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Happy New Year! This year promises to be just great. We already had our Seconds show and that included a quick TV appearance for me. I only wish I would have known when the camera was going to be on. Let me assure you that the two times I was lucky enough to make a TV appearance on KMAX 31: it was even more crazy behind the scenes than it is for the viewers in TV land.

By the time the TV crew (all two of them) showed up, Laurie Kneppel and I had started making contingency plans. They were about an hour late showing up from the time they promised. We were promised to go live at a time and that time came and went; that's when we started to wonder if they were coming at all. Then after all, they did show up with tires squealing it seemed to be go time. I had the Skookum Studio ready and had even thrown a few clay bodies. Three years ago Mark S Allen came by so, I had an idea that there may not be much planning on their part.

Wendy Aguilar was the reporter that came out to interview me in preparation for our seconds show January 14th. We did talk about the seconds show and I showed her around asking when will we go live on the air? Over the next 20 minutes I started to think we could go live on the air at any time. So she and I moved over to the potter's wheel and I took a very wet pot and put it on the wheel. Moving quickly I fired up my very large torch and heated that wet pot to steaming. That's about the time Wendy told me for the fifth time "stand by to go live." I thought to myself: this is the time. So I quickly grabbed a couple of stamps. I knew there would be no time to throw a pot. She moved close and the camera was on. We talked about pottery while stamping and how rich she could get if she

was a potter. Then it was over as quick as it started. The KMAX 31 van was loaded up and off they went with tires squealing: on to the next live action story.

Laurie and I went in and rewound the television to see what it looked like to all the viewers. Very quickly we noted that although the crew in the television studio did get the song-"Unchained Melody" to play in the background they did not promote our show January 14th. Not to worry though. We are artists and we just roll with the punches. We had that seconds show on the 14th. And a great time was had by all!

I invite you-all to our next general meeting; let's make 2017 great.

Mark Pratton

President: Sacramento Potters Group:
Art by Fire



Next General Meeting:

Weds, Feb. 8, 2017

7:00 PM

Shepard Garden & Arts Center

3330 McKinley Blvd.
Sacramento, CA

From the East take Capitol City Freeway and exit at E St. Turn left onto E St. which becomes McKinley Blvd. on the other side of the freeway. Turn right at 33rd St. SGAC is on the corner across from the tennis courts. From the South, exit Capitol City Freeway toward Reno. Exit at H St. Turn right on H St. Turn left on 33rd St. Turn Right on Park Way. Please be sure to park in the designated parking areas in the lot or park on the street.

Calendar

• **Weds., February 8, 2017**
SPG: AbF General Mtg 7:00 PM
Shepard Garden & Arts Center

• **Weds., April 12, 2017**
SPG: AbF General Mtg 7:00 PM
Location: TBD

• **Weds., June 14, 2017**
SPG: AbF General Mtg 7:00 PM
Location: TBD

• **Weds., August 9, 2017**
SPG: AbF General Mtg 7:00 PM
Location: TBD

• **Weds., October 11, 2017**
SPG: AbF General Mtg 7:00 PM
Location TBD

• **Sat., October 28, 2017**
SPG: AbF Holiday Show and Sale
Shepard Garden & Arts Center

• **Weds., Dec. 13, 2017**
SPG: AbF Holiday Meeting & Potluck Location: TBD

• **Sat, Jan. 13, 2018**
SPG: AbF Seconds Sale
Shepard Garden & Arts Center

• **Weds., Feb. 14, 2018**
SPG: AbF General Meeting
Location: TBD

Deadline for submission of news, articles or classifieds is the 20th of January, March, May, July, September and November. All members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for consideration.

Artist Profiles/Member News - Please send info and photos (jpegs or TIFFs under 5 MB) to: rockyraku@yahoo.com or mail them (with a self-addressed envelope) to: Laurie Kneppel 6 El Morro Ct. Sacto. CA 95831 EDITOR'S NOTE: The next issue will be March/April with a deadline of March 20th for submissions. Keep in mind that we can get your information out in between newsletters via email!

