



Member Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2022

INFORMATION

- “New Member”(green) and “Ask Me!”(pink) nametags are now available. If you are able and willing to be a resource for those newer to the studio, please wear an “Ask Me!” nametag.
- Please see the Staff to Member whiteboard for updates and announcement from Staff.
- We now have a shiny new gate lock!

OPERATIONS

- Sante Salvoni is our new Operations Manager! He will be working Monday through Friday 9–5pm or 10–6pm depending on the day.
 - Email him at operations@berkeleypottersstudio.org with any operations questions. Sante will be in charge of kiln firing, all floor staff, orientations, etc.
- Studio Clean-Up Day is held quarterly. Members are required to attend two a year.
 - We will now have sign-in sheets for Studio Clean-Up Day.
 - Staff will be assigned to different sections of the studio to guide clean-up. There will be task lists for each section to keep things organized and clear.
 - We will now have music, snacks, and beverages!
- We have finished the Olsen rebuild! We are doing a few more test runs before it is open to member use. We will inform everyone once it is open to reserve.
- Pele will now be for members only.
- Bill Kaplan is our new Glaze Tech!

- Members will soon receive a glaze survey via email. We encourage everyone to respond.
- We cannot have unlabeled containers or ANY food containers at the studio. If we have identified either of these in your cubby we have already reached out via email. Please check your own storage as well.
 - CAS and HMIS labels will be at the studio to add to blank containers. Please ask staff if you have any questions.
 - If we see a food container, we will take it immediately. There is a \$1800 fine PER food container.

COMMUNICATIONS with Cheryl Stevens

- Cheryl Stevens is the Chair of our Communications Committee and our newest Board Member!
- The Communications Committee is creating a newsletter. There will be features such as “Meet the Potter” highlights, Glaze of the Month, Potters’ Tips, and more.
 - Email cheryl@berkeleypottersstudio.org if you have something you would like featured!

SUSTAINABILITY with Les

- Our longtime board member Les Harding is Chair of our Sustainability Committee. Please email sustainability@berkeleypottersstudio.org if you would like to contribute to making the studio more energy efficient.

UPDATES

- We are working on a scholarship fund for the studio! More details on this to come.
- We will be increasing surveys for feedback and continue to look for ways to streamline invoicing.
- We are looking for volunteers for the studio to help clean up etc. in exchange for membership! Please email bobbi@berkeleypottersstudio.org for more information.

- Prices will be increasing in the near future. The cost of operations has gone up and we need to adjust accordingly. We will let you know when this will happen.

EVENTS with Kim

- Next class session will be starting Jun 20th! There will be 17 classes, the same as the prior session.
- June 11th, 12th, and 15th is Stuart Gair's sold out Soda Firing Workshop.
 - June 13th and 14th he will hold two throwing demos from 2–4pm. There are still spots available to attend the demos. You can enroll and pay on our website.
- Coiled Pots Clay Club is on June 12th from 2–5pm and Glaze Club is on June 26th from 2–5pm.
- June 17th is Raku firing and is completely sold out.
- August 6th – 7th Shozo Michikawa will be visiting the studio.
 - Saturday August 6 he will hold 2 demos, 10–12pm and 1–3pm.
 - Sunday he will hold a workshop from 1–4pm.
 - More information to come, email kim@berkeleypottersstudio.org if you would like to sign up!
- The next Parking Lot Sale date has been moved to August 14th.
- Josie and Serene are holding a Soda Firing Workshop on August 13th, 27th, and 28th. August 13th will be a clay making day!
 - More information to come, email kim@berkeleypottersstudio.org if you would like to sign up!

IDEAS AND THOUGHTS

- There was discussion about reducing student access to the studio on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings after 6pm. Currently, students are allowed to use the studio on those days after 6pm if there is a member present. It was decided that we will keep the studio available to students during those hours.

- It was requested that staff check that people are not leaving their work on the carts past the date range listed on the calendar. The calendar system has ultimately been helpful but this refinement would be helpful.
- Bring a Member friend to the Member Meeting! Attendance has been low and we would love more participation.