

# Georgia Metal Clay Guild

Newsletter ~ May 2018

The meeting was called to order by Pam East at 7pm on May 9. She pointed out that the Guild is funded entirely on raffle tickets. So far that has kept the membership in the Guild free of fees.

August 15 meeting is at Pam's house in Johns Creek. It is the summer potluck. As of right now, there is no sign up for the potluck, but Pam will talk with Helen about whether we should have one. An announcement will be made when a decision is reached.

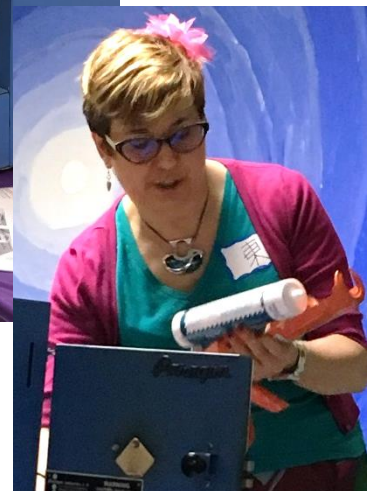
To be sure you are on the mailing list go to [GAmcg.org](http://GAmcg.org). and sign up. There is no fee and you will receive all announcements and information as to meetings and special classes.

## May Program – The Care and Feeding of your Kiln – Pam East

It's hard to imagine a presentation on the kiln that could be more thorough or detailed than the one Pam staged for Guild night. All the various components were covered along with their roles in producing the perfect firing results. Don't put anything on the thermocouple!

Starting with programming that included little tidbits of actions we were not likely aware of; the controller was the center of attention. All kinds of myths and legends were examined as well.

Troubleshooting all the functions and methods of repair to those troublesome cracks in the ceramic muffle were thoroughly covered. Thanks Pam!



## Check This Out with Jackie!

Because Jackie Comet is our shopper without equal, and is always finding neat stuff cheap, we decided to give Jackie a column where she will clue us in on some of this!

I don't know about you but one of my frustrations is putting my blade/scrapper tool down and then searching for it 5 mins later. Or better yet; reaching into my tool box for it and cutting my finger. Try this nifty trick to stop all that nonsense!

You can buy them online or in store.  
Walmart \$2.88 for a three pack.



This is that little adhesive cord holder. It works too. If you want to make sure it is stable, just peel off the backing and stick it to your workspace. Of course, it will hold nicely as it is.

Jackie



## Raffle

Naturescapes Creative Elements sponsored this meeting and donated a complete, multi-shaped cutter set. Value \$160. Our Thanks.

[Etsy.com/shop/NCSreativeElements](https://www.etsy.com/shop/NCSreativeElements)

You also might want to check out their new metal elevated rotating work surfaces. Tops measure about 4" square and they come in three heights.



Pat Lillie won!

**JFF has donated a Flex Shaft as the raffle prize at the June meeting!!**

## Projected Program Calendar

**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

Open studio hours have ended. However, Pat Lillie is teaching summer session and will hold Open Studio from 3:30 until 6:30 on Thursdays before her class, starting on June 28. This will be in Room 3.

Members of the GMCG may come to Spruill Center for the Arts to participate. 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.