

MINUTES FROM MINNESOTA PORCELAIN ART GUILD
MEETING MARCH 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President, Nancy Bergman with printed agenda.

- **Demonstration:** Frank Albrecht provided a demonstration on how to painting an eye.
- **President's Plate:** Nancy presented the idea of a new tag line "Celebrate Today's Porcelain Artists."
- The March **Lady Slipper Newsletter** was distributed. It will be published in March, June, Sept and December this year and put on the web. We need people to submit articles.
- **Secretaries Report: Minutes** from the November meeting were read and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The balance in our accounts as of Feb is \$6051.07.
- **Sunshine Report:** Jean Griswold & Barb Perry are ill.; Mary Ann Putzier had surgery and is receiving chemotherapy; Dorothy Weethe and Barb Tupper passed away.
- **Pin Collection & Exchange Piece:** Val Naber won the piece painted by Lois Pribble. A second drawing was held for a book, Sparkling Tables and was won by Delores Garbarini.
- **Guests** were Doug Willey and Judy Murray, Nancy's sister.
- **Techniques and Tools:**
The challenge piece deadline was extended until the April meeting. Use one element of design and one technique. If you do not paint your piece but have one it will cost \$4.00. Payable to the guild.
- **Show & Tell:**
 - Donna Casy and Lois Pribble brought pieces done by Nancy Benedetti from California.
 - Delores Garbarini brought a border plate with luster & enamel.
 - Cheri Beisang brought a jewelry piece and requested advice.
 - Deb Warwick brought a Pickard style tulip plate she painted.
 - Ardy Bernier, Nancy Bergman and Kathy Svendsen attended the Florida PPAA School, taking classes from Peter Faust, Ivonne Planos and Rosio Borobia. They displayed tiles with luster techniques, base for gold textures, crystal magic and a box with European flowers and fish scales.
 - Nancy Bergman and Susan Peterson displayed several pieces to be taught at the guild school.
- **Announcements:** Web address for art school in N. Carolina in October artschoolatboncharken.com.
Rickie Nishi will be doing a seminar May 13, 14 & 15.
Subject is tulips and the cost is \$125.00.
Lois Pribble and Donna Casey will host a seminar with Nancy Benedetti on May 16, 17 & 18 at a cost of about \$150.00.
Val Naber spoke about the Upper Midwest Regional Porcelain Art Show being held in Dubuque, IA on May 20th through the 22nd. Everyone is Welcome.
Ceramic Expo will be held April 17 & 18.
- **Old Business:** Glass pieces from Wally Myllenbeck were available for purchase from Beaus Art Sales.
Roster updates should be sent to Ardy. The updated roster is on the website. The Teachers spring sale went well.
- **New Business:**
Founder Day luncheon will be a brunch at the Como Park Conservatory and will include an "Animal Experience". It will give those who wish an opportunity to photograph and/or sketch a bird or animal up close. The members voted on which animals they wished to experience. There will also be a Behind the Scenes tour of the orchid varieties at the conservatory for an extra fee. Members need to arrive by 8:45am for brunch. The animal experience follows at 10:30am.

Minnesota State Fair: MPAG is providing \$300 to sponsor the Creative Activities Exhibit; \$50 to the Seniors Building and \$100 to the Fine Arts building. Nancy suggested we form a committee to decide on criteria and judging. We can enter in ceramics, porcelain sculpture, mixed media and painting. Porcelain tiles are acceptable for the Fine Arts juried competition. We need to paint and try for a larger and nicer display for items accepted. We should also consider entering the Iowa and Wisconsin State Fairs.

Nancy Bergman presented the Idea of doing something like "Porcelain on a stick" for the State Fair Display in 2011.

MPAG School will be held Aug 9, 10 & 11 and Aug. 12, 13 & 14 at St. Patrick's Church in Inver Grove Heights. Brochures will be mailed shortly. A drawing will be held for a Peter Faust book.

The nominating committee will remain the same as last year: Ardy Bernier, Kathy Svendsen, Mary Ann Malensek or Julie Green.

There were 26 members in attendance. Meeting was adjourned during lunch at 12:20.

