



Education: Karen Lewis “Klew” will be here to teach a 2-day class on Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28. Sign up on our website. (Info. on Page 2).

Lindly Haunani will be here in the Spring of 2020.

Library: If you have overdue library items, be sure to turn them in at the next meeting. New Library Policy on Page 2.

Membership: It's time to renew your membership! Dues are still the same - \$30 for members, \$15 for long distance membership (over 150 miles).

Outreach: Kathie Harroun appreciates all the decorated bottles we have donated.

Retreat: Retreat 2020 will be held on April 16-19 at Colombiere Conference Center in Clarkston, MI. Jan Montarsi will be the Guest Artist.

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!



June Meeting Pics



Photos by Charmaine Lipa

Denise's Corner



Hello guild members and guests,

July marks the beginning of a new membership year. This will be our 27th year as a polymer clay guild. Not many polymer clay guilds have been around that long. Amazing isn't it.

Our online election was a big hit with the majority of the members using the electronic ballot. Thank you to everyone who voted whether online, by mail, or at the meeting. On behalf of the newly elected Board members I say Thank You.

The long range board planning meeting has come and gone. There have been a few charges made in procedures and projects.

There will be new library procedures. The library is now housed in a cabinet at HTLC. We have implemented new procedures for checking out items to look at during the meeting, to take home and to return. The new policies are on Page 2. We appreciate your cooperation for following these rules.

I'm sure there will be more adjustments to the library as we get used to having them on site.

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New Library Procedures

Sign out an item for a meeting:

Sign your name to one of the neon cards and place it in the slot where the item has been removed. To return the item, cross off your name, remove the neon card and return the item to the cabinet.

Sign out an item to take home:

You can now check out 4 items (as long as you have returned any previously borrowed items and am a member in good standing). Sign the sheet of paper that's attached to the item and place it in correct folder.

Return items:

- Return items at the next meeting.
- Meet Kathy Weinberg at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Monday through Thursday between 9-5 to drop off the items.
- Mail items to Denise Osborne before the next meeting. Her address is on the membership form on the MDPAG.org site.

New Members Policy:

New members will be on a 3 month probationary period. They can sign out items to look at during a meeting.

After the 3 month period they will be able to check out books/items. This policy has been put into place because of some members not returning items at all.

If you don't return items:

If you don't follow the rules for returning items, you will no longer be a member in good standing, you can't renew your membership or attend guild meetings and events.

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, July 20th: 10 am-5 pm

Meeting topic: Creating pendants for "Gifts for Gilda"

Items Needed: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (HTLC) will be holding an auction to raise money for their charity projects. One is to help a church in Flint supply bottled water to homebound residents and the second is to adopt needy families at Christmas time and buy gifts for them. If you could bring in things you have created (jewelry or other artpieces, it would be appreciated. Thanks for your generosity!

Education: If you want to take Klew's upcoming class, please register online at www.mdpag.org.

Library: Please bring any items in you have borrowed.

Lunch: Bring your own lunch.

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

Demos: Kathy Weinberg and Denise Osborne will demo making pendants for "Gifts for Gilda" project. The pendants will be donated to Gilda's Club for their table at the Alternative Christmas Fair.

Meeting topic: Creating pendants for "Gifts for Gilda"

Items Needed: Donations for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's charity auction are appreciated.

Library: Please bring any items in you have borrowed.

Lunch: Bring your own lunch.

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

Demo: Dorothy Greynolds will give a demo on how to create Skinner blends with strips of clay and have a few tips for changing Skinner blends if they don't come out the way you want them.

If you are attending Klew's classes, you may want to practice your Skinner blend and cane making skills.

Items Needed: Plan to make or bring in pendants for our "Gifts for Gilda" charity project.

Library: Please bring any items in you have borrowed.

Lunch: Bring your own lunch.

Workshop: Friday, Sept. 27 & Saturday, Sept. 28: 9am - 6pm

Karen Lewis "Klew" will be here to teach a 2-Day workshop on Embellished Beads. This is an Intermediate/Advanced level class. Spots are filling up fast! If you're interested, you can sign up on the guild website.

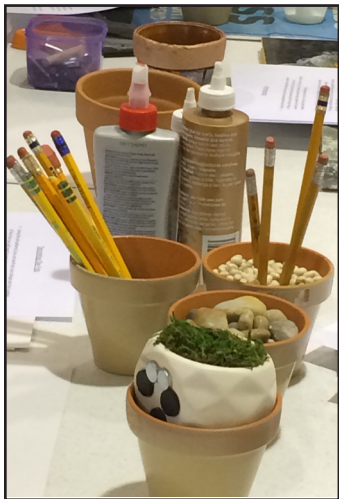
April and May Meeting Pics



In April and May Vice Presidents Bev Currie and Suzanne Stiles worked hard to prepare their demos on covering ceramic pots with mosaic clay tiles and creating succulents and cacti.

They made several samples of pots, plants, templates for the pots and brought an impressive collection of books on succulents.

Thank you both for your hard work.



Denise's Corner

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We will keep you posted on Yahoo and Facebook.

We are looking into starting a closed Youtube and Instagram group for members. The goal is to record demos from the meeting.

We have a new outreach program called "Gifts for Gilda". We will make pendants (1.5" – 2") that will be attached to a card with our MDPAG logo. Gilda's Club can then sell them at the Alternative Christmas Fair in November. We hope to have demos and samples at the July and August meetings. Susan Kaplan will have a "Make and Give" project sometime next year.

One last reminder, membership is due for 2019-2020. The dues are the same - \$30 for members, \$15 for long-distance members (over 150 miles from Livonia, MI). There will be an increase in dues next year for 2020-2021. Local members will pay \$35 and long distance members will pay \$20. That's 9 guild meetings from 10am – 5pm at a cost of \$3.89 a meeting. Where else can you hang out with wonderful people with similar interests for under \$4?

Stay cool, but more importantly, keep your clay cool. It will start to cure around 90 degrees. Once that happens you will either have more inclusions then you will ever need after grating the cooked clay or a lot of little paper weights.

Happy Claying,

Denise Osborne, MDPAG President



2019-2020

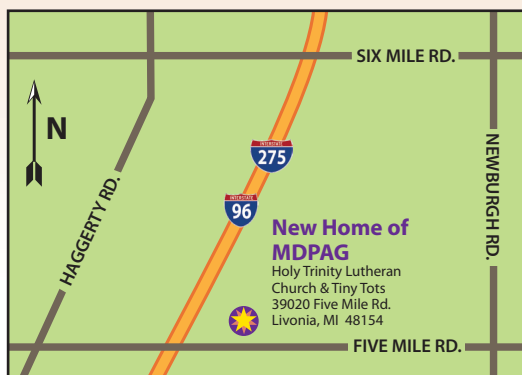
Meeting/Clay Days: Saturdays 10-5:

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

Workshops: Fri. 9/27 & Sat. 9/28:
Karen Lewis "Klew" 2-Day workshop.
Spring 2020: Lindly Haunani

Retreat: April 16-19, 2020, The Guest Artist will be Jan Montarsi.

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!



Dorothy Greynolds
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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.

