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The Newsletter of Sacramento Potters Group: Art By Fire

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## ❖ ❖ ❖ A Message from the President ❖ ❖ ❖

I want to personally invite you to our last general meeting of the year. If you only make one group meeting a year this is the one. We will be meeting at Sandy Feder's home December 14th at 7:00 PM: for great times to reflect, look forward and spend just a little time together. I'm sure there will be a great group of people that all have one thing in common: Art by Fire. This is always the best attendance group meeting of the year. We will talk about the October show we had just last month and our Seconds show first thing January 14th 2017. There's also always a lively conversation about the shows we have each completed during this year, our personal work, and looking forward to next year's projects and shows. This is the meeting that we have a little gift exchange. Bring something you made or didn't make, it's just for fun. Over the years I have received some of my most unique artwork during this gift exchange. The food will be great. This is a potluck event. I love trying all the homemade dishes. So bring that special family dish to share.



I want to take the time to thank each and every member of this group for being a member in 2016. I look forward to having all of you in our group in 2017. Then last, but not least, I want to give a special shout out to the board members of this group. These are the behind the scenes people that allow us to put on two shows a year, have six general meetings and produce six newsletters each and every year. Our group is over 40 years new these days so let's keep it going, see you at the party!

Mark Pratton  
President: Sacramento Potters Group: Art by Fire

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### Holiday Potluck Meeting:

Wednesday,  
December 14, 2016  
7:00 PM

Sandy Feder's House  
8255 Bramhall Way, Fair  
Oaks 95628  
(916) 962-0955 home

My home is off Madison Avenue between Sunrise and Hazel

For complete directions, go to Page 2, under HOLIDAY POTLUCK.

My house is the second on the right with red tree trunk and blue lights in my tree.

## Calendar

• **Weds., Dec. 14, 2016**  
SPG: AbF Gen Mtg/Holiday Potluck  
7:00 PM Sandy Feder's House

• **Sat., January 14, 2017**  
SPG: AbF Annual Seconds Sale  
Shepard Garden & Arts Center

• **Weds., February 8, 2017**  
SPG: AbF General Mtg 7:00 PM  
Location: TBD

• **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

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 EDI-TOR'S NOTE: The next issue will be January/February with a deadline of January 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 12, 2016, Location: Shepard Garden and Arts Center, Sacramento, CA**

Meeting started at 7:15 PM with 7 people (Laurie, Connie, Mark, John, Kanika, Debbie, Sandy)

**OLD BUSINESS** (Board email discussions and/or decisions since the last meeting)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**President's Report:**

- Mark read the minutes from the August meeting.

**Membership and Newsletter Reports (Laurie K):**

- There are about 60 paid 2016 members as of today and a few paid for 2017 with their Seconds Show application.
- Laurie distributed the September/October newsletter. on October 1, 2016.
- What to do about Chris Efstratis' check if he cannot do the October show? Sharon B will offer to Chris that his check be used toward his 2017 membership and Seconds Show application.

**Treasurer's Report (Debbie Moore-Yip):**

- Ending balance = \$4568. Checks written for \$2690 for publicity.
- Cancel Constant Contact? Cancel CC and replace with Mail Chimp. Laurie has several emails to add to the Mail Chimp emailing list from the last SPG:AbF show. Will Elizabeth update the list and send emails?
- Kanika, Connie and Mark paid 2017 membership dues at the meeting.
- Reimbursed Sharon R \$455 for years of Constant Contact charges? Yes, but Sharon R must send the Treasurer an invoice for the costs.
- Debbie will confirm with SGAC whether their recent bill for \$845, dated July 2016, covers all costs through June 2017; then she will pay the bill. It was determined that the SGAC contract still requires three annual meetings at SGAC.

**Publicity Report (Ruth):**

So; here's a synopsis of the advertising prices for the Holiday show. For your printing pleasure :

- Sac Bee.....\$760.00
- Sacramento Magazine.....\$600.00
- Sacramento News and Review, (SN&R).....\$1,100.00
- East Sac newspaper and Land Park Newspaper (courtesy of Valley Community Newspapers) .....\$230.00, total: \$2,690.00
- Sandy will make the Fall Show publicity ad into a .jpg for email and online advertising.

**SGAC Liaison (Sharon B):**

- Did SGAC even confirm what the total cost will be so the Secretary will followup with a letter to SGAC?
- October Show Report (Sharon Bellomo):
- 1,000 Postcards were printed for the October Show.
- About 22 applications have been received as of October 12, 2016.
- Mark and Sonya will do demos at the show.
- Sandwich signs are in Sharon B's garage; she will bring them to the October 29th show.
- Have an advertising questionnaire at the door? No, but the door counter should ask where they heard about the show, tally their response, and request their email address.
- The show door counter should receive \$60.
- Sandy's friend Dannell has agreed to be the door counter.
- Sharon B would like Kanika to handwrite the check \$\$ on the Show

applications and snail mail them to her every week or so. She may revise the application form in the future.

