



**Education:** Lindy Haunani will be here June 27 & 28, 2020. She is a master of color and has been one of MDPAG's Guest Artists at Retreat and taught here several times. More info to come.

**Library:** If you have overdue library items, be sure to turn them in at the next meeting.

**Membership:** If you haven't yet renewed your membership, it's time. 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 to Gilda's Club and items for their Alternative Christmas Fair table. Thanks!

**Retreat:** Retreat 2020 will be held on April 16-19 at Colombiere Conference Center in Clarkston, MI. Jan Montarsi will be the Guest Artist. Sign up is now open! More info on page 2.

**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!



### Klew Class Pics

*In September members enjoyed exploring creating beads with techniques taught by Karen Lewis (Klew).*



*Photos by Charmaine Lipa & Kathy Weinberg*

### Denise's Corner



Hello Everyone. It's hard to believe 2019 is coming to an end. To quote Game of Thrones, "winter is coming." I hope ours is nowhere near the arctic blast they went through. I'm praying for a short, mild, and dry winter.

For many the season of giving thanks is right around the corner, unless you're a member of MDPAG, and that season is all year long. So many members have been generous this year in so many ways. Whether we asked for donations or comfort for a guild member many stepped up. Thank you.

A guild is more than just a place to work on our polymer clay craft it's a place where a group of individuals with different life experiences socialize and share ideas, thoughts, opinions, and hope. I'm proud to be part of such an awesome group of positive, generous, compassionate, and creative people.

**Denise Osborne**  
**MDPAG President**

## MDPAG 2020 Swap

We will swap DIY texture sheets for our 2020 swap. A simple Google search will show many unique ways to create a texture sheet. There will be a demo at the October 2019 guild meeting. Kathy Weinberg will be the Swapmeister and swap items will be due at the March 2020 meeting.

You can sign up for the swap at the October meeting. Please don't sign up if you can't commit to getting your items done on time.

### Swap Information:

- Swap items are due at the March 21st meeting and will be returned at Retreat and at the May 16th meeting.
- Make 1 texture sheet for each person who signed up.
- Texture sheets need to be 3" x 3".
- Texture sheets can be any style - be creative.
- Create one "master texture sheet" and cure it. Put a release agent on it (Armor-all, water, cornstarch, etc) and press it onto a 3" x 3" piece of scrap clay. Make as many as needed using this method.
- Sign your name on the back of each sheet.
- Give them to Swapmeister Kathy Weinberg in a large Ziploc bag and write your name on the bag.

## *Upcoming Events:*

### Reminders:

**The October meeting will be on the 4th Saturday of the month, instead of the 3rd so come on Saturday, October 26th.**

**There will be no meeting in April, 2020. The date of the meeting is during Retreat.**

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 26th: 10 am-5 pm

**Demo:** Making texture sheets will be demoed. They will be this year's swap theme.

**Klew Workshop Show & Tell:** If you attended Klew's class, bring items you created for everyone to see and admire.

**Library:** Please bring any items in you have borrowed.

**Lunch:** Bring your own lunch.

**Potluck:** Hey, Kathy Weinberg is cooking for our November meeting lunch. The guild is providing the main dish of delicious sous vide Pork and Beef Roast and we ask that you bring a side, salad or dessert to share. Please sign up here on with your meat preference and what dish you will bring to share. <https://tinyurl.com/mdpagpotluck>. If you need to sign up another way, contact Kathy Weinberg or let her know at the October meeting.

**Raffle:** Bring items you would like to have in the raffle at the November meeting.

**Retreat:** Sign up for Retreat 2020 by December 31st. Registration goes up by \$50 Jan. 1, 2020.

**Swap Sign Up:** Sign up on Signup Genius or at the meeting.

### Meeting/Clay Day: Saturday, November 16th: 10 am-5 pm

**Library:** Please bring any items in you have borrowed.

**Potluck:** Kathy Weinberg will have sous vide pork and beef roast at the meeting. Please bring in the item you signed up for. Thanks!

**Raffle:** We will be raffling off a frame created with our leaves left from the Retreat's collaborative project. Buy some tickets for your chance to win a great decorative item for your home or as a gift. If you have items that can be raffled off, bring them to the meeting. Thanks!

Money raised will go towards replenishing the "Trina's Way" fund and to guild expenses.

## Retreat 2020 Guest Artist Jan Montarsi

Jan Montarsi has been working with polymer clay for 12 years. An avid Polymer clay enthusiast and experimenter, he has been published in polymer clay magazines and has shared tutorials on Sculpey.com. Using mica clays and extrusions, Jan obtains sparkling results. Jan also has some novel bail making ideas. He is a former IPCA Americas board member and member of his local Dayton Area Polymer Clay Guild and very active in the polymer clay community. Jan is the inventor of BlendAngles blending Templates as well As The Create Template. You can visit his You Tube channel at the link below.

Jan lives in the Cincinnati area with husband Bill and a multitude of AKC Champion boxers.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZTsjsxCPryhcr-Yik14MxTw>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1799658219>



### ***MDPAG Retreat 2020 • April 16-19***

Please get your registration in before December 31, 2019  
– the registration fee increases by \$50 after that.

You can also register online at <https://tinyurl.com/mdpag2020>

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Winter Wonders Holiday Glass Show**  
**Saturday November 2**  
**10 am - 4 pm**

Birmingham Unitarian Church  
38651 Woodward Ave.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

It's a beautiful show full of glass vendors selling beads, jewelry, etc. and other handmade goodies. They draw prizes every hour and always have snacks and drinks to nibble on while shopping. MDPAG members Mona Sullivan and Jane Sylvester will both be selling jewelry and beads at the show.

**Alternative Christmas Fair**  
**Saturday, November 9**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

Hope Lutheran Church  
39200 W 12 Mile Rd.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

All items at the Alternative Christmas Fair are sold by vendors who are non-profit organizations. The items are reasonably priced and sales benefit the organizations. Gilda's Club will be one of the vendors. The items they will be selling include pins made by guild members.





2019-2020

**Meeting/Clay Days: Saturdays 10-5:**

July 20	March 21
August 17	April 18
September 21	May 16
October 26	June 20
November 16	

**Workshops:** Lindly Haunani will be here to teach on June 27 & 28, 2020.

**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  
5678 Eldridge Drive  
Waterford MI 48327

**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.

