

METROPOLITAN SUGAR ART GUILD  
SUMMER NEWSLETTER June 23, 2009

Greetings Everyone,

Hope all is going well so far this summer. Enough with the heat, already!

If you're going to convention, hopefully you're working on a display or 2 (maybe you're lucky enough to have them done).

Tip for convention...you will be filling out drawing slips, mailing lists, etc. To save all that writing...take your return address labels! Saves time and cramps in your hands.

Recently, I sent out a rough draft of our membership. Please review your information and let me know any corrections. We will have the final draft ready soon.

**Mark your calendar:** Sunday, July 19 1:00 pm Field Trip to Cravings Bakery  
Cost: \$15 **Paid** Reservation Deadline: Monday, July 13  
(Make check to SAG and mail to Barb Bergfeld, 3443 Hawthorne, St. Louis, MO 63104)

Next meeting: MONDAY, Aug. 17 Gathering time: 6:30 pm  
Laclede Gas Home Services Office  
4118 Shrewsbury

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 University City 100 Year Celebration  
Our group has agreed to make half sheet cakes and sugar cookies for kids to decorate. This is an all-day celebration, but we don't have to be there all day!  
We need members to make cakes and cookies. We will have the size heart-shaped cookie cutter at the August meeting. If you cannot attend that meeting and want to make cookies, please let Sharon Vineyard know. More details and information at the Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Hope to see you on our field trip, July 19.

Happy Baking!  
Sandy Hounsom,  
President, SAG

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING:

The April 21, 2009 meeting was held at the Laclede Gas Building and called to order by the Pres. Sandy Hounsom. Sandy introduced the new officers and welcomed 3 visitors. The minutes of the Feb. 17, 2009 meeting were read and approved. Laura White reported a balance of \$1,909.64 and noted that the account was closed and will be turned over to Barb Bergfeld, incoming Treasurer.

Demo Chair: Nancy Robinson was unable to be at the meeting. Demonstrations will be needed for the August meeting and if you like to show something, contact Nancy or Sandy.

Refreshments Coordinator: A sign up sheet was passed around for the next meeting. Thanks to those who brought refreshments for the evening.

Special Events: Sharon noted that she would be selling all her cake supplies as a package. If anyone is interested contact her. Sharon met with Carol Clarkson from Sunshine Ministries and a suggestion was made that we do a program or demo for youth. They have a kitchen and are located near 15th St. and would accommodate us at anytime. Sharon has also had conversations with a representative from the University City 100th Anniversary Committee. They are interested in us participating in their festival on Sept. 12. The celebration will be held outdoors in front of the City Hall. There was discussion about decorating cookies with the children. They are also wanting sheet cakes to serve 150 - 200 people. Cindy suggested having a co-chair person for this event since Sharon will be unable to attend. Jeannie Gearin agreed to be the co-chairperson. There was discussion about using heart cookies to make the lion head and using ready-made eyes or making eyes and teeth prior and just having the kids place them on their cookie. We could possibly use small ziplock bags with frosting for each child to decorate their lion. A list was taken of those willing to donate cookies and cake for this event.

Field trip: Sandy suggested a field trip be taken to Cravings in Webster Grove possibly on a Sun. afternoon. This will be researched further to set up a date.

Old Business: Samantha gave an update of the Sugar and Spiced and Everything Iced Event held at the Botanical Garden with over 30 displays and 10 people volunteering. Sandy explained for the visitors exactly what the Sugar and Spiced Event was about and encouraged others to participate.

Day of Sharing: Will be held Sunday, April 26 at Columbia, Mo. Deb Hennen is our Mo. Representative and there is still time to register with the first demo starting at 9 a.m.

ICES Convention: Will be held at St. Charles, Il. this year. Sandy talked about the wonderful demos, vendors and cake displays and urged all to attend since it is so close this year.

Deb Hennen: mentioned the Wedding cake final for the Forest Park pastry chef program is Wed, May 6. Nine wedding cakes will be on display and this will be open and free to the public at the Forest Park Community College.

Many of our members brought and talked about their favorite tools. There were some wonderful ideas. Pat Jacoby talked about making your own molds. Sandy thanked all who brought ideas and tools to share.

Historian: We should bring information, articles and pictures to Samantha Blankenship who will pass them along to her mother, Carol, who has agreed to be in charge of getting these in a scrapbook for the Sugar Art Guild.

Jennifer Gann: our website coordinator asked that more members would send in pictures of their cakes to put on the website. There was also discussion about starting a facebook group.

Demo: for the evening was given by Jeannie Gearin on quilling using a 50/50 mixture of fondant and gumpaste. Thanks, Jeannie for the great demonstration. Laura White agreed to do a demo at the next meeting on Bamboo.

Next Meeting: will be held on Monday August 17 to accommodate those members who are unable to attend on Tuesdays.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geri Stahre, Secretary

Did you know....? Taken from Real Simple Magazine:

Big moments in Pickle History: Aristotle praised their healing effects in 350 BC.

Julius Caesar fed them to his troops, supposedly believing they lent physical and spiritual strength.

Cleopatra insisted that eating them enhanced her beauty.

Christopher Columbus brought them to the New World on his 15<sup>th</sup>-century voyage.

Remember the little Coppertone Girl, with the dog pulling her shorts down??? She was introduced in 1954.

1919 was the year in which the snow cone made its debut, at the State Fair of Texas. The inventor of the snow cone also patented the snow-cone-making machine.

Jackie Kennedy Onassis would have turned 80 on July 28, 2009. It's also 80 years since Sam Foster sold the first pair of Foster Grant Sunglasses, on the Atlantic City Boardwalk, starting America's first commercial sunglass company.

July is National Blueberry Month!

Did you know that a single bush can produce up to 6,000 berries a year?

Native Americans used the fruit, the leaves, and the roots of the plant to treat coughs, flavor soups, and dye cloth.

More than 500 metric tons of blueberries are shipped to Japan from the USA each year.

Enjoy Your Summer!

