

<p>Clayfolk General Meeting Minutes Date: 3/29/26 Location: Sandie Allison's Home Called to order by Tim Elliott at 2:30 Adjourned at: 3:38</p>		<p>Board Members Present: Tim Elliott, Ray Foster, Lily Myers Kaplan; Doug Hill; Janice Shenker; Rosie Russell on Zoom</p>	
Agenda	Reports	Discussion/Action	Responsible Party
<p>President</p> <p>Treasury Report</p> <p>Secretary</p>	<p>Call to Order: Run through Reports</p> <p>All is going good. Awaiting input from tax accountant. Prepped for Spring Show.</p> <p>Sending around sign in sheet</p>		<p>Tim Elliott</p> <p>Debbie Thompson & Ray Foster</p> <p>Lily Myers Kaplan</p>
<p>Chair Report</p>	<p>eNews: 37 eNews have been sent since last meeting. Learned how to attach pdfs!</p>		<p>Dana Godley</p>
<p>Chair Report</p>	<p>Newsletter Report: Please send stuff for newsletter. Next newsletter: Theme is <i>Octopot Quarterly</i>: Where is the hidden Octopot from 1970's? If you have an octopus in the closet send a photo! Any squid will do.</p> <p>Always open to suggestions for newsletter topics! Sending approx. 4-5 newsletters per year as time allows.</p> <p>Handmade wood nametags with Clayfolk logo are available for potters. If desired, send email with name. Cost is \$5 & can pay when picked up.</p>	<p>Talk to Kathy re: own logo.</p> <p>Send anything for newsletter!</p> <p>Next one is in early June. Send by last week in May please.</p> <p>To purchase nametag contact Kathy. See contact information in Membership Directory on Clayfolk website</p>	<p>Kathy Forrester</p>
<p>Chair Report</p>	<p>Webmaster Have updated the contact list with all the new members and updated the renewal dates.</p> <p>Updating Clayfolk Gallery as requested and setting up new ones for new members.</p> <p>Removed Spring Show registration. Starting work on Fall Show.</p>	<p>Send photos for gallery.</p> <p>See contact information in Chairs Directory on Clayfolk website</p> <p>Will be out of commission 4/9 for knee surgery; get things to Pat before then or after 4/16.</p>	<p>Pat Richey</p>

	Added more articles to the website under the heading 50 years, sent by Archivist, Lynita.		
Chair Report	<p>Archivist Articles sent to the webmaster. All paperwork from storage scanned/sent to webmaster and posted.</p> <p>Everything is back in storage. Lynita is leaving Clayfolk and looking for new archivist. The role: get articles from all members that are published and scan for website.</p>	<p>Discussion: Is this role still needed?</p> <p>Yes, photos from show and workshops, firings, studios, need to be continually added. IE: Newspaper, Magazine articles, etc is what is needed.</p> <p>Julie Furrer stepped up to handle/fold into publicity committee.</p>	Lynita Zajack
Chair Report	<p>Empty Bowls:</p> <p><u>Cheryl—Talent/Phoenix:</u> Gave history of EB since 2023. Big learning curve. No longer chair of Jackson County EB. Now just focused on Talent/Phoenix.</p> <p>Goals set and reported are ‘not on you as CF members.’ Never intended to add that demand—apology offered. Has received commitments of large number of bowls to be made/donated already.</p> <p>Goal to raise \$1600 (currently at \$1450) from local businesses and raffles at local venues. Funneling funds through Talent Maker City as non profit fiscal sponsor. Two throwdowns are scheduled for any who wish to participate.</p> <p>Gratitude to CF for support in words and actions; reiterate not expectations in place.</p> <p>ANN—Josephine County: Goal of 250 bowls (has 105). More are being made. Firing/glazing happening at Ann’s studio/Doing this herself. Completing 3-yr commitment in 2026.</p>	<p>Talent/Phoenix EB Throwdown for any who want to participate: 4/17 from 12-3. Open Studio after for going back to trim.</p> <p>All are welcome. Contact Cheryl if you want to participate. See contact information in Membership Directory on Clayfolk website</p> <p>Contact Bill for some leftover clay from recent workshop available for making bowls for EB. See contact information in Membership Directory on Clayfolk website</p> <p>Contact Ann if you want clay to make bowls or donate silent auction items. See contact information in</p>	<p>Talent/Phoenix: Cheryl Lashley</p> <p>Josephine County: Ann O’Neil Freauf</p>

	<p>JoCo works through Options-Josephine County's fundraiser.</p> <p>Georgies donates clay.</p> <p>Options is very thankful. Silent Auction great success; welcomes all kinds of pieces. JoCo function is in October, held at fairgrounds. 300 attendees in 2025.</p>	<p>Membership Directory on Clayfolk website</p> <p>Specific request for Cake stands to support cakes donated by bakery to be auctioned together.</p> <p>Secretary read Empty Bowls Statement which includes a return to the spirit of Clayfolk's original relationship with EB—potters donating as desired. Announces a new role of EB Liaison beginning in 2027, in which Liaison collects bowls at end of Spring & Fall Shows. Full statement is now posted on website.</p>	
Chair Report	<p>Membership</p> <p>3/28: 179 members 20 expiring. Will be 159 members if they don't renew. Doing better at retention than previous years. Clayfolk is growing.</p>	<p>New member introductions:</p> <p>Tina: Has been involved in ceramics since college, and worked for 10 years at Bloom/how at RVPS. Excited to finally join Clayfolk.</p> <p>Vicki: Studied at TMC with Summer, Frank, Rosie, Renee. Exploring and learning. Started with hand building and now learning to throw. Volunteers at TMC. Current goal: Make bowls.</p>	Doug Hill
Chair Report	<p>Points</p> <p>Everything is good with points and currently up to date. Conversion to google sheets makes it easier for members' tracking. Updates sheet after each meeting.</p> <p>Reminder: Tab to 2nd page to see full updates.</p>	<p>Troubleshooting: If you are not seeing updated sheet, refresh/empty the cache on your computer.</p> <p>Contact Ashley if you have questions about your points. Pat can help with tech questions.</p> <p>See contact information in Chairs Directory on Clayfolk website</p>	Ashley Ambrosio
Chair Report	<p>Educational Grants: This year we have had a better response than 2025. Four different organizations responded and submitted grant applications (as of today).</p>		Johannes Gaston

