**Ceramics Committee Meeting #2**

(Minutes from Tuesday 1/21/20 at 7pm)

Members present:

* Jen Netsch
* Dianne Painter
* Jason Hill

**Agenda**: Discuss plans for classes for next several months, along with how to keep classes continuing once Julie’s business opens in the spring. Go over wants, needs and must-haves. Jen to review finances for initial ceramics classes/period.

**Updates**: Since November’s meeting, MS now has the following ceramics supplies: rolling pins (dowels), cement boards for projects, clay (100lbs), clear glaze, a 12-color set of underglazes, self-standing cones for kilns in 4 temps, several hole cutters, scrapers, needle tools, brushes, sponges, water containers, basic cleaning supplies, trash bags, etc. (most donated).

John Rehwinkel made us an anvil cookie cutter on the 3D printer! Plan to test it out and see how well it works, before asking for more. Jen also brought in some pattern rollers and cookie cutters for use during classes.

Also, Dave & Dianne Painter gave us HEAT! Huge improvement!! We also have running water, we just need new washers to have it coming from the faucet. Also installed pipe insullation under the garage door to help insulate the room for the winter. Dave Painter also installed our fire extinguishers and signs.

Discussion:

* Things to request as donations: rolling pins, old hotel keys/credit cards to be used as ribs, styrofoam trays from veggie & meat packages, cookie cutters, patterned rollers & paper towels. *[Find someone to be in charge of seeking out donations.]*
* Priority items for space:
  + running water from faucet & working toilet *[Will check with Dave]*
  + wire rack on wheels that fits through interior door to transfer completed pieces?
  + designated wedging table (cover one with canvas)?
  + Jen to check shop vac for hepa filter & label “ceramics only”
  + seal hole at giant muffler to outside in kiln room (Don will do once we receive ok to proceed)
  + Do we get rid of old glazes, since we aren’t sure of cone number and if they were ruined by freezes? **Agreement to dispose of them.**
  + Jen to get more Hake brushes (1-2”), mop and filing set.
* Wish list items: slab roller (est cost $800); extruders (possibly make), spring scale, keep one kiln for possible future expansion into glass?, shelving on walls in studio (above sink, small desk area and on either side of cabinets), signs once we have more supplies for organization.

**Upcoming Valentine ceramics classes:**

* 1/29, Weds (7-9pm) Valentine Candle Holder
* 2/6, Thurs (7-9pm) Nested Heart Dishes

--Would someone want to be in charge of Marketing for the department, sharing our classes to local FB groups, possibly doing emails to people interested in our ceramics program? *[Possibly Jason]*

--Julie has tentative plans to offer classes for an Easter Basket and flower pot for Mother’s Day. Other ideas? What ideas do we have for additional teachers?

**Meeting discussions**:

* Agreed to dispose of old glazes
* Can we start including kids in our classes, maybe 10+? But will need to limit how many per class, due to size restraints.
* Draft a letter that Dianne will send to artists who have been on the studio tour before to seek more teachers
* Jason mentioned looking into using spaces at library where they allow features of local shops & maybe local businesses?
* Jason offered to teach some classes. Some ideas he will further investigate are “Your favorite Mug”, Kids + Parent topics, planters (maybe owls).

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 25th at 7pm.

**Ceramics Committee Meeting #2**

(Minutes from Tues., 1/21/20 at 7pm)

Members present:

* Jen Netsch
* Julie Borneman
* Jason Hill
* Dianne Painter
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John Rehwinkel made us an anvil cookie cutter on the 3D printer! I plan to test it out and if it works well, possibly ask him to make us a few more!

Jen bought a few pattern rollers and cookies cutters to help build our collection, so that Julie doesn’t have to use her own supplies.

Also, Dave & Dianne Painter gave us HEAT! Huge improvement!! We also have running water, just need last steps to get it coming out of the faucet. We also installed pipe insulation foam under the garage door to help insulate for the winter. Dave Painter also installed our fire extinguishers and signs.

Discussion:

* Things to request as donations: rolling pins, old hotel keys/credit cards to be used as ribs, styrofoam trays from meat packages, cookie cutters, patterned rollers & paper towels *[Would someone want to be in charge of seeking out these and any other ceramics-type items as donations from local people?]*
* Priority items for space:
  + running water from faucet & working toilet
  + wire rack on wheels that fits between interior door to transfer completed pieces
  + designated wedging table (cover one with canvas)
  + Jen to check shop vac for hepa filter & label “ceramics only”
  + seal hole at giant muffler to outside in kiln room (Don was planning to start with spray foam, waiting for confirmation from Dave that is ok – Jen will f/u)
  + Do we get rid of old glazes, since we don’t know the cone # or if they were ruined over previous winters?
  + Jen to get more Hake brushes (1-2”), mop and filing set for dept.
* Wish list items: slab roller (est cost $800); extruders (possibly make), spring scale, keep one kiln for possible future expansion into glass?, shelving on walls in studio (above sink, small desk top & on either side of cabinets), signs once we have more supplies for organization.

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--Would someone want to be in charge of “advertising”? Sharing our classes to local FB groups, etc? (Jen had idea of ceramics email list also.)

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