

the Newsletter

Fall Issue

October / November 2018



Education: Melanie West will be here on Friday, Nov. 2nd and Saturday, Nov. 3rd to teach organic caning.

Library: If you have overdue library items, be sure to turn them in at the next meeting. Scott will be ordering Christi Friesen's new book coming out in August.

Outreach: We have many charities we are collecting for at the October meeting: Bottles of Hope, Bracelets and Badges of Hope and Kater's Acres. More info. on Page 2.

Retreat: Our 25th Retreat will be held this year on April 4-7, 2019. The Guest Artist will be Kim Cavender. More info. on Page 3. Kathy Weinberg has mailed out the Registration forms. Sign up to reserve your spot. There is an early bird discount if you register before January 1st, 2019.

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



Photos by Charmaine Lipa

Denise's Corner



Need a little motivation or inspiration? Just take a short road trip and enjoy the Fall colors. Lake St. Clair is a beautiful royal blue, orange and brown mums are replacing pink and purple petunias, and the leaves are turning from a bright green to a pallet of colors that would make any artist ecstatic. Even squirrels have begun to change from brown to grey. Change is happening everywhere.

Many of us have started our holiday creations, whether for gifts or for craft shows. Consider making a few items for the guild's outreach programs. There's the Alternative Christmas Fair Bottles of Hope in November which benefits Gilda's Club, or Kater's Acres CF Rainbow Tree Ornament Donation. We will collect items donations at the October meeting. For our long distance members you can mail them to a Board member or mail the items directly to Gilda's Club or Kater's Acres.

I need to start making my pickles. Not the kind you eat but ones out of polymer clay for Katie to donate to hospitals.

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Swap 2019

We stumbled on this really cool idea for a swap this year – if you read Cynthia Tinapple's Polymer Clay Daily, you may have seen it. You can read the blog post here: <http://polymerclaydaily.com/2017/09/29/swapping-with-style/>

Kathy Weinberg will be the swapmeister. She has ordered black ball chain for the swap. She will distribute the ball chain to all participants (by mail if necessary or Kathy can give you specifics so you can purchase ball chain).

Swap Details:

- We will make ball chain beads. Beads will connect together with ball chain to form a necklace.
- Sign up deadline is November 1. You can sign up at the October 21 meeting; email Kathy Weinberg at kathy.weinberg@gmail.com or use Sign-up genius: <https://tinyurl.com/mdpagswap>.
- Make 1 bead for each swap participant .
- Shape/colors/technique of your choice.
- Black ball chain will be provided by MDPAG to all participants.
- Deadline is the March 16, meeting.
- They will be returned to participants at the April 20, 2019 meeting.

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 have 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, October 20th: 10 am-5 pm

Make & Take Project: Bring these items if you would like to participate: your choice of clay color(one or more), work surface , pasta machine, blade, acrylic roller, X-acto knife, ball stylus tool, liquid clay, simple cane reduced to between 1/8 and 1/4 inch to share, deli paper or wax paper, metal tin such as Altoids (the Guild will have some containers),ceramic tile, heat gun if you have one.

Education: Premo clay will be given out to members taking Melanie West's workshops. It is donated by Polyform. It will not include the optional clays listed in the materials list.

Library: Please bring any items in you have borrowed.

Lunch: Bring your own or buy lunch at a local restaurant.

Swap: Sign up with Swap Meister Kathy Weinberg.

Outreach: We will be collecting several things from members who would like to participate:

- Bottles of Hope: Items for their table at the Alternative Christmas Fair Bin November which benefits Gilda's Club
 - Kater's Acres CF Rainbow Tree Ornament Donation
 - Bottles for Bottles of Hope - decorated in any technique you would like - given to men, women, teens and children.
 - Bracelets and Badges of Hope: Winter themed canes (snowmen, hats, mittens, snowflakes, hearts, stars, etc.) for bracelets, badges for mostly boys: superheroes, sports, etc.

Meeting/Clay Day: Saturday, November 17th: 10 am-5 pm

Demo: Leaves will be demoed. The collaborative project at Retreat will be leaves.

Lunch: We will order food from Sheesh. Bring \$6 if you would like to have some. Kathy can order some that are gluten free.

Meeting Topic: Play with translucent clay and canes.

Library: Please bring any items in you have borrowed.

Gift Exchange: If you would like to participate, bring an item you created, a tool or supply.

Workshop: Friday, November 2nd & Saturday, November 3rd: 9 am - 6 pm

Melaine West will teach organic caning. Class will be held Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3090 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI. Please plan to arrive at 8:30 on your first day to set up. Class will begin promptly at 9:00 and end at 6:00 with time for lunch. Melaine will have work for sale.

Retreat 2019

Register for the 25th Annual Retreat

Can you believe that this is our 25th Retreat? It would be splendid if you joined us in 2019 to celebrate! Retreat will be held at the Colombiere Conference Center in Clarkston, Michigan on April 4-7 2019.

No alarms, no beds to make, no children (or spouses) to tend. Meals prepared and shared with delightful company. No dishes to do! And polymer clay. Retreat 2019 will be a long weekend of uninterrupted claying; an opportunity to create art; catch up with friends; see exciting demos and learn from the 2019 Retreat Guest Artist. This year, we are excited to have Kim Cavender as our Retreat Guest Artist.

Sign Up Now! Deadline is January 1, 2019. Prices go up considerably after January 1. If you need to set up a payment schedule we will work with you. We will make every effort to help you attend! We accept checks, payment via zelle or by paypal. Payments can be sent via zelle or paypal to retreat@mdpag.org. Contact Kathy for more information. A convenience fee will be charged if using a credit card.

Contact us if you have any questions.

Susan Kaplan and Kathy Weinberg
MDPAG Retreat Coordinators

Collaborative Project for Retreat

Looking for some fall inspiration?

Leaves will be the 2019 MDPAG retreat collaborative art project. So as the leaves begin to change, let your muse play and make a leaf or two for retreat. I've been pinning ideas on Pinterest (<https://www.pinterest.com/kathyweinberg/>). Look for them there. <https://www.pinterest.com/kathyweinberg/2019-metropolitan-detroit-polymer-art-guild-retreat/>



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Retreat, Retreat, Retreat! The 2019 retreat in April will be our 25th Anniversary. **Kim Cavender** will be our Guest Artist. Forms are available on Facebook, members only Yahoo site, MDPAG.org, and at the October and November meeting. Members who provided an email address when renewing should have received a PDF of the form in an email. Whether you sign up for one day or the whole shebang, you're sure to have a great time. Sign up and join us for the 25th Anniversary celebration.

Life's distractions can sneak up on a person sometimes. I've had a few these past few weeks. I'm still working on the Halloween tutorials and will send them out soon.

Thank You to everyone who renewed your membership. Next year we hope to have an online form similar to the recent workshop sign up application which will give members another option.

Ballots will be going out soon to adjust the guild's By Laws. Please consider the changes we are recommending. Post any questions on Facebook or the Yahoo site.

This will be the last newsletter of 2018. We have two more meetings before the winter break and meet back in March. I'd like to wish everyone happiness and good health through the various upcoming seasons and a great start to the New Year.

Happy Claying,
Denise Osborne, President



2018-2019

Meeting/Clay Days: Saturdays 10-5:

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

Workshops:

Fri. Nov. 2 & Sat. Nov. 3:
Melanie West - Organic Canes

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.

