

AUSTIN POLYCLAY NEWS

March 5th Meeting

Don't Miss It!

- **Mokume Gane technique re-explored.**

Note: This will not be a structured demo, but it will be members sharing their favorite technique.

- **Bring several colors of clay and mica polymer clays, tools to poke impressions into the clay, inks, paints, metallic foils, etc. The guild will provide translucent clay. Plus a new rigid blade, a work surface and wax paper.**

Bienvenue

New Members

Beth Blackerby

Suzanne Pardo

Linda Rainsdom

Nancy Snead

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The guild will grow and prosper in proportion to the interest of all of its members. Our guild, not mine or the board's, but ours ...needs the input of all of the members. Become involved. If you find yourself thinking, "Why doesn't the guild.....do thus and so?" STOP; SAY ALOUD, INSTEAD, "I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO ..."

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Message continued

In the past our guild has kept a bead jar. We have always ruffled the bead jar off at December's Christmas Party. To continue with this tradition we need donations. Not only does the guild need beads for the bead jar, we need donations to keep the monthly raffle going. I am asking each member to contribute a bead and/or donate polymer items such as: covered

tins, pins, tools, or anything that can be useful in the polymer clay medium. Thanks.

Look for coupon in this newsletter and bring it to March's meeting.

**The Austin Polymer Clay Guild has a website:
www.austinpolymerclay.com**

All of the links don't work. Hopefully it won't be long before they do. Please send me

pictures of your work (polymer or other artistic mediums) or bring items you want in the member's gallery section to the monthly meetings to be photo-

graphed. We also need tutorials, tips and/or techniques; etc.

Reminder:

at each meeting we will have a Show/Brag or help time.

So, bring your art work and/ or polymer items you bought to the meeting. Or anything your working on and need help or ideas.



*Pier Volkas Necklace
Owned by Steven Hanes*

February's Meeting Minutes

Austin Polymer Clay Guild

February 5, 2005

The meeting was held at Yarborough Library.

Attendance: Susanne Pardo, Nancy Snead, Beth Blackerby, Kathy Ortiz, Olva Hollowell, Glenn Hollowell, Linda Rainsdon, Leanna Skarnulis, Denise Standifer, Kathleen Donaho-Jaeger, Donna Pace, and Betty Robinson.

In the absence of Karen and Steve, Denise presided over the meeting. Visitors welcomed:

Suzanne Pardo
Nancy Snead
Beth Blackerby
Linda Rainsdon

Denise suggested that everyone wear a name tag at the meetings to assist members in becoming acquainted with each other. Betty suggested that members bring items they have made and have a "show and tell" period at each of the meetings.

Members offered suggestions for future demonstrations: canes, translucent clay, bead making, sculpting, sanding, image transfer, applying clay to other objects, and making one's own tools.

A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Denise for the Guild to have and provide funds for their own web site with Karen as the administrator. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Kathleen and seconded by Denise to change the Guild's membership from \$21 to \$24 and that membership would be based on a calendar year. A new member joining in a month other than January would have their membership prorated.

Kathleen suggested that if a member could not return their check-out videos or books at the next meeting, the member could call her to extend the period for one more month and not be charged a penalty.

A discussion was held to increase the number of videos and books that a member could check out in one given period. It was determined to await action until Karen returned as any changes would effect the By-Laws.

Betty Robinson told of her search for bringing in a demo artist and mentioned two meeting places. Marilyn Huston, doll-maker, is one she discussed.

A discussion was held on ideas for future demos. Suggestions were cane application (especially avoiding air bubbles), covering eggs, translucent, slicing tricks, sanding tips, image transfers (mainly inkjet), 3D roses, and mokume gane techniques.

Mokume Gane was voted to be the technique explored at the next meeting. Everyone who participates should bring small amounts of colorful clay, foils, micas, inks, or whatever colorful things they would like to experiment with, along with impression tools (things to poke with). Translucent clay will be provided by the guild. (Blades and a working surface are needed also.)

Nancy, Beth, Linda, and Suzanne (former member) joined the Guild.

Donna gave a demonstration on "face canes" for the group.

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Betty Robinson
Secretary

MARCH 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 guild meeting
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick Day	18	19
20 Palm Sunday Spring	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter	28	29	30	31		

2 for 1

Monthly Raffle

Austin Polymer Clay Guild

Bring this coupon to March Meeting

Buy one raffle ticket and get two

Expiration Date: 03/05/05

Mokume Gane

Select 2 metallic/pearl colors plus black (pearl colors can come straight from package or custom blended)

- **Roll thin sheets (#3 or #4 on pasta machine)**
- **Stack one atop with black in the middle. Trim.**
- **Roll through pasta machine on #1 setting.**
- **Cut in half and stack, keeping same color sequence.**
- **Impress stack with simple rubber stamp.**
- **Shave off top of impression. Your image will be in variegated colors! Save your shavings and use to decorate something else.**
- **Trim as desired.**
- **Bake/sand and polish.**

Source: Barbara McGuire

Note: Variations on above technique. Instead of rubber stamp you can make impressions into the pearl mica clay with various objects: needle tool, screw, fork, screwdrivers, etc. And add translucent clay to your stack. Then shave off impression and place onto whatever your decorating.

Source: Karen Omodt

If you try this technique, don't' forget to bring your item to next meeting for our Show and Brag segment.

NEED POLYMER CLAY?

Don't forget to email Donna Pace and let her know what colors of Premo you would like.

**Donna's email:
janddpace@earthlink.net**



**JESTER BY
BETTY ROBBINSON**

ATTENTION:

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING AND YOU HAVE LIBRARY BOOKS, VIDEOS, ETC. LET KATHLEEN KNOW, SO YOU WON'T BE CHARGED LATE FEES.

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See you at March's meeting: Karen Omodt
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