

**MILE HIGH POLYMER CLAY GUILD (MHPCG)
January-March 2021 NEWSLETTER**



LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Well wasn't 2020 a year? It's over already, yet seemed to last five years. I didn't get to spend much time working on clay in 2020 since sewing masks and working with chocolate seemed to be where my year went. In 2021 I'll be making sure to carve out time every month to play. I sure miss creating pieces. Lots of times it's not until I work on something that I realize that my brain, heart and soul really benefit from it.

I know we all miss meeting face to face and I really hope that we will soon be able to meet in person again. We've been so fortunate to at least connect virtually. Stay tuned--we have some exciting things planned for this year.

Much love and hugs Kari

GUILD NEWS:

Due to Covid 19, meetings continue on Zoom the fourth Saturday of the month until our space at the church is again available.

Kudos to TINA: Tina G has been producing our newsletter for many years and has provided us with information and updates. The hours she has spent working for the Guild are incalculable. Be sure to thank Tina for all her hard work and dedication. Tina will remain our librarian as she turns the Newsletter over to Caroline H. Now Tina will have more time to work with clay or other important pass times.

January Zoom Meeting: The winners of the drawing in January were Cumba Siegler & Cheryl Harris. They won \$10 Michaels cards. Get yourself in the drawing by attending the meeting! Our Earring and Magnet exchange are in process-- pictures will be shown in the March meeting.

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- + Group Orders/Goody Bags: Kari

SUGGESTION BOX

I'm going to offer my email as a suggestion box (carolineahale@gmail.com). I hope to interest Guild members in helping find videos and classes, and to get feedback on those you attend – Clayathon and Polymer Clay Symposium would be two examples, as well as anything from other sites. What classes have you taken and what did you think of them? This would help me give a broader picture of what's available since I primarily create jewelry and other artists do 2D or 3D pieces. Also, suggestions for visiting experts for our Zoom meetings would be great.

Since I want to do a Guild Member interview each month and print pictures that represent the member's work, please email me if you are interested (or can think of someone whose work you want to see more of). I would need a phone number as well as the name so I can make my call. It's difficult, even at in-person meetings, to find the time to explore someone's work.

INTERESTING SITES AND VIDEOS:

! Check out the MHPCG Facebook page. Members and others are posting some nice work.

! Check out the IPCA website (theipca.org). They have pictures from their Global Exhibition. Besides being amazing, this exhibition of jewelry and wearable art, containers, and two dimensional works is inspiring. Look and take your next step forward.

! CURIOUS MONDO: April 5-7, 2021 Whimsical figure tutorial FREE
www.curiousmondo.com/whimsical-polymer-figurines-free

! Jessama has a great video on how to simulate the gemstone Ammolite. She has produced a faux stone very similar to the real thing. Check out Jessama Tutorials on Youtube and look for her Faux Ammolite Tutorial.

! Christi Friesen has ONLINE workshops coming up in March and April. Check dates and prices on her website: <https://www.christifriesen.com/workshops>

! Meg Newberg has a Patreon page now. Subscription is \$5.00 per month. Lots of cane tutorials. <https://www.patreon.com/polymerclayworkshop>

! Loretta Lam is doing a series of Design workshops. Be sure to sign up early—I got the last space in her February Creating Focus Class and her classes will have fewer people for now on. (www.Lorettalam.com)

- ! THE BIG THREE: UNITY, MOVEMENT, AND BALANCE (March 13-14) \$200
- ! DESIGN HIERARCHY (April 10-11) \$200
- ! PERSONAL AND INSPIRED COLOR (May 15-16) \$200
- ! WHAT'S YOUR PROCESS? (June 5 or June 13) One Day Class \$100