

Constitution of the Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild

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ARTICLE I FOUNDATION

The organization was formed June 17, 1969 in St. Paul, Minnesota and is known as the Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild.

Founder: Rose Wynne
Motto: Keep Porcelain Painting a Lively Art
Flower: Showy Lady Slipper
Colors: Pink and White

ARTICLE II OBJECT AND PURPOSE

Section 1. To advance overglaze painting and its recognition as a medium of fine art.

Section 2. To exchange thought and ideas that will improve porcelain art techniques through friendly understanding between members.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Sections 1. Any student, artist or teacher of porcelain art shall be eligible for membership in the Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild. Prospective members are all owed one visit at a meeting prior to becoming an active member.

- A. All members are expected to attend scheduled meetings.
- B. Out-state prospective members are welcome to join.

C. Section 2. Members

- A. Active members consist of certified teachers, non-certified teachers, students and non teaching artists who attend meetings regularly and who actively participate in Guild activities.
- B. Honorary Life Members are exempt from paying dues and are entitled to all rights and privileges of active members. Honorary Life Member status must be voted by a majority of the Executive board and shall be based on service to the club.

Section 3. Guests

Guests who are connected with porcelain art are welcome to visit meetings.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND ELECTONS

Section 1. Elected Officers. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the April Meeting of an election year. The officers are: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

Section 2. Nominations. The President shall appoint a Nomination Committee of three members, the November preceding the election. The committee shall submit a slate of officers at the following March meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. The elections shall be held at the April meeting.

Section 3. Non-elective Officers. Two experienced members shall be appointed by the President to act as advisors.

Section 4. The elective term shall be for two years beginning June first and ending May thirty-first. The newly elected officers shall assume their official duties on June first. The fiscal year shall run from June first to the following May thirty-first. Note: All fiscal years, education and show should run the same.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of elected officers of the organization. The out-going President automatically becomes a voting member of the Executive Board for the following term of office.

ARTICLE VI EXHIBITS AND SHOWS

Each member is encouraged to display his/her work at least once during a year at monthly meetings. Members are also encouraged to exhibit competitively at the MN State Fair, Guild events and other venues.

ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTON

If at any time, the Minnesota Porcelain Art Guild votes to dissolve or disband the organization, disbursements of any remaining assets shall be decided by the voting majority of the membership.

Section 2. Dues

Membership dues shall be co-mingled with the Guild treasury and members' names shall be included in the general roster.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Any amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed in writing to each member in the Ladyslipper at least one month prior to voting-

Section 2. The Constitution can be amended by a majority vote of members present at the guild meeting.