

Mile High Polymer Clay Guild Fall Newsletter 2010

Peg says ...

I'm having twinges of Acorn Fever. Despite the terrible fire raging in Boulder, I'm looking forward to leaves peeping up in the park a little later this month.

I had an interesting summer. Not what I'd planned for my time off but educational and interesting to say the very least.

I'm looking forward to the coming season. We have what promises to be a wonderful, low-stress special gathering in November. It will be a great opportunity just get together and clay with a minimum fuss and maximum clayage.

And there's our two-day workshop with Janna Roberts Benzon in October. Janna's a particular favorite of mine and a friend, so I'm glad to be having her here for the first time. At the same time, she'll be able to stay with and visit her son who lives in the Denver area.

What new things would you like to learn next? Is there something you'd like to re-visit? I've noticed that Steampunk has been growing in popularity. Would you like to explore that? Please let me know and we'll make it happen.

Many, many thanks to all of you for your patience with me. Most all, thank you to the Board & Clare for carrying on & allowing me to know you were all in good hands.

Peg

Clare says ...

After filling in for Peg this summer, I have a new appreciation for her and our Board. They really put a lot into our guild. I also want to recognize the tireless efforts of Debbra Wozniak and Angela Konikow who make sure the doors are open before we arrive and are the last ones out. I appreciate the excellent demos that were given by Marian Gurnee and Maria Clark. Both ladies are always so willing to give of their talents. Marian showed us how to make polymer clay denim pockets & wonderful mirror canes. Maria demo'd her latest work with Sculpey Ultra Light clay. We also had a demo of our new Cloud Dome by the inventor Cindy Lichfield. With the availability of the Cloud Dome, we have no reason not to take great pictures of our work.

One aspect of the guild I'm going to work on during the next few months is our website. Janice Calm, our intrepid webmistress, and I are talking about what information would be useful to members and the best way for members to submit articles for inclusion on the web. We're hoping to link up to member websites and blogs. Look for more on this in the next newsletter and if you have ideas, please contact me. I hereby pass the gavel back to Peg.

Clare





Exploring the Rainbow with Tina Holdman

The second half of the cool color collection will nicely fill out your color sample collection. They are designed to go with the Mountain Cool Collection of recipes that was published in the last newsletter (Summer 2010). These are fabulous colors to use for a contrast or complementary color pin for those flashy new clothes or maybe just that little something to get you ready for fall.

I know some of you out there are as fond of the blue/green/purple shades as I am. And you know who I'm talking about here! You smacked your lips, so to speak, with the "Watching the Dark Come In" recipes and were secretly hoping for more. You were polite with the pastels and made it through the warm color collections with only a minimum amount of pouting, hoping your patience would be rewarded. So here you are, a double stack of yummy colors to remind you of the mountain streams and lakes without having to get your hair wet.

Premo colors you will need to mix this collection are: Turquoise, White, Purple Green, Zinc Yellow, Cadmium Yellow, Ecru, Violet, Black, Ultramarine and Cobalt Blue.

#1 Medium Light Turquoise

4 parts Premo Turquoise
2 parts Premo White

#4 Deep Clean Green

1 parts Premo Green
1/4 part Premo Black

#2 Light Purple

3 parts Premo White
2 parts Premo Turquoise
1 part Premo Purple

#5 Deep Reddish-Purple

2 parts Premo Purple
1 part Premo Violet
1 part Premo Turquoise
1/2 part Premo White

#3 Light Limey Green

1 part Premo White
1 part Premo Green
1 part Premo Zinc Yellow
1 part Premo Cadmium Yellow
1 part Premo Ecru

#6 Medium True Blue

1 parts Premo Ultramarine
1 part Premo Cobalt Blue
1 part Premo White

Don't forget all past newsletters are archived on our website in the Members' area. Each contains one of Tina's fabulous recipe collection!



Make It and Take It!

Friday & Saturday,
November 5th & 6th
Lockwood Community Fellowship

Plan to participate in our "Holiday Prep-together" as we make gifts for holiday-giving. There'll be demos and opportunities to share ideas. Extended studio time will be just what we need for getting a head start on making special gifts for all occasions.

Friday November 5th

Noon- 9:00 Studio Time

Demos, Videos, Pizza supper (surprise dessert!) Sleep-over optional

Saturday November 6th

8 a.m.- 4:30 Studio Time, demos, brown-bag lunch, show'n'share.

\$10 (includes Friday night supper)

Reserve your space now

Name _____

E-mail: _____ Phone _____

Send \$10 check made payable to MHPCG

to:

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20 W. Ranch Trail Morrison, Colorado

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Ps We'll be sending a list of websites which have ideas & instructions for polymer clay gifts.



The **Studio by Sculpey** line of products is being discontinued. Most of tools and accessories have been rebranded as Sculpey Tools and Accessories, however the clay will no longer be available. This is effective 12/31/10 or while supplies last.

Studio by Sculpey was specially formulated to capture and build upon the best qualities of today's oven-bake clays. Studio by Sculpey is easy to condition

by hand and extremely durable after baking. It is the only oven bake clay that will hold its shape perfectly during modeling and will not break or crack when baking large pieces. It is available in 34 rich, home décor colors and bakes to a luxurious, suede-like finish. Many clayers will miss this product which was especially useful in making home décor items.



New Members

Sue Waldheim

Megan McDonald

Nancy Macudzinski

Leanna Englert

Contact information is listed in the Members' Area of our website: www.mhpcg.org

If you've forgotten the password, contact Sue at Suemuellersmail@aol.com.

You're Invited

Artist's Reception for Jana Roberts-Benzon

Friday, October 15th

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Hampton Inn—1st & Union

Lakewood, Colorado

*Jana will have a display of her jewelry for sale
and will present a short demonstration.*

Refreshments will be served.



Clay Days:
October 23th
November 27th
January 22nd (No meeting in Dec.)
Jana Roberts Benzon Workshop Oct. 16-17
Artist's Reception: October 15th
Make 'n Take Event: November 5th & 6th

Rocky Mountain Weavers Guild
Annual Fiber Arts Sale
October 21-23, 2010
Englewood Civic Center Englewood, Colorado
For more information: www.rmweaversguild.org

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<http://angiewiggins.com/>

Colorful, inspiring mixed-media work by a talented artist.

www.sculpey.com/projects/extruded-bracelets

California artist Syndee Holt presents directions for making a bangle bracelet using an extruder .

<http://www.craftcast.com/liverecordings.html>

These recordings of previously aired podcasts include pdf class notes & feature Robert Dancik, Sheri Haab and other notable artists.

<http://www.creativity-portal.com/howto/artsandcrafts/clay.html> Set aside lots of time for this site. It includes an extensive array of tutorials, information and links for polymer clay, mixed media crafting, journal writing and creativity coaching.

<http://www.cooltools.us/>

Art clay enthusiasts will find all sorts of tools, videos and information on this informative site.

<http://acreativemint.typepad.com/> Looking for color theme ideas? The photos on this site are beautifully inspiring.

<http://www.rangerink.com/videos.htm>

<http://www.timholtz.typepad.com/>

Are you a clayer who also dabbles in paper arts? Are you muddled by all the ever-emerging new products?

These two sites have videos, materials lists, an updated blog along with product catalogues. The videos are especially interesting. Don't you just love Tim Holtz' enthusiasm?

<http://www.eugenascollections.com/> Set aside some time to browse through this site. There is a free video showing how to make the orchids used on some of the pendants. Tutorials are offered for sale.

<http://www.favecrafts.com/Craft-Videos> This is an impressive collection of craft tutorials. Somewhere among the 200+ there are bound to be some polymer clay how-tos!