

## **Annual meeting** Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Present: Maureen Nelson, Deb Cole, Lyn Sawicki, Samantha Smith, Margie Steinkamp, Judith Fleishman, Wenfen Pan, Liz Meyers, Barb Hyman, Ted Rozeboom, Tim Candy, Yuping Tang, Geoff Gamble, Madhu Anderson, Paul Stokstad, Pamela Timmons, Barb Sears, Wendi Tilden, Lisa Castille, Barb Hranilovich, Sara Laitala, Anne Szilagyi, Sunny Wilkinson  
Absent: Liz Jones, Bill Guerin, Brom Stebitz.

Judith Fleishman, outgoing Guild president, welcomed all those present to the 54th Annual Meeting - with a very special welcome to the four new Guild members: Mike Hamm, Maureen Nelson, Yuping Tang and Sunny Wilkinson; and the three new Visiting Potters: Liz Jones, Brom Stebitz, and Lisa Castille.

Judith Fleishman thanked all Guild members and Visiting Potters for consistently stepping forward over the last year, to perform jobs both big and small, that have helped keep the Guild running.

## **New Kiln**

The new car kiln is now partially built and is being constructed by Donovan Palmquist who also built the Guild's first car kiln and outdoor soda kiln more than 20 years ago. Judith remarked that the kiln project has been an ongoing, sustained team effort, involving several Guild committees and individuals. Currently we thank Tim Candy who is heading up the work site and coordinating with Donovan on the project.

The new kiln should be very efficient - the forced air burners will make it easy to control, it will fire faster, use less gas and will be easier to light. A new Oxy probe will give us more kiln atmosphere information leading to more consistent results. The kiln room should be cooler and have less fumes. The car will have a 5" higher floor, so will be easier to load. The car should also be easier to push in and out since lighter, more modern base bricks are being used. This kiln should take about 6 hours to fire after candling. Hopefully there will only be about a half-cone difference between hotter and cooler.

## **Chemicals**

Pamela Timmons reported on new developments with chemical supplies:

- EPK is not being mined any more. We have about 400 pounds of it left in the shed.
- Gerstley Borate is no longer being mined. The best substitute is thought to be Gillespie Borate.
- Spodumene has become much more expensive because it contains lithium which is now being mined for other industrial purposes. The glaze committee will be coordinating future glaze testing, trying out alternate kaolins and other chemicals.

## **Committee Reports**

Committee chairs submitted their reports for the FY 2022-2023. The reports will be posted on the Guild website for all to read at their convenience.

## **New Board Members**

Six members - Geoff Gamble, Mike Hamm, Wenfen Pan, Ted Rozeboom, Wendi Tilden and Pamela Timmons - put their names forward to run for three vacating positions on the Board. We welcome Mike Hamm, Wenfen Pan and Pamela Timmons to the Board and we thank all six members for volunteering to run for these positions. Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

