

CDA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – October 29, 2017

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm at VWC Pottery Studio

- New member, Mike Graham, was introduced.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Future meeting minutes will be posted on the CDA Website.
- Treasurer's Report – the current balance is \$6,965.38.
- Rich Gray has created a new tri-fold brochure for our organization. He had about 100 printed. These professionally printed brochures will be used to pass out at CDA shows, demos, etc. He has also e-mailed a copy of the file to all members. They can use this to print out their own brochures as needed. It was suggested that Deadline Printing or Vistaprint in Norfolk might be a good place to have future brochures printed. We also now have a banner.
- Markets – Barbara Bloom reported on the pop-up business incubator space at Selden Arcade. She says that the space is not big enough for more than one piece per potter. It is an L-shaped space and shelves can be moved as you wish, but they are not deep. They would only hold a small mug or bowl, not large pieces of ceramics. The storage space to store items at night was only about 18" deep. It was suggested that this might be a good spot for CDA to do some advertising for the Empty Bowls Dinner by displaying bowls and selling tickets. We could rent the space for a week at some point prior to the event to drum up ticket sales. It was decided that we would work up the cost and see if it make sense to do this.
- Workshops – The next workshop will be the Bas Relief workshop given by Suzanne Bauer on November 18. There are 5 spots left for this workshop. Ten people have already enrolled. Cost is \$25 and it will run from 10-4 at the VWC studio. Attendees will bring 3 thick slabs to carve. On December 2nd Cindy Quesenberry will present another Precious Metal Clay workshop. There are 10 spaces. The cost is \$35 to be sent to Patricia Isenhour and then a \$40 supply fee will be collected at the workshop.
- Website – currently the CDA roster is on the website with only e-mail addresses. Do we want to add addresses and telephone numbers? There were mixed opinions. The roster with addresses and phone numbers is on the CDA Facebook page. This is available to all members and since it is a closed group, member's information is protected from public access. A decision was made to keep the website roster as it is for now with only e-mail addresses, but the topic can be revisited later.
- Empty Bowls – The first bowl roll was held today. About 18 bowls were made. The EBD event is March 23. PayPal is up and working and we are ready to sell tickets. Tickets will be \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. We have good cooperation from Virginia Wesleyan again this year even though our POC is no longer there and a replacement has not been named. Bowl Rolls will be held at the next two meetings. They will start at noon. Virginia Wesleyan fires to cone 10 so if you plan to have the bowls fired there you will need to use cone 10 clay. There is usually some reclaim clay at the studio that can be used if you do not have your own cone 10 clay. Ginger will let us know when bowls have been bisqued and are ready for glazing. Bowl drop off points have not been determined yet. It was suggested that we could check with the Hermitage and see if we could have a shelf at their studio for Norfolk drop-off.
- Artist Gallery Expansion – The Lynnhaven studio will be closing in 3 weeks. Equipment will be stored for eventual use at the Artists Gallery who will be moving to the VIBE district in Virginia

Beach. The gallery and work space will be located in a building on the corner of 17th and Mediterranean. The City is very interested in having them move to this location, but the paperwork has yet to be completed. It will be a much bigger space than they currently have and a space will be cleared for parking.

- Board and Committee Positions – We need more help from members! The Vice President position is up for election and we need to fill committee chair positions for Shows, Exhibitions and Workshops. The only elected position that needs to be filled is for VP. The Vice President is responsible for finding a venue for meetings and for arranging demos to be presented after the meetings. Buzzy Hamberg agreed to be the nominating committee and will poll members to find someone who would be willing to fill the positions. To give members more input for workshops, it was decided that rather than have a workshop chair, anyone in the membership can present a proposal for a workshop to the board for approval. Members cannot contract for a workshop without prior approval of the board. Lynne Bailey would like to get Jason Burnett to do a workshop and will work on a proposal. Lesley is working with Anna Freeman to possibly do a workshop next year. We are going to have Alice Ballard present a workshop in April. Another idea for a workshop is Lee Hazelgrove who is from Richmond and throws large pots. If you have an idea for a workshop to be given by a specific person or would like to see a particular technique, let the board know.
- Christmas Party – Christmas is in two months. We need to start planning now. It was suggested that rather than have a party at someone's house we have one at an art gallery. The Hermitage was suggested as a possible venue. Buzzy and Angela will check with Carrie at the Hermitage this week. Buzzy will also ask members for ideas and possible venues when she works on filling the open board and committee positions.
- Several members have attended classes at various art schools recently. Pauline Grehawick, Amy Lee and Pamela Parker spent a week at the John C. Campbell School in Brasstown, NC. Stephen Jepson was the instructor. Lynne Bailey received a scholarship and spent four days at Pocosin in Columbia, NC studying with Jason Burnett. Angela Tilley received a scholarship to attend Arrowmont in Gatlinburg, TN and she studied with Adam Field and Doug Peltzman. They talked a little about what their days were like at each location and what the courses covered.
- Following the meeting, Maryann Mason collected pieces to be taken to Elizabeth City for the show at the Arts of the Albemarle Gallery. The show opening is Friday, November 3 and the show will run through the end of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.