



**MILE HIGH POLYMER CLAY GUILD  
NEWSLETTER  
WINTER 2014**

*President's Letter*

**Happy New Year Everyone!**

**I hope you are all planning to come to our Holiday Recovery Party on January 25th. We'll have good food, a silent auction, a gift exchange, fun, laughter and then more good food.**

**I'm afraid there's nothing new to report on my worktable. I have some ideas in mind but haven't followed through on any of them. I've recently learned how to download books on my iPad and can't seem to stop reading long enough to do much else. If only I could figure out how to get Helen Briel's wonderful book *Shapes* onto the iPad, I wouldn't have to lug my laptop down to my studio!**

**I know 2013 was a hard year for many of us. I hope that our artistic endeavors bring us pleasure and know that our guild community will continue to support and encourage each other in 2014.**

*Clare*



**It's a party ...  
And you won't want to miss it!**

## **Holiday Recovery Party January 25, 2014**

We're all looking forward to the annual Holiday Recovery Party, an MHPCG tradition, chaired this year by Rosanne Thompson. The day begins with a Silent Auction honchoed by SA expert Angela Konikow. You'll find a variety of gently-used clay-related treasures just too appealing to resist. Some folks bring a desirable piece of their own polymer clay artistry and others bring unwanted books, tools or other clay-crafting items in good condition. Popular items include findings, instructional videos, jars of beads, texture plates, rubber stamps, storage containers, etc.

At noon we'll enjoy a potluck luncheon. The main afternoon event is the *Gala Gift Exchange*, refereed by Debra Woznik. Participants draw numbers to determine the order in which they choose a gift. Their choice is either a wrapped gift or a previously opened one, in which case the person whose gift is taken gets to select another. Due to high spirits and time constraints, we limit 'stealing' a specific gift to three times. Popular gifts have included original polymer clay creations as well as new items related to polymer clay. Imagine getting something made by one of your favorite MHPCCG artists! Please limit purchased gifts to \$15.00.

Throughout the day we'll have special tables on which you can display your polymer work and other things you've made. We have many multi-talented members! You may sell/buy displayed items; each artist acts as their own cashier. Plan to bring things for the gallery! The oohing and ahing is great fun!

Guests are welcome. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend who is interested in polymer clay. *Please remember to wear your name-tag!* We always have guests and new members.

We always need helpers, so plan to pitch in wherever is needed. Set-up begins about 9:30. Clean-up is an everybody-help task. ***Please plan to stick around and do your part!***



## EXPLORING THE RAINBOW WITH TINA HOLDMAN

### Flesh Colors #1

This collection is a set of tans, toffees & taupes for skin colors. When I was putzing around with recipe collection ideas, I realized I had left out a bunch of polymer clay folks who enjoy doing faces, dolls and people. Since I rarely have need to make flesh colors, it didn't occur to me that this kind of collection would be useful, so to make up for the oversight, I made plenty of them. Chances are that if you do make people and faces, you might have some recipes of your own, and hopefully this collection will just expand that set.

These colors would also make good neutrals for other color collections and would be well worthwhile to make and keep samples for future use. The nice thing about making flesh colors is that it really doesn't take too many colors to make a good range. Obviously, you can use Premo Beige, Ecru and Burnt Umber right out of package but it's nice to have a variation. Most of these colors are opaque; feel free to experiment with mixing in translucent for less opacity.

Premo colors you will need for this collection are: White, Ecru, Blush, Raw Sienna, Orange, Burnt Umber and Rhino Gray.

#### Pink Tan

4 parts Premo White  
2 parts Premo Ecru  
1 part Premo Blush  
1 part Premo Raw Sienna

#### Light Tan

6 parts Premo White  
1 part Premo Orange  
1/2 part Premo Raw Sienna

#### Porcelain

6 parts Premo White  
1/2 part Premo Ecru  
1/2 part Premo Raw Sienna

#### Medium Tan

3 parts Premo White  
2 parts Premo Raw Sienna  
2 parts Premo Ecru

#### Café Au Lait

8 parts Premo Ecru  
4 parts Premo Raw Sienna  
1 part Burnt Umber

#### Medium Taupe

4 parts Premo Burnt Umber  
3 parts Premo White  
2 parts Premo Ecru  
1 part Premo Blush  
1 part Premo Rhino Gray



**CONGRATULATIONS, LAURA !**

Laura Schiller's black/white art piece (shown at right) has been accepted into the Niche Awards, to be held January 18th in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Laura plans to be there! She was one of five artists whose work was selected for the polymer clay category.

