ready to pop their leaves, and watching others enjoy the day was so refreshing after what seems like a never ending winter. Summer and warm weather is not that far away.

I'm so glad many of you are taking advantage of the Saturday meetings/clay days. It is so nice not to have to rush and try to squeeze in all the guild information and demos into 2 hours. It's so nice to see so many bring their clay or other craft projects.

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Marie Segal Workshop Supply List:

Sheets of metal leaf you like
Sharp new tissue blade
Deli wrap - plastic sheets
Rubber stamps - red and grey rubber are best
Stazon ink pad - black
Pasta machine (no motors please)
Small roller - acrylic or stainless
Gloves for inks
Small ruler
Work surface
Favorite tools you use for caning needle tools, skewers

Request to Members:

Webmaster Linda Vilas-Helton will be listing donors for items for the Silent Auction on MDPAG.org. Please take a few minutes to email the companies listed (or post on their Facebook pages) and thank them for their generosity. This will encourage them to donate for upcoming Retreats. Thank you.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to these members for earning their MDPAG pins or pin dangles:

20 year members:

Diane Ferguson, Alice Jenks and Kathy Weaver

10 year members:

Audrey Bardy, Carolyn Collins, Marian Collins-Steding, Lorna Dufrane and Kathryn Savickas

Upcoming Events:

All meetings/clay days are held on the third Saturday of the month at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. The time is 10 am to 5 pm. The meeting portion will start at 10 am followed by time to clay. We may start having sign ups for bringing food. Bring your clay projects to work on or plan on doing charity donations. (See Back Page). Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Meeting/Clay Day: Saturday, May 19: 10 am-5 pm

Demo: Swellegants paint demo that will tie into a steampunk theme. (See pages 4-5 for more info).

Election: If you are attending the meeting, you can fill out the ballot that you received in the mail and bring it to the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, please mail in your absentee ballot by May 12th.

Library: Please bring any items in you have borrowed.

Potluck: We ask members to bring in items for salad. We will have a list on Signup Genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4ba8ae2ba5f58-may19meeting>

Please bring enough of the item you sign up for 20-25 people.

Swap: Poker chips will be returned to all participants.

Meeting/Clay Day: Saturday, June 16: 10 am-5 pm

Education: Bring in your 5 decorated "Bottles of Hope" if you are taking the Marie Segal workshop to meet part of your requirement for taking the class.

Topic: Questions & Answers: questions about clay/tools/techniques? Bring them to the meeting and hopefully get some answers.

Installation of Officers: Installation of Officers to the Executive Board.

Potluck: We are asking members to contribute \$5 for several dishes that will be ordered from a local Middle Eastern restaurant.

Marie Segal Workshops: Friday, June 22 & Saturday, June 23: 9 am-6 pm

Marie will teach attendees innovative translucent techniques in this "Trina's Way" workshop. Please bring in 5 decorated "Bottles of Hope" as part of your "Trina's Way" requirement. The other 5 bottles using techniques learned in the workshop are due at the July 21st meeting. You can bring lunch. A refrigerator and microwave are available at Holy Trinity.

Meeting/Clay Day: Saturday, July 21: 10 am-5 pm

Demo / Topic & Potluck or Lunch: To be announced

Education: Marie Segal workshop students need to turn in 5 "Bottles of Hope" using techniques learned in the workshop to meet the "Trina's Way" requirements.

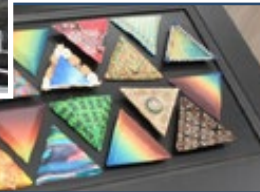
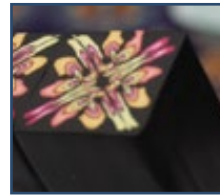
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Retreat 2018 Pics



Guest Artist
Teresa Salgado

MDPAG members attending Retreat enjoyed the opportunity to see demos by Guest Artist Teresa Salgado (Tiny Pandora on Youtube) and other members; visiting with friends; participating in the Silent Auction: collaborative projects; trinket swap, grab bag and flea market. They also enjoyed the newly redecorated room complete with carpet, lighting, ceiling fans and comfortable chairs.



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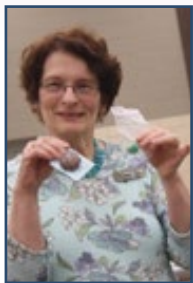
Moving the meetings to Saturday was a good move for members and the Board. May will be our first potluck meeting. Everyone bring something that will help create a delicious salad bar. So far we have had around 25 members show up on Saturday. A Signup Genius email was recently sent out to members to sign up what you will be bringing. A link to it is on Page 2.

What an AWESOME Retreat! A big thank you to everyone involved in making it such a wonderful event. Teamwork is so important. I also want to give a huge shout out to Columbiere Conference and Retreat Center for the improvements to the gym (now Pope Francis Room): decor, lighting, sound suppression, ambient temperature, labeling, new chairs and the carpeting. Kathy and Susan have already been in touch with Columbiere to make next year's Retreat even better. Set aside April 4-7, 2019 for our **25th** retreat. **Kim Cavender** has agreed to be our Guest Artist. Woo hoo!

MDPAG is now up to 60 members! Changes are being made right now to make it easier for you to join, renew, sign up for classes, and workshops. Kathy Weinberg has been such a godsend in so many ways. Thank you, Kathy!

Happy Claying
Denise Osborne, MDPAG President

More Retreat Pics



Steampunk Information

Steampunk Projects

Steampunk History has been created with the design idea of the steam powered machinery of the 19th century along with the British Victorian era or the early American West influence. It is a combination of fantasy and fiction. The designs are patterned after the industrial steam powered machinery and that of fictional machinery. The Steampunk designs can be seen in costume clothing, sculpture, other works of art, jewelry and applied to other mixed media objects.