Sacramento Potters Group: Art by Fire (ABF) Board and General Membership Meeting December 14, 2016, Location: Sandy Feder's Spacious House

The meeting started at 6:46 PM with 16 people
OLD BUSINESS

(Board email discussions and/or decisions since the last meeting):

- Laurie Kneppel created and distributed another great newsletter.
- Ruth asked for direction on publicity for the Second Show. The Board agreed to have no demos, keep the show hours 10 AM to 2 PM, spend \$1700 and advertise in the Sac Bee, Sac News and Review. Laurie also recommended SacTown and Inside Publications.
- Kanika mailed application forms and checks from the PO Box to Sharon and Debbie, respectively.

NEW BUSINESS

President's Report:

- Mark gave out-going Secretary, Kanika Marshall a gorgeous cup from his personal collection.
- Sonya Petersen and Mark will assume the Secretary duties in 2017.

Membership and Newsletter Reports (Laurie K):

- There are about 60 paid members for 2016 as of this date.
- The 2017 calendar: Ruth volunteered her home for the April meeting, Mary Lou volunteered for August, and Kanika said she could do the December meeting if no body else with a bigger house could do it. The February, June, and October meetings would be at SGAC.

Treasurer's Report (Debbie Moore-Yip):

- Starting balance = \$5500, Deposits = \$____, Ending balance = _____. Several more checks were hand-delivered to Debbie at the meeting.
- Checks were written for: \$455 to Sharon Rizzato for two years of ongoing Constant Contact fees. Elizabeth Wocasek has agreed to use the free Mail Chimp to notify customers of SPG: AbF shows; SharonB will work with Elizabeth on the timing for the notifications.
- Debbie notified us that SGAC sent a late fee of \$75 because someone stayed past the ending time at the fall show; Mark said we will try to ensure that doesn't happen again. Maybe include in the newsletter information when vendors MUST be packed up and OUT of SGAC so late fees aren't incurred.

Field Trips Report (Ruth):

- None

Publicity Report (Ruth):

- Ruth submitted advertisements to: the Sacramento Bee

and News and Review for a total cost of \$1810. She passed around one of the eye-catching advertisements. SGAC Liaison (Sharon B):

- At the next SGAC meeting, SharonB will seek a 2017 date on the SGAC calendar for the SPG:AbF fall show.
 - The Spring SGAC sale is scheduled for March 18th and 19th. Connie and maybe Sean would like to do the show, but it was decided to ask the capable Laurie to email the membership to see who else might like to represent SPG:AbF at the Spring Show. Sandy proposed allowing two artists to use the SPG:AbF table and split the cost of a second table. Kanika seconded the motion.
 - Sharon described several new changes that will impact SPG-AbF in 2017, specifically that the entire 33rd Street will be closed in June to install a gigantic cistern underneath the baseball park; Sonya worried that it might extend into the fall show, making it difficult for customers.
 - SGAC reports the iphone/iPad projector works now.
- Show Report (Sharon Bellomo):

- Sharon has received ____ applications for the Seconds Show. Kanika gave her many additional hard-copy applications from the PO Box at the meeting.
- Sharon asked if anyone had an outdoor heater for the Seconds Show, to warm outside vendors. Nobody replied yes.

Webmaster Report (Sandy F):

- Sandy updated the website with new information. A member sent her a picture of clay critters which she added.

Other:

- Connie presented Mark with a chemical-oriented question.

The meeting adjourned at: 7:27 PM

CALLS TO ARTISTS, CRAFT FAIRS, WORKSHOPS, etc.

Sacramento, CA. 2017 Union Hall Gallery - Art Shows

On Nov. 21st we had an email from Carol DavyDova from the Union Hall Gallery. They were looking for people who might want to have a group or individual art show in their Victorian gallery. If you are interested please email her at cdavydova@comcast.net

Save the Date! Sept. 10, 2017 The 40th annual Jewish Food Faire will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom in Carmichael. There will be 38 outdoor spaces for arts and crafts vendors. Registration materials will go out via email in early June. If you would like to be on the mailing list contact Wendy Wilson at 916-489-3767 or email drw-wilson@att.net

Roseville, CA. Deadline March 9, 2017 Blue Line Arts Gallery - Off Center: International Ceramic Art Competition

A new competition juried by Robert Brady and Sandy Simon. \$35 to apply with 3 pieces. 1st place - \$1000, 2nd Place - \$750, 3rd Place - \$500. Enter online using EntryThingy at www.callforentry.org Open to all ceramics artists worldwide. Work must have been created after January, 2014.

Kiln For Sale - Duncan EA-1020, \$500. Call Erika Phulps for more information. 916-224-4141.

