



NOTES FROM THE JUNE 26, 2009 MEETING OF THE MINNESOTA PORCELAIN ARTISTS GUILD

The meeting was called to order by our new President Nancy Bergman.

Good and Welfare

Thanks given by all to Lois Pribble and all of last year's officers for their great service.

Thanks also to July Green who compiled and printed the Lady Slipper newsletter. Please read the President's plate.

Reading of the minutes for the last meeting was read by the Secretary Diane Chase.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Kathy Svendsen for former Treasurer. Future reports will be given by Betty Luddington who will be taking over this position.

Both the minutes and the Treasurer's Report will be listed on the MPAG website in the future.

Pin collection & Drawing and dish exchange: Glo Carlson painted a beautiful piece with Birch trees and Chickadee. Glo used great proportions between long plate and subject creating a beautiful plate. Nancy Bergman's name was drawn to receive the plate and will paint the next plate for our July meeting.

Sunshine update: Nancy Bergman provided the report.

Barb Pittelkow is just recovering from a serious illness and has decided to resign from the Sunshine position. We thanked Barb for the job she has done and the wonderful cards she has sent to all of our friends and painters.

Susan Linnell is still recovering from a very serious infection and will need to be on an IV drip for another three weeks.

Sheri Beisang had surgery on 6/25/09.

Charlotte Vucinovich is going to have hip surgery and has also been diagnosed with cancer.

Please keep these people in your prayers.

It was suggested by Val Nabor that we have cards available for use by the Sunshine person so they would be available when needed. Nancy Bergman suggested that anyone who made cards would be willing to provide them for club use it would be appreciated. The club will reimburse for them. Julie Green will assume the Sunshine position and mail cards.

Techniques, tools and paintings to share – SHARE and TELL

Ione Roland shared her work created at a silver clay class. She will be teaching classes in this art form in the future. Her town of Mayer is having a Rising Art Festival the week after the 4th of July. Display booths are no charge. Please contact Ione if you are

interested in displaying and/or selling your work. Ione also talked about the grant that her art group worked on for 2 years and they received for advertising \$3,000.

Val Nabor bought stacking dishes for pen oil. They are available for purchase for \$15.00.

Nancy Bergman began the 1st of IPAT Certification/instruction training to use as guideline for Challenge piece.

Julie Green shared her wonderful plates on grounding.

Nancy Bergman brought a vintage bowl to ask for help in ID to the company that created the bowl.

Goals: The Executive Board is working on:
Short and long term goals, membership drive for the club and will be meeting immediately following the MPAG meeting.

Old Business

We are losing money each month on the luncheon. Val Nabor made a motion that we increase the annual dues to \$25.00 to cover the cost. Julie Green seconded the motion. Other alternatives suggested were raising the cost of the lunch instead of the dues or discussing a menu alternative that would be a lower cost. If we could find a member of the country club to sponsor us, we could use the meeting room at no charge. Nancy will obtain a roster. The motion to increase the dues was withdrawn until the other options could be researched.

New Business

MPAG is signed up with Axels Bonfire restaurants so every time we spend money at any of the restaurants the MPAG accumulates points that could toward discounts on future events.

Maryland china has offered a 20% discount to MPAG if we spend \$300 or more. Catalogs are available at the meeting.

Rynne China will be our vender at the MPAG show in August. Unlike other suppliers, Rynne brings the merchandise to the show rather than just accepting orders for later delivery.

New rules have been adopted that will provide members the opportunity to sell white china, painted china and supplies from 9:00 to 9:30AM prior to each monthly meeting. Sales will stop promptly at 9:30 so come early if you want to take advantage of this new change.

There are three open positions: Sunshine, Parliamentarian and Historian. If you wish to volunteer for one of these positions, please contact Nancy Bergman. Julie Green volunteered to assume the Sunshine position.

Committee Reports

Kathy Barker reported for the Show Committee: Each member was given 5 postcards. Please give them to friends and patrons of the arts. We need to get more people besides just the existing china painters to visit the shows and learn about our art. There will be a special prize drawing for persons presenting the postcards for admission.

There will be a silent auction for the Dorothy Hagen tile finished by Frank Albrecht and Kathy Barker. The conclusion will be at the banquet. Door prizes for the banquet include some large white china pieces selected by Lois Pribble from Dorothy's collection.

Dodie Henry will handout fliers for the show at the Dakota County Fair, Farmington Greenhouse and the WOCP show in Omaha. Nancy Bergman has postcards for Uptown Art Fair take-a-way bags at Kick-off-Party.

Jackie Patton will be sending information about the show to the PPIO E-mail List.

Special inclusion in the Hospitality Package will be a ticket for a special drawing. Prizes include a one year subscription to the China Decorator; 2 one year subscriptions to the IPAT magazine, a one year subscription to Peter Faust's magazine Porcelain Flash and Gerri Burchill's piece. Also included will be 3 free raffle tickets for our advertised raffle items.

Entries for the People's Choice award should represent the theme, Wishing on a Star. The other competition entries are artist choice. Please paint as many pieces as you can so we have a large number of entries. That's what everyone wants to see and what promotes our art.

2 additional clerks were needed to assist the judges. Diane Chase and ? volunteered. Additional volunteers were requested to assist in checking in competition pieces. Pearl Spano, Sally Meyers, Ione Roland, Kathy Svendsen and Nancy Bergman volunteered.

Steve Hemmingway, a potter, will be bringing hand thrown white glazed porcelain pieces to the show for display and sale. He volunteered to donate 20% of his profits from the sale of these pieces to MPAG. Barb Perry volunteered to help watch and sell at table. We will need 1 or 2 more volunteers for this table.

Thelma advised that Wally Mallenback (sp) will bring some of Jean Mallenback's dolls to the show for sale.

Julie Green won a "Banquet Package to invite a friend to the MPAG Banquet.

Education Report by Becky Thompson: Meeting after Guild meeting and updates to be presented in July.

Demonstration

Jaron Childs MCAD graduate and a restorer at the Russian Museum as well as an artist, brought a slide presentation of his oil painting and collage work. He spoke of the design and inspiration process and the restoration process. Thank you Jaron for the opportunity to enjoy your beautiful work.

There were 36 persons in attendance.