



MINNESOTA PORCELAIN ARTISTS GUILD \\
NOTES FROM MARCH 25, 2011

- Meeting was called to order by President Nancy Bergman
- Table Count 22 Members in Attendance
- **Demo-Silhouettes** by Diane Chase
- **President's Plate** for 2011 Announced
- **Minutes** from November meeting were read by Nancy Bergman
- **Treasurer's Report** read by Beverly Johnson
- **Sunshine Report:** Cards were sent to Frank Albright for Bud's surgery; Lois Pribble for her husband's illness; Susan Dockery due to fall. Barb Pittelkow passed away earlier this month. Cards are needed for the Sunshine function. If you have cards you can spare, please give them to Barb Perry.
- **Dish Exchange/Drawing:** Diane Chase won the painted piece created by Susan Peterson. Three Iowa WOCP calendars and a set of 3 blank silverware holders were also given away.
- **Paint & Tell:**

Joan Frandle, Nancy Bergman and Susan Peterson brought examples of their work.

Thelma Granquist and Julie Green were both featured in the IPAT magazine.

Thelma also brought a hard cover book featuring photographs of many of her painted pieces as well as those of other porcelain artists.
- **Old Business:**
 - Constitution and By-Lays changes were voted on and passed on 11/19/2010 and appear on the Website and are printed in the March issue of the Ladyslipper.
 - Thanks to everyone who helped with the Midland Hills sale.
- **New Business, Announcements & Events**
 - Ceramic Show April 16 & 17
 - **Trip to the Russian Museum will follow the April 22nd MPAG meeting. Members can provide their own transportation to and from the museum or carpool**
 - **MN** Institute of Art (MIA) will be having their Art In Bloom display April.28-May 1. It was suggested that MPAG should pay for the piece/class that is donated for the MIA fund raiser. This is good advertising for MPAG to get our name in front of people who appreciate porcelain art. Nancy Bergman will be donating a class and Susan Peterson a plate, paid for by the Guild.
 - **Pictures will be taken of MPAG members at the spring luncheon.**
 - Current issue of the Ladyslipper was distributed to persons without access to the website. We are trying to reduce postage costs. Contributors are

needed: Tips, items for sale, teacher's corner, event announcements, member highlights and or gallery submissions. Please get involved. Articles to be printed in the next Ladyslipper need to be submitted to Susan Peterson by the end of May.

- **WOCP** Funday April 16th. \$20.00 includes lunch. There will be many demonstrator's offering the opportunity to learn a wide variety of techniques. There will also be a white china sale.
- **Susan Peterson** will be teaching a seminar 'Pinecones with Border' May 10-13 at the home of Glo Carlson in Aitkin, MN. Please contact Bev Johnson for details
- **Nancy B.** will be doing a demo at the Iowa WOCP show held May 19⁻²¹.
- **Nancy Bergman** will be hosting a seminar taught by Mary Gosden on May 22-23. Possible subject to be the Eiffel Tower. Please contact Nancy for details. Room for a few more students!
- **O**pportunity to showcase your art in the gallery. There may be an opportunity to sell your art on the website. That option is still being discussed.
- **P**resident's Challenge- Mosaic Shoe. This can be either an actual shoe that has been covered with porcelain mosaic pieces (hint, use broken pieces of your failures) or a painting of a mosaic shoe painted on porcelain or an actual porcelain shoe painted or decorated with mosaic. Challenge pieces will be displayed at the June meeting. Information was on a half sheet distributed at the meeting and appears in the Ladyslipper.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **N**ominating Committee-Ardy Bernier, Julie Green, Mary Ann Malensek and Kathy Svendsen. The committee is accepting nominations for new officers. The election will be held at the April meeting with installation in May. Still need someone for the 1st VP position. Please contact the committee members if you are interested in this position.
 - **F**ounders Day Luncheon will be May 27th at the Nicollet Island Inn. **Remember to paint a mug or box for exchange.**
 - **2011 Event Val Naber and Maryanne Putzier are looking for volunteers to help for the event scheduled for October 10, 11 & 12. Remember, the constitution states that members should participate. Everyone is needed. The theme will be "Art Ala Carte". The Peoples Choice subject will be anything to do with food.**
 - **S**tate Fair Susan Dockery has submitted proposal to the Fair for new judging criteria based on subject rather than the object on which it is painted. Nancy B. will communicate decision as soon as available. The prize money donated by MPAG will be the same as in 2010.

Don't Forget, Julie Green is doing a Paint-a-long on icons at the April meeting. Bring your brushes. A liner and small round brushes #3 or #4. Julie will supply acrylic paint and the piece to paint on.