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The Newsletter of Sacramento Potters Group: Art By Fire

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❖ ❖ ❖ A Message from the President ❖ ❖ ❖

This is the time of year that most of us take the time to reflect on the passing of one more year. Our group has had a great year. We were able to put on three shows and now's the time to give your opinion and ideas to the board of directors. Kanika Marshall has put together a great survey asking the questions we need answered by you (the survey is mentioned later in this newsletter). With your input, we will continue to change and move our group forward to be all it can be: now. It's important for us to change with the times.

This was the first year we had a fall holiday show. The question now is where do we go from here? These decisions will be defined by your responses to the survey. An example of changing with the times is the fact that we changed our group name this year. As you all know we were for well over 30 years the Sacramento Potters Group. For the past four years we were NOCA: Art by Fire. We are now SPG: Art by Fire. It's a blend of the old mixed with the new. I think it's a perfect fit. We are Sacramento Potters Group: Art by Fire. This moves us forward and gives us more to offer a wider range of art forms. It's some of the old that people know us for, and, plenty of the new. This can only help to grow our group. We are a simple grass roots group here for the people that want to share ideas and make our community a better place. So please take the time to respond to the survey and give your opinion. This will allow the board of directors a clear path of what we the people want in their group. You know I will. Let's face it: a rolling stone gathers no moss. I hope to see you at the December 9th meeting/potluck/gift exchange..

Mark Pratton, President: Sacramento Potters Group: Art by Fire



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Next General Meeting:

Weds, December 9, 2015
7:00 PM
Sharon Rizzato's House
1453 Fowler Road
Lincoln, 95648
H 916-253 3958
C 916-759-4336

From Auburn/Grass Valley:
I-80 to 193
Right on Fowler Rd
(go 1.1 miles)
House is on left
From Sacto:
I-80 East (towards Reno)
Exit Left on Sierra College
BLVD (7 miles)
R on 193 (1mile)
Left on Fowler Road
(go 1.1 miles) House is
on left

Calendar

- **Sat., October 31, 2015**
1st Fall Group Sale 10:00 AM
Shepard Garden & Arts Center
- **Weds., December 9, 2015**
SPG General Mtg & Holiday Pot-
luck 7:00 PM Sharon Rizzato's
- **Sat., January 9, 2016**
Annual Seconds Sale 10:00 AM
Shepard Garden & Arts Center
- **Weds., February 10, 2016**
SPG General Mtg 7:00 PM
Location TBD
- **Weds., April 13, 2016**
SPG General Mtg 7:00 PM
Location TBD
- **Weds., June 8, 2016**
SPG General Mtg 7:00 PM
Location TBD
- **Sat., June 18, 2016**
SPG Pot Show 10:00 AM
Shepard Garden & Arts Center
- **Weds., August 10, 2016**
SPG General Mtg 7:00 PM
Location TBD
- **Weds., October 12, 2016**
SPG General Mtg 7:00 PM
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 November/December with a deadline of November 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 October 14, 2015, Location: Shepard Garden and Arts Center, Sacramento, CA

The meeting was brought to order at 7:08 PM with 14 members present.

OLD BUSINESS (email discussions since the last meeting)

- There were numerous emails regarding the 10/31 show: advertising costs, ad layouts, new show signage, postcards, and applications received. Details to be discussed by the involved Board members.

- There were numerous emails regarding the Quyle Kilns throwing demo on November 7th.

- LaurieK emailed an updated Membership Roster and Sept/October Seconds Newsletter.

- Sharon R indicated she is stepping down from the Treasurer position.

- Elizabeth reiterated that the 2015 Holiday Show will be her last as Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS

President's Report:

• Mark read the old business and obtained consensus decisions on the following issues.

Membership and Newsletter Reports (Laurie K):

• There are 63 paid members.

• Laurie K encouraged members to email her articles for upcoming newsletters.

• Treasurer's Report: Sharon Rizzato emailed the following information:

Starting balance = \$6246.32, Deposits = \$1020.00, Ending balance = \$5235.36,

• Checks written for: Sac Bee (\$760), News & Review (\$550), Feather signs (\$599.96), Laurie office sup (\$32.68), Web (\$31.00), Refund Jacqueline (\$90.00)

• Sharon is stepping down from the Treasurer spot. Debra Moore-Yip volunteered to take over the Treasurer position; training and updating bank documents/signatures with Sharon R follow.

Workshop Report (Ruth emailed the following):

• Quyle kiln work shop needs attendees or will be cancelled. Needs 15, has 4. Pam needs to have anyone who is interested register by E-mail or phone by Halloween. \$75.00 per. Checks are preferred.

Camping pads available. Hotels in Murphys booked for "Day of the Dead" festival. Some accommodations still available in Angels Camp. The Board agreed to try to reschedule this interesting "Throwing Big Pots" workshop in the spring.

Misc:

• Laurie K will add a specific show title on future applications to avoid confusion about which show the person is applying for.

• Laurie K suggested developing a timeline of activity due dates for each event. Sandy and Laurie L recommended putting the

dates on an online calendaring system for the entire year so all Board members can be aware of deadlines. A few examples of due dates would be: when to order postcards, when to pass out postcards, when to schedule dates/times with the SGAC, when to set up the shows, when to give Laurie K newsletter articles and when she is to print the newsletters, and so on and so forth.

