

Clayfolk General Meeting Minutes Date: 8/26/26 Location: Applegate Grange (sponsored by Allie Parkin) Call to order by Tim Elliott at: 2:30 pm Adjourned at: 3:20 Followed by Program 3:30-4:00		Board Members Present: Tim Elliott, Ray Foster, Lily Myers Kaplan, Doug Hill, Rosie Russell, Debbie Thompson, Janice Shenker President Emeritus Present: Bill Thompson	
Agenda	Report	Discussion	Responsible Party
President	Call to Order		Tim Elliott
Treasury Report	Treasurer's Report: We have the highest savings to date. Not much happening now; no banking processes; All is well.		Debbie Thompson & Ray Foster
Secretary	No report		Lily Myers Kaplan
Chair Report	Empty Bowls — Phoenix/Talent Cheryl: Have 400 bowls. Glazing now. Throwdown at NW Ceramics on November 8. Have raised over \$1,000 to fund clay/glazes for making bowls. Empty Bowls — Josephine County Ann: Unable to attend meeting; Cheryl said she needs Silent Auction Items the most right now. Please get bios to Ann if you have donated; they will be posted to recognize and promote potters. Speakers: Sarah from Options of Southern Oregon and Patrice from the Josephine Food Bank shared gratitude for all the support and generosity from CF members. Have been hosting EBs over last 10 years; it's their favorite fundraiser of many. Held at fairgrounds and CF donors are invited to attend as guests.	Photo taken of members holding signs stating "I stand against hunger."	Talent/Phoenix: Cheryl Lashley Josephine County: Ann O'Neil Freauf
Chair Report	Webmaster: Website operating smoothly. Adding changes for Fall Show. New images added to galleries.		Pat Richey

	Slight issue: All gallery photos are not showing up on cell phones. Working to resolve issue. They do appear on laptops, iPads, and desktops. All else is good.		
Chair Reports	Fall Show Planning update. Details have been shared with committee chairs. Promotions Committee is underway; postcard graphic completed (thank you to Frank Gosar). Postcard image is on website. On Friday the show will open at 10 (due to issues with early arrivals when we opened at 11 last year). Mandatory show meeting will be at 8:30am. Photos for social media are due by 9/15/26. Use form on website. https://www.clayfolk.org/membership-stuff/member-login/clayfolk-social-media/ Photo cube available at Rogue Valley Pottery Supply. Call to reserve. Full Booths: Ten people waitlisted Half Booths: No waitlist Group Booth: ? Price Tags: Rosie will print and bring to Booth Pick meeting. <i>If you need more than 250 tags, contact Rosie to let her know how many by 10/1/26. (Rosie's email found in member directory on website). \$5/250 tags. Will be deducted from final check.</i> If you are unable to attend Booth Pick meeting in person, please arrange with a friend to pickup for you. We are intending to limit amount of tags to be mailed. Other ways to pick up tags: • Portland pick up with Karen Rycheck (contact info in member directory on website) • Tags can be retrieved at Rogue Valley Pottery Supply. • If someone in Eugene wants to become pickup location for potters there, contact Rosie.	Wait for graphics to be sent out via eNews for use on your own IG or FB accounts. Discussion about how to find out whether your photos were received: contact Kendra at clayfolksocialmedia@gmail.com Let Kendra know if you want to use last years' images. Suggested that as an esteemed art organization, up to date/new photos are ideal. Suggestion to require photos to be submitted with application with checkbox if you want to use prior years photos.	Rob Call

Chair Report	Educational Grants: Working with board to refine grant application structure and process. More updates as that is completed.		Johannes Gaston
Chair Report	Membership: Three new members since the July meeting. Current membership: 169 members.	New member introductions: <u>Peggy Paver:</u> Was student of Summer's and now is a 'full-blown addict.' Recent travels through Europe provided many opportunities to visit studios all over. First time at Fall Show this year. Past history in dance; lived in Alaska for 10 years; happy to be back in Rogue Valley. <u>Stephan Roy:</u> Is an 'old potter' but only recently joined CF. Is back at it with macrocrystalline glaze work.	Doug Hill
Chair Report	Workshops: Martha Grover workshop scheduled for January. Very excited to host her: She is coming from East Coast and is a Master in throwing with porcelain and altering her pots. ; Fliers are in progress. Workshop dates: 1/23 & 1/24 in 2027. Held at RVPottery Supply. Registration expected to open in early November. Clayfolk members: \$175 / Non members \$195. Thirteen total participants.		Rosie Russell & Summer Brendlinger
Chair Report	Newsletter: Fall Newsletter planned for early October. Proposed theme: "Better Together" Focus on collaboration and collaborative projects.		Kathy Forrester
Chair Report	Programs: October — Booth Pick. That's a wrap on 2026!		Lily Myers Kaplan

Chair Report	Points : Points system running smoothly. Website language has been updated for consistency. Google Sheets and real-time accumulation are functioning well. Ashley is stepping down, leaving an open position. Ideal candidate will shadow Ashley asap, to be ready to take on 1/1/27. If interested send a Letter of Interest to the board president (find Tim's info in member directory) outlining why you are a good candidate/qualified for the position.		Ashley Ambrosio
Chair Report	Scholarships Big News: Two \$2,000 scholarships awarded this year. The Board approved a larger amount, enabling two great candidates to be awarded. <u>June Sherman</u> — Chapman University, Talent <u>Monica Kyle</u> — Southern Oregon University, Ashland Photos/oversized scholarship checks/details on how they intend to use funds are being prepared for newsletter and social media.		Betsy Moore
Chair Report	Social Media Please get Fall Show photos to Kendra asap!! clayfolksocialmedia@gmail.com Deadline to get photos: 9/15/26 Have had an issue with Google Forms with some photos not coming through. <i>Email Kendra to confirm your photos have been received.</i> Will work to resolve this for next year. Use form to send; very time consuming otherwise! https://www.clayfolk.org/membership-stuff/member-login/clayfolk-social-media/ Photo cube available at Rogue Valley Pottery Supply; you can check it out with Julie.	It was noted that when not using form from website, it causes an extra strain on Kendra to complete her tasks, so please use the form!	Kendra Ortnner
Chair Reports	Spring Show Edenvale is set up for May 8-9, 2027		Tim Elliott

Chair Report	eNews I sent out 16 eNews emails and am still getting spam emails quite frequently.		Dana Godley
Other Business	Next General meeting: 10/25/26 @ Grants Pass Museum		