Depending on what is being made will determine the tools that you will need. For our purposes using polymer clay along with combining metal/glass objects a list of tools/materials have been selected:

- Pliers, Needle nose, flat nose
- Wire cutters, wire, head pins
- Sculpting tools wood or metal best
- Cutting blade, a sharp Xacto knife
- Tweezers
- Steel wool, Scrubby sponge
- Glues- white, Weld Bond-super glue like 6S Hypo Cement
- Acrylic paint Liquitex Basics brand is good with polymer clay
- Brushes, small sponges (wedge make-up type)
- Clay molds and texture sheets or tools
- Polymer clay- for metal colors silver, gold, burnt umber, black and brass colored polymer clay. Or Mica powders over black clay.
- Chains, cording, ribbon for necklaces/pinbacks
- Embellishments- beads, buttons, charms
- Found objects around the house especially vintage are a good source for making sculptures and embellishments for Steampunk jewelry.

Here is a list that might give you some ideas for making your project.

Beads-glass, natural ones, no plastic unless glued on after baking.

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Steampunk Information (continued)

Metal rings, small auto parts, watch gears and faces, springs, bits of old jewelry, old jewelry chains, head pins all kinds, old pen nibs, little screws, reproductions findings, leather scraps, thread spools, old thimbles, buttons, metal sewing bobbins, metal bottle caps, nuts and bolts. Sculpture- old silverware, tin dishes (i.e. you can probably find many more found objects as you look in your stash, around the house).

Other things you could find at the hardware store: tooth locks, nuts and bolts washers, flexible metal faucet, plastic pipes, metal flashing, copper fittings and tubing, PVC fittings and tubing, wooden dowels, connectors, wooden doodads, knobs, gauges, pipes, thermometers, hose clamps, brass fittings, metal hooks, and lamp pipes.

These are some ways to have your clay look like antique metal:

- Use 1 part silver clay with 1 part gold clay.
- Old Looking Silver: Use mostly silver clay with a little burnt umber clay to deepen the color.
- For Antique Brass: Use 2 parts gold clay and 1 part black clay. For a darker color use 1 part gold to 1 part black.
- You can paint the finished polymer metal piece with black acrylic paint and wipe off leaving it darker or a toned down color.
- Use black polymer clay only, make individual pieces. Cover them with Mica powder(s) and add these pieces to your main base a few at a time with clay. Glue with liquid clay and bake for five minutes in between adding additional clay pieces, until you are finished, then finish baking the final amount of needed time. This helps to keep pieces from not moving around.

These are a few ways to age your metal objects look old:

- Brush alcohol inks on the metal
- Use an open flame (i.e. Mini torch them or use pliers and hold the metal piece over a gas stove flame and then plunge into cold water.
- First clean the metal piece and soak in sulfur. Rinse, dry and steel wool the piece OR Use acrylic paint wipe on and wipe off.

To add patina-

- Use a green pencil on a darkened piece.
- Use acrylic paints or Swellegant paints

Steampunk Resources:

Books-Articles:

- “Steampunkery” by Christi Friesen
- “Mixed Media in Clay” by Darlene Olivia McElory & Patricia Chapman
- “Steampunk Softies” by Sarah Skeate & Nicola Tedman (mixed Media)
- “Polymer Clay” - by Marie Segal

Tutorials:

- Steampunk Necklace by Akamera Kawall
- Steampunk Necklace by Diar Draconia

Other Clay Sites:

- TheIPCA.org (The International Polymer Clay Association)
- PolymerClayDaily.com (clay news)
- PolymerClayCentral (all things polymer)

Pinterest:

Look on Steampunk boards or search for steampunk polymer clay. You could find inspiration from pieces done in other art mediums too.



2018

Meeting/Clay Days: Saturdays 10-5

March 17	August 18
April 21	September 15
May 19	October 20
June 16	November 17
July 21	

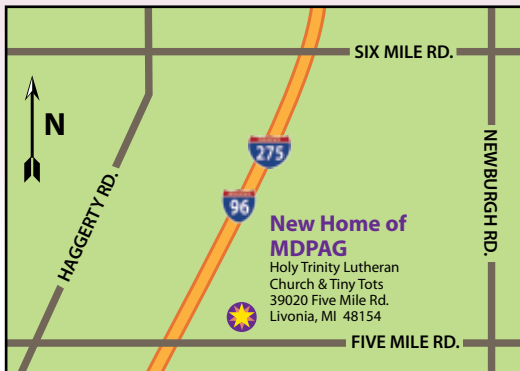
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Marie Segal Workshops

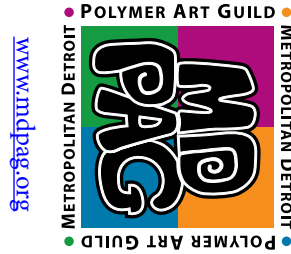
9am - 6pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Livonia

Guild meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month March - Nov. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia.



Cut this out and use as a bookmark!



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OUTREACH PROJECTS:

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

Bottles of Hope:

Decorate small glass bottles (MDPAG provides) 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 children's hospitals across the US.

Any of these are greatly appreciated:

- **Zipper pulls:** sports, superheroes, Minecraft, etc. Use fishing swivel hooks or lanyard 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 (3/8" - 1/2" in diameter) Kathy will slice and drill the canes and use them and spacer beads in bracelets.