Read more about this event and honor at:  
<http://www.nicheawards.com/#>



## **THE WOMEN'S CONNECTION**

Several of our members participate in this group, which offers classes as well as a childcare for infants through 6 years & schoolage children on non-school days. Tina Gugeler is scheduled to teach a class in polymer clay Zuni Fetishes; other class topics include Scrapbooking, Cooking Soups & Breads, Watercolor Painting, Quilting and Stamping Fun. Classes meet designated Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a half-hour fellowship/snack break from 10:00 to 10:30. Meetings are held at the Broomfield United Methodist Church, 545 W. 10th Ave. in Broomfield, Colorado. Registration for the next session is January 3rd & classes will be held January 10, 17, 24, 31 & February 7th. For further details, contact Lora Fulton, President. Her e-mail address is: [fultonhaus@comcast.net](mailto:fultonhaus@comcast.net).



## Polymer Clay Costs—on line

*When the north wind blows, I often huddle in my cozy studio not wanting to go outside, even to buy clay! Tina G. did some on-line research for her sister, who lives far from craft stores. She shares the prices with us in case we want to let our fingers do the walking. Thanks, Tina! KS*

### Boston Crafts Works (Bostoncraftsworks.com/)

**Kato Polyclay:** 12.5 oz. brick \$7.50 (Metallic colors are \$8.50). 2 oz. \$2.00; metallics \$2.50.  
**Premo:** 1 lb. bricks—\$11.75; 2 oz. blocks—\$1.75

*(Shipping is based on the actual Priority cost plus a \$3.95 handling charge.)*

### Prairie Craft (Prairiecraft.com/)

**Kato Polyclay:** 2 oz. \$1.79  
**Kato Polyclay:** 12.5 oz. \$7.99 (metallics \$9.99)

*Shipping Special: any order, any size, flat rate \$5.99 (USA)  
Need a discount code? Use Code: 5-off. good for 5% discount on all orders over \$100.*

### Polymer Clay Express (PolymerClayExpress.com)

**Kato Polyclay:** 12.5 oz \$9; 2 oz. \$2  
**Premo:** 1 lb. \$14; 2 oz \$2

### Munro Crafts (Munrocrafts.com)

**Kato Polyclay:** 2 oz \$2.39; metallic \$2.39  
12.5 oz. \$10.19, metallics \$12.89  
**Premo:** 1 lb. \$21.60; 2 oz., \$2.85

*Discounts: orders \$50-100, 25%; over \$100, 40%; over \$200, 50%*

### Polymer Clay Superstore (Polymerclaysuperstore.com)

**Premo:** 1 lb. \$12.99  
**Premo:** 2 oz. \$2.29

*(Note: sometimes Premo is on sale; sign up for coupons.)*

*Shipping rates are based on weight, destination shipping method. For orders up to 5 lbs., Priority Mail will most likely be the cheapest. For orders over 5 lbs., UPS Ground is more economical. You will be able to see the cost comparisons before checking out.*





The Eileen J. Loring Polymer Clay Guild party is on  
Sunday, January 5, 2014 at the  
First Lutheran Church,  
803 Third Avenue, Longmont, Colorado

The potluck lunch/brunch begins at 12:30 p.m. & is followed by a gift exchange & auction. *For more information, contact Bette Lorman: [bblorman@earthlink.net](mailto:bblorman@earthlink.net)*

*And did you know? Mile High Polymer Clay Guild paid members are eligible to join either of the other two Front-Range guilds for half price? (\$15/year) Pikes Peak Polymer Clay Guild meets in Colorado Springs and the EJ Loring Polymer Clay Guild meets in Longmont. Contact [PPPCG.org](http://PPPCG.org) and/or [ejlpcg.org](http://ejlpcg.org) for more information.*



MHPCG Holiday Recovery Party: January 25  
Clay Days: February  
March 22



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