Publicity Report (Ruth emailed)

• Sac Bee Ad is all set and paid up. (\$760.00) Due to run on Friday, October 23rd and October 30th.

• Sacramento News and Review Ad is paid up (\$550.00). The Board decided that the Option "B" was a winner and asked Meghan (SNR) to add the proper dates. The Board approved the 10/14 SNR Ad mockup. The Ad is due to run on Oct 29th.

• Holiday Show Postcards: Laurie K created and delivered to Elizabeth 500 gorgeous postcards, with some handed out at the meeting. Elizabeth will mail more postcards to the show vendors.

October 31st Holiday Show (Elizabeth):

• Elizabeth showed one of four beautiful new feather signs, to be installed on Oct 31st AM.

• Applications: about ___ applications have been received for the October show.

• It will be very important for Elizabeth to verify whether each person who sent in a check for \$70 wants it to go toward the October show OR the Seconds Show plus membership (e.g., Sharon Bloom, Jacqueline P, Biff Bourne, Dianne Van de Carr, Itzuko)

• Booth layout: Some booths have been assigned.

• Throwing demonstrations: Laurie K to bring a small wheel and some people to give short demos.

• Debra M-Y will design two sandwich boards with logo, day and time of sale, and maybe "ceramic, glass, and metal" on the sign, to set out on October 31st AM, along with lawn signs.

• Elizabeth will obtain someone for the "Counter/Greeter" table (to be paid \$50).

• All vendors should ask how people heard about the show (SNR, Sac Bee, etc.)

December 9th (Christmas/Holiday/Potluck) Meeting:

• The potluck will be held at Sharon R's house (1453 Fowler Rd, Lincoln, CA, 95648)

• Laurie K will request members to contact Sharon R with what food they will bring to the potluck.

• Gift exchange with \$10-\$20 value gift.

January 9th, 2016, Seconds Show:

• Seconds Show Postcards: Laurie K was asked to print 1,000 postcards for the Seconds Show, for partial distribution at the Holiday show.

• Sharon Bellomo has agreed to be the new Show Coordinator (hurray!), starting with the 2016 Seconds Show.

SGAC Liaison (Sharon B):

• Dates at the SGAC are confirmed for the Holiday Show.

• The Board will discuss another 2016 show at the February 2016 meeting, once the SGAC calendar is available.

Webmaster Report (Sandy F):

• The website will be updated with member contact information, new names for the Treasurer and Show Chair, and adding "Seconds Show" onto the online application form.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

First Group Fall Sale - Laurie Kneppel

Well, we did it! We organized and had our first Fall sale at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center on Saturday, October 31st. It was Halloween and a few of our vendors wore appropriate costumes and others got into the Holiday spirit.



I don't know how many customers we had or even how many vendors we ended up having, but it seemed that we had a good turnout of customers and people seemed to be selling things. Connie and Sonya did throwing demos throughout the afternoon and there may have been others. People are interested in how we make things using our wheels, but maybe next time we can expand demos to other types of "making".



We Really Want Your Feedback About Shows for 2016

The Sacramento Potters Group Art by Fire (SPG: ABF) is over 60 strong! Late last year, members voted to add a holiday show during the 2015 fall season to take advantage of holiday sales, and perhaps to eventually take the place of the annual June show. Additionally, a majority of members voted to keep all shows at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center (SGAC), to have shows on Saturday only, and to only have two shows per year.

In 2015, we actually held three shows at the SGAC in January, June, and a trial fall show on October 31st (which was the only fall Saturday available at SGAC). The intention is only to have two shows in 2016. There is no question that the Seconds Show in January WILL continue, but the issue is whether the June OR a fall/holiday show would be the second show of the year. Finally, should there be demonstrations at the shows and, if so, would you be willing to give a demo? Hopefully, the entire membership will provide feedback about these show-related issues.

By December 5, 2015, please take a few minutes to respond to the survey questions and add comments on line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/838QJHL>. We would like to have the results ready for the December 9th Holiday Meeting/Potluck/Gift-Exchange at Sharon Rizzato's home.

Click on the link below to take the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/838QJHL>



Scorched Earth - Works of Clay by Sean Bill

Member Sean Bill is having a show at the R. W. Witt Gallery at CSUS Kadena Hall. November 30 - December 4, 2015. Gallery Hours Monday - Friday Noon - 4:30 PM. Reception Tuesday, December 1, 6 - 8 PM.

CALLS TO ARTISTS

Deadline - Nov. 1 & Jan. 1, 2015 Sacramento, CA
SPG-Art by Fire's Annual Seconds Sale!

Saturday, January 9, 2016 10 AM - 2 PM. Please see the application included in this newsletter for details.

