

CDA GENERAL MEETING – April 15, 2018

- The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm at Virginia Wesleyan University.
- Barbara Mann, a returning member was introduced to the group.
- The secretary read the meeting minutes from the previous meeting.
- The treasurer's report was read. The current balance is \$6,892.42.
- We currently have 53 paid members.
- Unfinished business includes unfilled board and committee positions. We need a vice president and committee chairs for shows and workshops.
- Workshops were discussed. We have plenty of money in the treasury to hold a workshop given by someone with a national reputation. Anna Freeman's workshop that was held last weekend was wonderful. Pauline is working with Pam Eisenmann from the Lorton Workhouse to find a date for her to present a hands-on workshop using cold finishes in the fall.
- Empty Bowls was a success. The last time that Angela talked with Ginger, the EBD chair, we had made approximately \$19,000, but we do not have the final figures from Chuck Wolfe yet. Ginger was not present to give a full report.
- New Business – the picnic will be held on July 1 at Lesley Hildreth's house. We will do an aluminum foil saggar firing led by Phyllis Cannup. Debbie Lamborn agreed to assist Phyllis with the firing. The saggars will go into a raku trash can type kiln. Each member may bring 2 pieces to fire that are no larger than 6"x8". Pieces should be made from raku or a saggar compatible type clay. Pieces will be decorated at the picnic using ferric chloride and other materials such as seaweed, salt, sugar, horse hair, etc. If desired, pieces may be coated with 1 coat of brushed on terra sigillata and burnished before bisque firing.
Members should bring pots that have been bisque fired to cone 04-06. After decorating, the pots will be wrapped in two layers of aluminum foil and fired. Lesley has offered to let us use her pizza oven to make pizzas. Members will bring toppings for the pizzas and/or side dishes and desserts. Pizza crusts will be provided.
- Angela and Pam talked a little about the NCECA Conference that they attended in Pittsburgh in March.
- The Artist Gallery pottery studio was discussed. Angela has asked Jean Rawls to attend the May meeting and talk about the new pottery space. The Artist's Gallery is trying to raise \$100,000 to renovate the building. The City of Virginia Beach will match the money. As of the beginning of April they had \$55,000 in pledges and donated money from large donors. They will be distributing a brochure to attract smaller donors soon.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.
- Ray Wood did a demonstration about making a chattering tool from a hacksaw blade and how to use it to make decorative marks on pieces on the pottery wheel.