"The three procedures - wedging, kicking, and centering - each undertaken strictly for its own sake... prepare the potter as much as they prepare the clay."

SPG: AbF Newsletter Editor/Membership Coordinator Needed by end of March.

Due to a return to fulltime work, I am unable to continue at this time to fulfill these two jobs. They are really not that hard and require about 2-3 days every other month. It does help if you have done newsletters before, though. You will probably need to write much of the material. I use the Adobe Creative Suite, but it would be up to the new editor to figure out what software you have and can use. Graphic arts experience helps, but is not necessary. I will help you get started if you'd like and my schedule permits. You also need to be able to maintain a members' mailing list as we send most newsletters digitally these days. We also mail out about 30 hard copies to schools and businesses. Please contact me or any board member regarding this job. Contact info is on page 1. You also get to do one of our shows for no fee.

General Membership Meeting December 14, 2016, Location: Sandy Feder's Spacious House - Laurie Kneppel

Kanika covered the business end of this meeting in the minutes, but I wanted to add that we had a wonderful time eating and visiting and doing our usual fun gift exchange! Sandy has a very spacious house and cooked a large turkey for the potluck. Potters are great cooks, so we had a lot of really good food! Thanks, Sandy for offering up your home to us for the party!



Good Day! Sacramento Adventure at Mark's Studio - Laurie Kneppel

The Thursday before the Seconds Sale we met with Wendy Aguilar and her camera guy at Mark's Skookum Studio. Mark has pretty well covered our adventure in his President's Letter, so I won't go into too much detail here. It took a fair amount of phone tag, etc. to set this up and only after I went home and watched my recording did I discover that they never said Who were, What the show was about, Where the show was or When the show was going to happen. I assumed that Ch. 31 would put up a thingie on screen as we were talking. But in the

end I figured it was just another reason to have a reporter visit a potter so they could play Unchained Melody in the background a la the movie "Ghost". Granted it was a very stormy day and their crews were out in the field reporting on the flooding out in Point Pleasant, so we were upstaged!



SPG: AbF Annual Seconds Sale - Laurie Kneppel

On Saturday, January 14th we had our annual Seconds Sale. I never did hear how many people clicked through the doors, but it seemed like we had a large crowd. The usual ladies were first in line at the door, and we had a long line waiting to get inside to do their bargain hunting! We had a full house and many vendors outside in the courtyard. Luckily it didn't rain that day. It was cold outside, but it seemed that a lot of the customers managed to find their way outside to shop. The four hours went by very quickly.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership in SPG: Art by Fire is from January 1 through December 31. Dues are not pro-rated for a partial year membership. It is open to all clay, metal and hot-glass workers, no commercial slip-cast made ceramics. To be included on the printed roster please send in your membership form and money by March 15th. To become a member and to be listed on the SPG: Art by Fire Web site, please complete, make your \$25.00 check payable to SPG: Art by Fire and mail to: **SPG: Art by Fire, P.O. Box 580395 Elk Grove, CA 95758**

NAME _____

My information has NOT changed since last year (you do not need to fill out the rest of the form)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

(CHANGE OF ADDRESS?) _____ yes

WEB SITE ADDRESS _____ MEDIUM _____

RESALE # (if you are going to do a SPG:Art by Fire show) _____

DO YOU WANT TO BE LISTED ON THE SPG:AbF WEB SITE (IT IS FREE) ___(YES) ___(NO)

If you want a picture added, please send it in jpeg format to Sandy Feder at sandy_feder@hotmail.com

I WOULD PREFER THE NEWSLETTER TO BE DELIVERED BY: _____MAIL, or _____EMAIL, or _____BOTH

About SPG: Art by Fire/Sacramento Potters Group

The SPG was founded in 1976 by a group of like-minded potters and clay artists as a means to get together and share ideas, stories and techniques and just plain socialize with other "clay people".

Membership is open to artists who create their work by fire. We have clay, glass and metal artists as members. The only restriction is that we do not

allow "paint your own pottery" in the group. Sorry! But there are other groups for that! SPG started out as a group of potters but quickly grew to include clay sculptors as well as glass and metal artists. **Shows** - SPG currently sponsors two members' shows per year - the Seconds Sale which is every January on the second Saturday, and the June Show and Sale which takes place on the third Saturday in June. This year we are happy to announce the addition of a third members' show on October 31st.