- Sharon B should request show applicants to complete and mail in the "Articles of Attention."
- Debbie wants checks mailed to her periodically; she doesn't need an email pix of checks.
- Laurie would like to continue receiving an email image of completed membership forms from Kanika.
- The show set-up instructions follow:
- Webmaster Report (Sandy F):
- Sandy asked Laurie for an updated 2016 membership list to update the website.
- Mark asked Sandy to choose any .jpg from his website/Facebook for his image for the website.

**Field Trips Report (Ruth):** none planned, but Connie proposed that we attend the Sacramento State University ceramics show at Alpha Ceramics, after our October 29th Fall Show.

**December SPG Potluck:** will be at Sandy's. Sandy was asked to give Laurie directions to her home for inclusion in the newsletter coming out in later November.

The meeting ended at 8:15.



### **SPG:AbF Annual Holiday Potluck & Gift Exchange**



Sandy Feder's House 8255 Bramhall Way, Fair Oaks 95628  
(916) 962-0955 home


My home is off Madison Avenue between Sunrise and Hazel

**From Hwy 50:** Take Sunrise Blvd North and turn right (East onto Madison Ave).

**From Hwy 80:** Take Madison Ave Exit and go East On Madison Ave.

**From Hazel:** Go West on Madison past Kenneth and Past Bella Vista High School. Get in the left turn lane at the next light (Chicago) and turn left (South) onto Chicago.

**From Sunrise:** Go East on Madison past Fair Oaks Blvd and Carl's restaurant. Make a right turn (South) at the next light (Chicago).

**Both:** Go to the stop sign at the corner of Kaula and Chicago. Turn right (West) onto Kaula. Make the next left onto Hinsey and drive up the short hill. Turn right onto Bramhall Way (left is Osgood) and find a place to park. My house is the second on the right with red tree trunk and blue lights in my tree. I plan to cook a 24 pound turkey.  Please bring things to go with it. If you have a folding chair, bring one in your car to see if I need it.

Remember to bring a wrapped gift to exchange.

### **CALLS TO ARTISTS, CRAFT FAIRS, WORKSHOPS, etc.**

**Lodi, CA. Sat. Jan. 21, 2017 - Clay Birdhouse Workshop**

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Join us for a day of fun getting down and dirty making clay bird houses with texture queen Lynn Wood. Lynn will provide pre-rolled clay, tools and patterns. All you need is a sharp pair of scissors, but if you have clay tools you can bring them. The class is open to all skill levels. Members of the Lodi Art Center and San Joaquin Potters Guild receive a discount. Fees: LCAC and SJPG members - \$75, non-members - \$85. Fees payable upon registration which must be received by Jan. 7, 2017. Class size limited to 12 people. Cancellation for full refund by Jan. 7, 2017, after that full refund only if replacement is found for the class. Lodi Art Center reserves the right to cancel the class if registration is less than 8 students. If LCAC cancels the class there will be a full refund. Members of the SJPG have offered to fire bird houses for non Potters. To get the form, go to <http://www.lodiartcenter.org/workshops/> and click on Potter Workshop. Mail form and check to:

Lodi Art Center PO Box 878 Lodi, CA 95241

Or deliver directly to Lodi Art Center at 110 W. Pine, Lodi CA.



**CALLS TO ARTISTS, CRAFT FAIRS, WORKSHOPS,  
CLASSIFIEDS - cont'd**

**Deadline Feb. 12, 2017 - Davis, CA**

**2017 California Clay Competition at The Artery**

An opportunity for California ceramic artists to display their work during the California Conference for Advancement of Ceramic Art (CCACA). The show runs April 28 - May 26, 2017 with opening reception on April 28th, 7 - 9 PM. Entry fees are \$15 per piece of art, no minimum or maximum limit on number of entries. Fees payable online at [www.theartery.net/ccca.html](http://www.theartery.net/ccca.html) and the applications are online only through EntryThingy at <http://www.theartery.net/cccentry.html> If you have used EntryThingy before you probably already have an account, otherwise you set one up and then enter. EntryThingy will have instructions for formatting your work and entering. Do not call The Artery for help with that part. Accepted works can be hand delivered or shipped via USPS, FedEx or UPS. The Artery will retain a 50% commission on sales. The competition is open to all California residents. Works must be for sale and made within the past two years. Jurors are Pat Kozsis and Kay Woolridge. Notification will be done via email by March 1. For more information please visit The Artery website or email [artery.ccc@att.net](mailto:artery.ccc@att.net)