Deadline - January 14, 2016 - St. Joseph, Missouri

The MWSU Clay Guild is sponsoring two national ceramic exhibitions. Each exhibition will be offering awards of \$500-Best of Show, \$200-1st Place, and \$100-2nd Place. The Missouri Western State University Clay Guild is sponsoring a National Ceramic Exhibition titled Twin Cups. The exhibition is open to all artists 18 years and older residing in the U.S. Submitted artworks may be either functional or sculptural representations of a pair of cups, mugs, or drinking vessels, etc. A \$30.00 jury fee entitles each artist to submit a maximum of three entries (each entry consisting of a set of two). Artworks must have been completed within the last two years.

Twin Cups Prospectus: <https://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/clayguild/TwinCups.html>

The Missouri Western State University Clay Guild is sponsoring a National Ceramic Exhibition titled Off the Table! Plates for the Wall. The exhibition is open to all artists 18 years and older residing in the U.S. Artworks must have been completed within the last two years. Works may be either functional or sculptural plate/platter forms designed to hang on the wall. All entries must be complete with a hanging device capable of securely supporting the work on the wall. It is preferred that the hanging device not be visible when the piece is displayed. A \$30.00 jury fee entitles each artist to submit a maximum of three entries.

Off the Table! Prospectus: https://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/clayguild/Off_the_Table_Exhibition.html

MWSU Clay Guild website: <https://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/clayguild/index.html>

Deadline February 13, 2016 Davis, CA

2016 California Clay Competition at The Artery. April 29 - May 27, 2016. ENTRY PROCEDURE AND FEE: Entries will be processed through our website at www.theartery.net/cc.html via the online application system EntryThingy. A \$15 application fee is applied for each piece entered, payable online at the completion of your online application. There is no minimum or maximum limit on the number of entries per artist. Juror: Brian Tanner. Please email any application problems or questions about the application or the show to the CCC administrators at: artery.ccc@att.net.

Deadline February 27, 2016 Roseville, CA

"America's Clayfest IV" Art League of Lincoln and Blue Line Arts present the fourth annual America's Clayfest. Jurors: Sergei Isupov and Leslie Ferrin. Over \$2500 in cash prizes. Submit entries online only at www.americascayfest.org Entry deadline is Feb. 27, 2016. Exhibition opens April 15, 2016. Blue Line Arts, Roseville, CA 95678. For questions phone: 916-783-4117

CCACA 2016 - Davis, CA April 29 - May 1, 2016

For info visit <http://natsoulas.com/ccaca-2016>

The **SECONDS SALE** is held on the **2nd Saturday** of the New Year, **January 9, 2016**, from 10 AM – 2 PM. This will be our 32nd year and the 8th year at the **Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento**. Our customers know the Seconds Sale is the 2nd Saturday in January, but we must use our mailing lists to remind them. Brush the dust from those artistic goofs, less than perfect pieces and pots you are sick of dragging off to shows and start the New Year with an uncluttered studio and some money in your pocket.

THE 2016 SECONDS SALE of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ART by FIRE

- DATE:** January 9, 2014 **HOURS:** 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- SET-UP** Friday 3pm – 6pm and Saturday 7:00am – 9:30am
- LOCATION:** Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA
- COST:** **\$70.00 and it includes 2016 membership dues.** Make check payable to: **SPG: Art by Fire**
- BOOTHS:** At least one 3'x6' table and chair will be provided for each space. Space sizes and shapes vary. You may bring your own display stands and tables but they must fit inside of your allocated space. Sharing of spaces is permitted, just make sure we have all seller's resale numbers on the application. **Returning Members who participated in the 2015 Seconds Sale will have until November 1, 2015 to reserve last year's space.**
- DEADLINES:** *November 1st: A current member who showed in the 2015 "Seconds Show" may choose their booth space from that show.*
January 1st: Current NOCA Art by Fire Members that register between November 2, 2015 and January 1, 2016 will be able to choose remaining booth spaces on a first come, first served basis, to be determined by application postmark date.
- ETC:** Bring a lunch; no food is available. Please park away from the center so customers can park nearby.
EVERYONE NEEDS TO HELP WITH CLEAN UP!
After December 31, 2015 no refunds will be allowed for the show – No memberships will be refunded.
- APPLY:** If you are not a current member a website or photos of your work must accompany this application Fill out the bottom of this page, cut it off and send it with your check to:

**Sacto Potters Group: Art by Fire
Seconds Sale
PO Box 580395
Elk Grove, CA 95758**

Elizabeth Wocasek, Show Coordinator phone: (916) 802-4722 e-mail: elizabethwocasek@yahoo.com

POSTCARDS WILL BRING CUSTOMERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! HOW MANY DO YOU WANT? _____

Reserve Last Year's Space? (yes) (no) Medium _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ Table (Yes) (No)

WEB-SITE ADDRESS _____ Chair (Yes) (No)

RESALE NUMBER REQUIRED _____

I, the undersigned, hereby agree and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless The Shepard Garden and Arts Center, The City of Sacramento, and Northern California Art by Fire, and/or their officers, agents, employees, or volunteers, from any liability for damage or claims of damage of property and/or personal injury, including death, which may arise from or be in any way connected with my participation in the Northern California Art by Fire Group Show.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

SPG: Art by Fire
(formerly Sacramento Potters Group)
P.O. Box 580395
Elk Grove, CA 95758

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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.