

ILWOCP State Board of Directors Meeting
Newsletter – April 9, 2011

Greetings Porcelain Artists!

Thankfully, the weather for the board meeting was excellent! There were members of eleven (11) guilds present as well as nine (9) past presidents.

Of the many items discussed, following are a few:

Memorial Table – All members are welcomed to bring a painted piece representative of a member who has passed.

Museum Table – Vice President Sandy Burgoyne will enact the two-tier system and there will be a separate table for each tier. Tier I will accommodate painted pieces by members who have never had their work go to the museum. Tier II will be for painted pieces by members who have previously had their work go to the museum.

Convention Update – The Thursday, October 13 dinner will be hosted by the Plain Field Daisies (Sheila Hanley, Meg Fisher and members). The Friday, October 14 noon lunch/board meeting/annual meeting will be hosted by President Chris Aleshire. The Friday night Banquet will be hosted by Petal by Petal (Beverly Miller and member). Petal by Petal will have a painted piece for everyone in attendance.

Rynne China will be the china vendor for the convention and Jean Fehl, the vendor chairman reports that the contracts are still coming in.

Nancy Dutour is coordinating the Silent Auction event. She would like for each guild to create a theme basket but remember that the bids on the baskets do not always equal the expense. Each guild must decide how much to invest in their basket and not be disappointed in the final bid price.

The COOK BOOK fund raiser project has a deadline of June 1. If your guild has not sent recipes, please help support this effort and participate.

Vice President Sandy Burgoyne will take responsibility for the Hospitality Room and a popcorn machine has been made available so everyone can enjoy free popcorn.

The members who were present agreed to purchase the door prizes; dolls created by Jeanne Davidson-Meyer and Donna Purfield of the Illinois Valley Porcelain Art Guild. Each doll is hand poured porcelain, hand painted and the dresses are handmade. Each one is as different as a snowflake. Each guild will donate \$5.00 for every six (6) members to assist with the expense.

The two members who drove the farthest to the board meeting (Joan Stewart and Sheila Hanley) each received one of the dolls.



Each table at the board meeting had a Tea Bag Dispenser painted by Jean Fehl and Beverly Miller. One member at each table won the gift in a drawing. There will be something on each table at the next board meeting as well.



Sue McClain of Petal by Petal was one of the lucky winners of a Tea Bag Dispenser.
Cathy Snyder of Sangamon Valley won the raffle piece painted by Mary Lou Grimm.

The next State Board Meeting is August 6, 2011 at the Best Western Ashland House in Morton, IL. There will be a great lunch, a gift on each table that one lady will take home, a raffle piece, and ladies from across the state to meet and enjoy a fun afternoon together. Oh...and there will be a meeting! All of your thoughts and ideas are important to the success of our state and our convention.

Note: The Porcelain Art Teachers of Illinois (PATI) will hold their seminar in Bloomington, Il on June 6, 7 and 8. The instructor is Maro de Freitas from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Anyone interested in attending should contact Beverly Miller, at 309/563-9686 or email: bevysart@grics.net.

Thought:

"T'll moider da bum."

- Heavyweight boxer Tony Galento, when asked what he thought of William Shakespeare.

Have a Happy Summer. I look forward to seeing you in August when we will be within two months of our convention.

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