Georgia Metal Clay Guild

Newsletter ~ April 2018

The meeting was called to order by Pam East at 7pm on April 11. Helen volunteered to take minutes and Derin volunteered to manage the web-site and get our calendar integrated on it.

April Program - Using the Microwave Kiln - Sam Roe

Sam Roe presented an electrifying program using the microwave kilns as she made glass cabochons and silver butterflies right before our eyes! All in a matter of minutes!

An amazing number of materials can be fired in these kilns as well.



See the "Message from Sam Roe" at the end of this Newsletter!







Tips and Tricks

By Carolyn Crutchfield

Some Special Tools -Submitted by Dawn Di Meglio

What a great experience it was to learn from Carol Douglas! When trying to figure out how to recreate a feathered look in my clay- crazy me thought I could shave small pieces and individually place them. I brought a number of tools to class to try to make shavings, including an (unused;) blemish removing tool. Yes, the looped end did do an excellent job of making small metal clay shavings But - they were still too large for my piece. Instead, I wet my piece with metal clay slip/paste and rolled the textured handle over the bird's body to create the feathered texture. I used the pointed end of the tool throughout the day as well.





Chopmall

CHOP MALL 12cm Long Face Care Blackhead Acne Needle Remover Pimple Extractor 2 Pcs

290 reviews

Price: \$2.99 & Free Shipping

In stock.

Amazon page



When researching Amazon to find the listing so other class member could purchase the exact tool, I found a more amazing kit with other tools I am excited to try.....ON CLAY! :)



Chimocee

Chimocee Professional Surgical Blackhead Remover Tools, Blemish and Splinter Acne Pimple Removal Kit, Come Done Extractor Tool for Whitehead, Pimples and Zit Popper Leather Case with Mirror, Pack of 6

*** 286 reviews

Price: \$10.99

vprime | FREE One-Day
Delivered tomorrow for
FREE with qualifying orders
over \$35. Details

In Stock.

Thank you very much, Dawn, for this cool tool information!

Raffle

Sam Roe donated a complete Mini Microwave Kiln kit. **Jackie Comet** donated a basket of glass items for use as well. A big thank you to our donors!

Karen Koerts was the very lucky winner of BOTH!



Projected Program Calendar

May 9 ~ Pam East ~ Care and Feeding of your Kiln

June 6 ~ Dallas Vinson ~ FlexShaft Use and Maintenance

July 11 ~ TBD - Any ideas?

August 15 ~ GMCG Summer Potluck / Studio Organization with McPatti Langston. Venue Pam East's home studio

September (date?) ~ The Business of Jewelry Panel Discussion with Pam East, Joanne Hernandez, Amy Gresen, and Jill Sharp

October 17 ~ TBD

November 14 ~ TBD

December 12 ~ 2nd Annual Holiday Party

Announcements

Open studio hours Spring Quarter will be on Tuesdays from 2pm to 5pm. The first session will be April 10th and will be every week until May 15th.

Members of the GMCG may come to Spruill Center for the Arts to participate. Open Studio is held in room 3 at this point. Attendees have access to all metal clay tools and equipment. Supplies are available for purchase. The fee for Metal Clay Open Studio is \$5 per hour. Proceeds are used to purchase additional tools and supplies for the metal clay program. The fee must be paid in cash as there is no current way to accept checks.

Don't forget – **we can always use volunteers!** Become involved so the same 5-6 people don't determine everything you'd like to do. Please send in your tips or a little blurb (pictures are good too!) about some favorite tool you've found or created. You guys are awesome – you have lots of them – let's share

A Message from Sylvanye "Sam" Roh

I would like to thank all of you for attending my presentation and demonstration on learning to "Fire-to-Sinter Silver Metal Clay" as well as firing glass to form cabs for inclusion into metal clay designs. Due to <u>limited support from the supplier</u>, Designs by Sylvanye Glass Teaching Studio will not be offering the MINI MicroKiln until further notice. All who purchased the MINI have received documentation mentioned above and will continue to receive my full support.

I'm happy to announce, all Guild Members will received a \$10.00 DISCOUNT toward the purchase of a LARGE or GRANDE MicroKiln. Those who purchase prior to this announcement will receive a \$10.00 REFUND.

Thanks to Carolyn Crutchfield, the <u>silver metal clay tutorial plus creating glass cabs for inclusion</u> have been added in addition to the other documentation listed in the presentation with the purchase of the **LARGE MicroKiln** for \$195 minus \$10.00 Guild Discount for a total of \$185.

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