**April 28 - 30, 2017 - Davis, CA**

**California Conference for Advancement of Ceramic Art**

The ultimate ceramic sculpture event in California. Founded by Robert Arneson, the conference has its home base at the John Natsoulas Gallery where they will have their 30 Ceramic Sculptors show along with demonstrations, lectures, and 40+ shows by many California colleges and art schools and The Pence Gallery, Davis Art Center and The Artery. This year's conference features Eva Kwong, Lisa Clague, Bar Schacterman, Kenjiro Kitade, John Balesteri and Dirk Staschke. Registration fees are \$172 general and \$153 student. Register by 4/1 to avoid late registration fee. For information about the CCACA, phone John Natsoulas Gallery at 530-756-3938, or visit: <https://natsoulas.com/ccaca-2017>

**FOR SALE - ProPanels for Craft Shows**

I don't know if these are still available, the email came in on October 12. Jim Klein had 6 ProPanels plus their assorted fasteners, etc. for sale. No price was listed. If you are interested you can contact him directly at [jimklein123@gmail.com](mailto:jimklein123@gmail.com)



**SPG: AbF Second Annual Holiday Show and Sale  
by Laurie Kneppel**

On Saturday, October 29th, we had our second Holiday Sale at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. I don't know the final count of how many vendors we had or how many customers came through the door, but it felt like a pretty good turnout on



both sides. I sold a fair amount of pots and other clay items. About the same as I do at any show that we have (except the Seconds Sale, of course, n o t h i n g compares to that show!) We were lucky with the weather, since it had been rainy before and light show-

ers were a possibility for the day. We were prepared to move our outdoor people to shelter in case it did rain.

SPG: AbF President Mark Pratton brought his traveling throwing show to the festivities and delighted crowds all day with his wheel demos and stories. (story cont'd on page 4)





**SPG:AbF Holiday Sale (cont'd from page 3)**

Mark threw a number of pieces while selling pots from his nearby booth space and he even brought along some fire! Sonya Schumacher also demonstrated wheel techniques that she uses to make her lovely sculptures of sandhill cranes.



Mark Pratton will also be hosting his annual Open House and Kiln Opening on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 10 AM - 4 PM+. Kiln opening at 11 AM. Bring the whole family, there will be food and drink! Everybody is welcome! Rain or shine!

8611 Mackey Rd, Elk Grove, CA

**San Joaquin Potters Guild's 23rd Annual Fine Arts Festival - Laurie Kneppel**

On Friday, Nov. 18th and Saturday, Nov. 19th, the San Joaquin Potters Guild held their 23rd Annual Fine Arts Festival at the Spanos Center in St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Church in Stock-



ton, CA. We had quite a few SPG:AbF members participating in this show! Members included Laurie Kneppel, John Reiger, Margo Scarpulla, JC Strote, Glenda Burns, Sean Bill, Linda Osborne, Kathy White and Itsuko Zenitani. It rained, but since this is an indoor venue, it was just fine and people seemed



to want to have something to do on a rainy day and came by to do some gift-buying. Friday the show ran from 4 PM to 8 PM, with an artists' reception complete with hot cider, hors d'oeuvres and live music.



## SPG Art By Fire Seconds Sale

Shepard Garden and Art Center  
East Sacramento, 3330 McKinley

**January 14, 2017**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Rain or Shine!

Please complete the following information and send to address below:

1. a check made payable to: SPG Art by Fire
2. a printed copy of application (completely filled out)
3. a printed and signed copy of the Articles of Attention for SGAaC  
(both the application and the Articles must be signed)

**\*\*Completed applications must be recieved by November 30th 2016\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Use same # day of show? \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Resale# (tax id#) \_\_\_\_\_

Art Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Price range \_\_\_\_\_

Description of work \_\_\_\_\_

# of post cards \_\_\_\_\_ Table(s): Yes (1) \_\_\_\_\_ or (2) \_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my own \_\_\_\_\_

COST: \$70 and it includes 2017 membership dues Checks payable to: SPG Art by Fire

\*\*\*If you were in previous show and would like us to consider you for the space you had in that show, please indicate the space # and mail your application by the cutoff date.

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to: SPG Art By Fire Application 1/2017**  
**PO Box 580395**  
**Elk Grove CA 95758**

Questions?: Sharon Bellomo [rivercycle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rivercycle@sbcglobal.net) or 916 501 7805

SPG: Art by Fire  
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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](mailto: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.