

“Angst can be overcome by opening a good glaze firing.”



Cinco de Mayo Luncheon

Over 40 members gathered to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and share their lives and pottery ideas. The food was delicious and the conversation was lively! Then Maria Guerrero led us in the game, “El Lotteria,” which is the Spanish equivalent of Bingo. Three members tied for the win. Thanks to the Social committee—Neysa Bennett, Kathy Bacon, Kathy Olin and Denise Schilder—for putting together this wonderful event. Click [here](#) for more pictures.



Transfers and Stencils Class



Elaine Dunham and Sharon Snyder shared their techniques and tips for creating beautiful transfers and stencils on pottery. A variety of stencils and transfers were provided, with lovely results. Check out [Plum Island Transfers](#) for a variety of transfer patterns and styles.

Sgraffito Class



After Magda Braun shared her sgraffito pottery, she demonstrated the sgraffito technique and tools. Then participants worked intently on their tiles. The results were amazing. One person said, “It was much easier than I thought it would be.”

Introducing Ellen Peters



Lana Schempp has been the PFP treasurer for over eight years and is now handing over these responsibilities to Ellen Peters. Ellen and her husband have lived in SCCL for three years, and she has been in the pottery club for two years. She said, “My undergraduate degree is in accounting and I

thought this would be a good fit. I have big shoes to fill and I appreciate Lana’s confidence in me.” In her spare time Ellen teaches water fitness at the YMCA and in SCCL. She and her husband enjoy square dancing, and games, and feel fortunate to have their two children and four grandchildren living nearby. **Thanks, Lana, for your many years of service and for training Ellen!**

Glaze Runners

Do you have a love/hate relationship with glazes? Remember that glazes are chemicals and react differently with each other. Some glazes are stable while other glazes are runners, which can delight or frustrate us. **Red dots will be placed on jars of glaze runners. Be sure to look and read labels.** Check out the [Amaco PC Runniness Matrix](#) which rates Potter’s Choice glazes from stable to super runners and shows the likelihood of a glaze combo running. Glaze runners are beautiful, but remember to keep the glaze combo on the upper one-third to keep it from running off your piece.

Pottery 101

Once again, Lynne Hesney organized a wonderful Pottery 101 class with mentors for each of the participants. Welcome new members, Kacey Vogel and Wendy Kleiman! Thanks to mentors, Martha Abrams, Mary Willingham, Doree Barnes, Elaine Dunham and Joanne Poch, for sharing their expertise and helping mentees become familiar with the studio. It was great to see many mentors and mentees sitting together at the luncheon.

Highlights of April 9 PFP Meeting

- 21 members attended.
- Joanne Ploch suggested that a **Wish List Bulletin Board** be created so members could suggest new tools and equipment to be purchased by the club. This suggestion has been implemented, and the board is located by the drying shelves.
- Wendy Carter reminded us that there are **pottery books and resources** in the studio. They are located above the clay sink, and there is now a sign.
- Kathy Olin announced a **Charity Project**. Members will be asked to create yard art as well as dog and cat themed items to sell at the SCCL Fall Yard Sale. Proceeds will be donated to local charities. It isn’t too early to start creating!

Dates to Remember

- Watch for a group studio cleaning event in May
- May 7, 1-3 pm. Glazing with Tape with Helaine Stone
- May 28-Jun 1: Submit pieces of pottery for the June window display. *More pieces are needed! Consider submitting pieces from the recent classes. Pieces from beginning potters are joyfully accepted.*
- July 9, 11-12 pm--PFP Club Meeting in the Studio

PFP STUDIO IS CLOSED DURING CLASSES.