



## NOTES FROM THE JULY 24, 2009 MEETING OF THE MINNESOTA PORCELAIN ARTISTS GUILD

- The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Bergman.
- Presidents Plate: It was decided to expand the scope of the August show to include other fired arts. These items will be displayed but not included in the judging.
- The minutes from the previous month's meeting were read by Diane Chase, Secy. The minutes were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was provided by Kathy Svendsen.
- Sunshine Report: Charlotte Vucinovich is having hip surgery; Nancy Bergman had tooth surgery; Dodie Janrick husband passed away; Ilene Riley is having a double mastectomy on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Diane Chase volunteered to assist Lois with the check in of the pieces to be judged at the August show with the understanding that Ilene would do as much as she was able.
- Kathy Svendsen obtained a copy of the membership list for the country club. Hopefully, the membership will include someone who can sponsor the Guild and reduce the cost of the monthly luncheons.
- It was decided that the winner of the Porcelain Exchange would provide a piece of porcelain from their personal inventory for the next exchange. This will save the club money and provide a variety to the piece being painted and won at the monthly meeting. Kathy Svendsen won the piece painted by Nancy Bergman and will provide and paint a piece for the next meeting in September.
- The members were advised that American Craft sells beautiful blank porcelain at a reasonable price.
- Catherine Simon, Lucy Daring and Nancy Bergman each won books from the MPAG library.
- Bonnie Martinson won a Banquet Package for the August show.
- Thelma Grandquist brought a guest, Margaret T. (sorry, didn't get her last name.) from Redwing. Margaret shared a painted piece by Sando that she purchased at the WOCP World Show in Omaha and a piece painted by Vicky York.
- Becky Thompson brought her daughter Theresa as a guest.

- Nancy Bergman discussed the free art lessons being included with the IPAT magazine. There will be copies to review but not copy at the August show. We will be using the principles discussed in these lessons for our plate challenge taking place later this year.
- Kathy Barker provided a Show Report. Post cards advertizing the show were provided as part of the Swag Bag at the Uptown Art Fair. Additional copies of brochures and post cards were provided to Guild members. Let's get the word out about our art. Wally Myllinbeck will bring both dolls and painted pieces done by his late wife for the Show. Lisa Bonin is going to have a booth and sell Jane Houston products. Steve Hemingway will have free form pieces. Transportation in the form of ride sharing will be available from the hotel to the show site.
- Joyce Sandberg donated a Royal Austria antique bowl for a silent auction piece for the show.
- The People's Choice Award is \$50.00 and will be awarded for the piece best representing the Show's theme, Wishing on a Star.
- Lois Pribble provided guidelines for those who are entering painted items in the competition. Artists must be a member of the Guild to enter pieces in the completion. Entries must have been painted within the past two years and cannot have been painted in a class or seminar. Entries must be original, drawn and designed by the artist. If a reference photo is used, there should be seven degrees of separation from the reference. Any changes in the rules for future shows will be discussed and voted on by the membership.
- Julie Green provided a review of the WOCP World show in Omaha. She advised it was a great show and very well attended.
- Doris Coghill provided the demonstration discussing glass slumping and offering advice and valuable insights. She brought examples of both her glass and bead work.
- There were 27 members in attendance