	<p>Talent Maker City, Talent Oregon Umpqua Valley Arts, Roseburg Oregon Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, Joseph Oregon; Willamette Art Center, Salem.</p> <p>All submissions meet our qualifying criteria; Recommends funding all 4. Submits recommendations to the Board for final decision.</p>		
Chair Report	<p>Programs:</p> <p><u>March meeting:</u> Pit Fire <u>June meeting:</u> ClayTalk—What’s on your mind? Potters bring questions on anything clay: throwing, glazing, kiln/firing or even booth set up along with current foibles and/or happy accidents to share/brainstorm with fellow potters. Show ‘n Tell your new works is also welcome.</p>		Lily Myers Kaplan
Chair Report	<p>Scholarships Betsy absent. Secretary read report: Awaiting applications; Will contact people I know in the Portland area through email & will email some of the specific ceramic professors to encourage them to encourage their own students to apply. Committee meets after May 15 and makes the award by June 15.</p>		Betsy Moore
Chair Report	<p>Workshops</p> <p>March workshop was amazing. Dennis said it was one of the best workshops ever done. CF gave him a warm welcome. Very special.</p> <p>Prepped to make a new proposal for demo workshop to board for Aug. In discussion for Jan.</p>		Summer Brendlinger & Rosie Russell

<p>Chair Report</p>	<p>Social Media</p> <p>In place of Chair searching for events, a form has been created. On website. Kendra is sending link to the website form to Facebook members group. This is a PRIVATE CF group. Membership Chair, Doug, is inviting new members to the FB group. Invitation only good for 2 days. Take quick action to sign up!</p> <p>Fill out form for just one activity/event at a time. Please do not include imagery for other businesses.</p> <p>Focus on Spring Show now. (other events not high priority during this time).</p>	<p>Announce events by filling out form (or email to Kendra). Include up to 10 photos of work and/or self.</p> <p>Link to form can be found in FB members group. If you need an invite to FB members group contact Kendra or Doug. Invite must be responded to within 2 days.</p> <p>See contact information in Chairs Directory on Clayfolk website.</p>	<p>Kendra Ortner</p>
<p>Chair Reports</p>	<p>Spring Show The spring show is set for Mother's Day weekend May 9th and 10th.</p> <p>Registration closed. 40 booths this year...one shared. Map is being created and starting booth pick soon.</p>	<p>Discussion: Question about sharing a booth with CF member after registration/booth is paid in full:</p> <p>Send name of new person to Pat with photos to Pat or upload photos to link on website.</p> <p>Reminder Pat will be out of commission 4/9-4/16. See contact information in Chairs Directory on Clayfolk website</p> <p>Cheryl will take fliers to post at Edenvale.</p>	<p>Tim Elliott</p>
<p>Chair Reports</p>	<p>Fall Show</p> <p>The 2026 Show Application is being created. It will be available online in May. Will send a notice by enews.</p> <p>Show Participant's fees will remain consistent: Full booth \$75.00, half booth \$50.00, Group Booths \$25.00.</p> <p>Clayfolk Show Guidelines are being updated and uploaded to the website. New guideline: \$5 minimum sales price; this change is consistent with</p>	<p><u>Group Booth Discussion:</u></p> <p>Member stated: Corner area of group booth not easily accessible, and not safe for wheelchairs. Suggestion to remove corners/switch from U-shape to Straight across. Many members agreed.</p> <p>Board requested a proposal sent for consideration and further discussion and troubleshooting. Send proposal to CF president and Show Chair.</p>	<p>Rob Call</p>

	<p>Clayfest/OPA's approach and will help reduce wait times.</p> <p>Currently exploring new ways to shorten wait times for check out, including a line for accessibility and for less than 3 items. Details still to come.</p> <p>The 2026 Show Committees are fully staffed. This could change as life holds surprises!</p>	<p>Contact information on Board/Chair Directory on website.</p> <p>Larger discussion about % taken for group booth given same amount of work required during/after the show. It was explained that the additional 3% covers the costs and time spent to provide shelving, lighting, and storage.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Report on NCECA: <i>National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts</i></p> <p>60th show this year. Summer, Rosie, Julie, Rica there. 7,000 potters at convention. Being surrounded by potters (wearing same boots!) throughout the city was amazing. Ceramics discussion abounded. Pop ups of artists not in conference but with followings were held outside of convention hall each evening. The Detroit Institute of Art: Van Gogh's self portrait plus Diego Rivera mural and spoken word performance was incredible.</p>	<p>2027 NCECA: Baltimore 2028 NCECA: Spokane</p>	<p>Julie Furrer</p>