

▪ **Minnesota Porcelain Artists Guild**

Minutes from the June 24, 2011 meeting

- 28 people in attendance leaving several empty places at the tables. Nancy mentioned that the Guild will have to charge people who said they were coming but don't come because it gets to be a lot of money the Guild has to cover.
- Diane Chase has copies of the changes in the information for the October Event.
- There were many items in the Beaux Arts sale. The money goes back into the Guild treasury.
- Nancy reminded and encouraged us to be painting for the Art a la Carte competition.
- Nancy handed out printed versions of the Lady Slipper and the roster for those who don't have computers.
- Lucy Deering presented a wonderful demo showing her method of raised painting on porcelain bisque bunnies and hand making irises from porcelain clay. Her work is beautiful!
- Pat Meyer gave the treasurer's report.
- Nancy explained why it is good to keep \$8,000 to \$9,000 in the guild accounts.
- The President's Plate Nancy challenged us to paint a favorite song or poem. She announced that the Teacher's group disbanded. She spoke of their work and legacy. The teachers received a round of applause.
- The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.
- Barb Perry gave the Sunshine report. Gen Reisdorph continues to recover from her stroke. Leta Clemons has injured her leg but the previous diagnosis that she had kidney troubles was found to be wrong. Marguerite Lagaard passed away. Jean Griswold received a pacemaker. Susan Dockery is recovering from knee surgery. Wally Myllenbeck has either fallen or had a stroke.
- Diane Chase volunteered to perform the plate exchange each month.
- Carol Krech won the plate painted by Darlene Skovran.
- Bonnie Zopfi won an antique plate with a lady's portrait donated by Nancy Bergman.
- Val Naber and Delores Garbarini won calendars.
- Nancy auctioned a lovely blank which Carol Krech bought.
- During the meeting a computer was displaying all the pictures taken at the Founder's Day Luncheon in a slide show.
- Paint and Tell
 - Helen Petersen and Joan Frandle showed white poinsettia trays which they painted with Susan Peterson.
 - Carol Krech showed a painted elephant box she painted.
 - Bev Johnson, Delores Garbarini, Glo Carlson, and Nancy Bergman showed pine cone platters they painted with Susan Peterson.
 - Donna Casey showed a tile with which she won't the Lady Slipper award a few years ago. It was from a photograph of an old bearded gentleman.
- Challenge Pieces - Mosaic shoes
 - Lois and Jeanne Pribble showed tall black leather boots they are still working on. Delores Garbarini showed a mule slipper-looks like jewels. Kathy Svendsen and Nancy Bergman showed mosaic porcelain shoes.

Dues are due!

- There was no Old Business
- Diane Chase spoke of a few ideas for possible fund raisers.

- Susan Peterson is the new editor of the Lady Slipper. Please send her articles for publication.
- Bonnie Martinson spoke of the Teacher's Organization disbanding.
- The State Fair Competition at the Creativity Building is now being judged by subject versus shape. State Fair information is posted on the MPAG web site and in the printed copy.
- Entries The Fine Arts Building need to registered online with the State Fair on July 11th.
- People are needed to demo at the State Fair for a two hour window on July 31st. Kathy Svendsen, Val Naber, Nancy Bergman, Bev Johnson, Carol Krech, Diane Chase, and Darlene Skovran volunteered. We could use 3 more to demo.
- Val Naber spoke about the October Show and School. She encouraged us to register. Thelma donated some pieces for the early registrants. Nancy Bergman has donated 3 large baskets to be filled by guild members in three themes - Romantic Evening, Chocolate Delight, and Tea Party. Please bring items for the baskets to meetings. The Teachers are donating centerpieces for the fund raiser. Also, there will be a table at the event for members to sell their pieces and blanks from which the Guild will receive 10%. Lois and I encouraged the members to paint for the show competition and the People's Choice Award. Kathy Svendsen spoke about the Art in the Round demos. A few vendors will be there. We are encouraged to pre-order from Maryland China.
- The Peter Faust class is coming next year and the first down payment of \$100 is due August 31st.
- Helen Peterson has raffle tickets for the WOCP convention with the prize of classes with Felipe Pereira.
- Donna Casey has a large kiln for sale.
- Lois Pribble announced changes in the demo schedule for our monthly Guild meetings.
- Bonnie Martinson will be having a porcelain tear down class to be announced later.
- At the Founder's Day luncheon, \$444 was raised for the Guild from the auction.
- At this Guild meeting, over \$150 was raised for the Guild from the Beaux Arts table and auction.

The meeting was adjourned.