

**MILE HIGH POLYMER CLAY GUILD (MHPCG)
JANUARY – MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER**



Our president, Kari Christ is on vacation this month.

MHPCG OFFICERS

- ❖ President: Kari
- ❖ VP Membership: Sue
- ❖ Treasurer: Sherilyn
- ❖ Secretary: Bertha
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- ❖ Website: Bertha

BOARD NEWS

Our Zoom meetings have attracted new members from all over the US, as well as from Serbia and Israel ! We look forward to the energy our new members bring to the table. **Welcome !**

* **Kasi**, California * **Theresa**, Florida * **Martina**, Serbia * **Patricia**, Colorado
* **Karen**, California * **Gael**, New Mexico * **Diane**, California * **Roberta**, Minnesota
* **Nancy**, South Carolina * **Laura**, Virginia * **Hope**, Nebraska * **Martina**, Serbia
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MHPCG - MAY 21, 2022 - WORKSHOP

MHPCG is excited to announce that Jana Roberts Benzon will be presenting a workshop entitled “***Creature Feature***” for us, on May 21, 2022. Her techniques will work for jewelry and various other polymer clay designs. Watch for information and reminders; also check the guild web site MHPCG.org

GUILD DEMOS

Bertha presented a demo at our January meeting, inspired by an earlier article in *Jewelry Craft Magazine*, using polymer clay on fabric. Bertha demonstrated how to put cloth and clay together through the pasta machine and make them into various shapes, that can then be baked.



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Our February clay day demo was by one of our new members, **Diane H.** She had prepared a box for the IPCA competition, using a tin as the base; she then explained how to accomplish this. Diane also did a demonstration of how to make a round box, completely out of polymer clay; she says anyone can do it!



In March, new member **Gael** presented a demonstration on the creation of polymer clay bugs. She says she is called the “**Bug Lady**” because she has made so many bugs! Gael also showed us how she controls her Natasha blends, to make more beautiful bug backs; also the way she creates the wings and beading on her fancier creatures.



Members can find these demos on our web site, in the "members only" area, for review.

Be sure to set yourself up with a member password, on MHPCG.org, to watch these, and previous clay guild demos.

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PAST EVENTS WORTH CONSIDERING FOR NEXT YEAR

PC Symposium presented a week of interesting polymer clay projects of all kinds – online and free! Some examples of these demos:



Lamp shade by Pascale Bigot



Hollow Beads by Pavla Cepelikova



Earrings by Beatriz Cominatto

Clayathon was on Zoom again and Loretta Lam gave a presentation all 3 days on design and techniques. Loretta also showed participants how to do the black/white/grey cane used in the picture to the far right. Breakout rooms were available for the registration fee, where participants could meet with others, interested in a particular topic; they could also go between breakout rooms to see what was offered. Participants could also take workshops for additional fees.



Iris tutorial @olga.guseva.art



Brooch

FUTURE CLASSES

Caroline Hale is giving a **polymer clay beginners** class on April 30, at Foothills Art Center in Golden, Colorado. If you have friends interested in polymer clay, let them know. This class provides support for both the artist and the art center. Check it out at their website foothillsartcenter.org.

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Maureen Carlson has a 4 session class in April:

“How To Make Clay Characters (using polymer clay)” 4 sessions April 8-9 and April 22-23, Fridays 2-6pm and Saturdays 10-4 pm (US Central Time) Cost is \$175. Maureen has several free, and also inexpensive, classes on DVD. <https://www.weefolk.com/maureen/teach.htm>

Curious Mondo - "Anne on the Beach" Polymer Clay Sculpture, April 11-13
<https://www.curiousmondo.com/polymer-clay-sculpture-free>

Check out the **CreateAlongCommunity.com**. This is a new venture, which pulls in YouTube, Create Along videos, clay adventures, and has a private group, for \$10 per month. This project is still in the process, but the website is up and running; you will have to check it out, to begin to imagine what it will do for polymer clayers.

Dan Cormier will be teaching multi-session workshops, and/or his online study courses. There is one starting in May (**registration closes April 3**)
<https://www.dancormier.ca/>

FUN THINGS TO DO:

Rocky Mountain Bead Society De-Stash Sale

9:30-Noon Saturday April 2, 2022
Lowry Conference Center, 1061 Akron Way, Denver

Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show

April 8-10, 2022 Crowne Plaza Hotel Denver Airport
15500 E. 49th Avenue, Denver
For Dealer list & other information
<https://www.rmjpgmpromotions.com/>

International Gem and Jewelry (IGJ show)

June 3-5, 2022 Crowne Plaza Denver Airport
15500 E 49th Avenue, Denver