



METROPOLITAN SUGAR ART GUILD

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**MEETING DATES FOR 2008:** Jan 22, April 22, Aug. 12, Oct. 28  
Mark your Calendars and be sure to attend!

**SUGARED AND SPICED AND EVERYTHING ICED:**

We had demonstrations every hour all weekend long in addition to 8 tables of displays. Big THANK YOU's to Samantha Blankenship and Cindy Sciaroni for coordinating the event.

Congratulations to Sheila Savka's daughter who had a baby on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to Grandma too!

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2008 MEETING:**

16 Members were in attendance at Hickey College Vet Tech. offices on Page. The meeting was called to order by President Jeannie Gearin at 7:00 P.M.

We had no new members at this meeting.

**Secretary's report**

Sheila Savka read the minutes from the January meeting, they were approved by Cindy Sciaroni and Colleen Dempsey Dotson.

**Treasurer's report**

Laura White read the treasurer's report. We have a bank balance of \$1043.30. Please send checks for yearly dues to Laura White's shop in Union, Mo.

**Hospitality and Newsletter Editor**

Sandy Hounsom had a sign up sheet for refreshments for our next meeting. She thanked Ron and Laura White for the cheese cakes and kabobs they so kindly brought and Colleen for the gooey butter spice cake she brought and Sheila for bringing soda.

Sandy asked everyone to check the sign up sheet in the back for incorrect information. She will be sending the minutes out along with the newsletter either via email or mail. If you are not a paying member you will not receive a copy. This will cut down on cost of postage.

### **Demos**

Pat asked if anyone was interested in doing a demo for April meeting as she will not be available. If any one has anything they want to demo we could have it put into the newsletter. Pat will demo the airbrush at the meeting August 12<sup>th</sup> at her shop.

### **Special Events**

Samantha Blankenship and Cindy Sciaroni spoke about the success of the gingerbread display at the Botanical Gardens this year and said we will be invited back next year on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2008. A special Thanks went out to Sharon Vineyard for coordinating the event. The next event coming up will be Sugared and Spiced and Everything Iced. All the tables are filled except one. They asked for people to demonstrate and watch tables while others took breaks. Contact Samantha or Cindy after the meeting.

### **Website**

Jen Gann has been putting directions to meetings on the website and now is putting the newsletter on the web. She also has been putting pictures on the website.

### **Announcements**

#### **Jeannie**

Next meeting will be at Watson Trails Park Activity Center in Sunset Hills on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Cindy asked about SAG sponsoring a paying, hands-on class and tying it in with the fall September 28<sup>th</sup> D.O.S. in Missouri.

Pat spoke a little about the Illinois DOS in St. Charles, Ill. by Chicago in 2009. The theme is A Sweet Time in 09.

There were 12 gingerbread displays at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in December. Samantha Blankenship suggested that we have a separate “display” that kids (and adults) could actually touch and/or eat. Laura White suggested having gingerbread cookies for tasting. Debbie Reichert suggested that we raffle off the gingerbread houses; “People’s Choice” with the money going back to the Garden or to a selected charity.

**Pat & Leah did demo’s on gumpaste flowers.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Savka, Secretary

### **FUTURE DATES:**

Our next meeting will be at Watson Trails Activity Center in Sunset Hills, on Tuesday, April 22

MO. ICES Day of Sharing – April 27 in Kansas City

**SUMMER MEETING:** Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> at Pat Jacoby's store in Highland, Ill.

MO. ICES Fall Day of Sharing – Sept. 28, here in St. Louis

Dec. 13 and 14, 2008 – Gingerbread Displays at the MO. Botanical Garden

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO THE APRIL 22 MEETING:**

Possible demonstrators: Leah Jacoby, Jeannie Gearin, Cindy Sciaroni, Colleen-Dempsey Dotson.

Refreshments will be provided by Lynne DeVaughan, Cindy Sciaroni and Sandy Hounsom

### **ASK THE DECORATOR:**

What is **Tylose**? Tylose is an alternative product to use in making gumpaste instead of gum tragacanth. The advantage of the tylose is that the paste is less expensive, easier to make, holds up better in humidity and is whiter in color.

What is **gum glue**? It is used to hold decorations together and to hold decorations onto a cake. Sometimes just a small amount of water will be enough to hold petals of a flower together. Egg white with a little water added can be used as a "glue".

Wilton's recipe:

#### *Ingredients:*

- 1 tablespoon [Meringue Powder](#)
- 1 tablespoon water

Mix Meringue Powder and water together; add more water if mixture is too thick. Brush on decorations.

Deb Hennen says she takes small pieces of either fondant or gum paste and lets them dissolve in a small amount (1/4 cup) of water. It's about the consistency to egg whites.

**TIP:** Use piping gel to attach decorations to your cake. Won't show like using royal or buttercream icing will.

**CRISCO CONTROVERSARY:**

Crisco shortening has recently been re-formulated, removing the trans-fats. Wilton has revised their recipes and they suggest adding more water/milk to get the desired consistency. One of our members, Pat Jacoby prefers the store brand shortening from Wal-Mart. You can check Wilton's website for more information: [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com).

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 22, 2008 7:00 PM**

**PLACE:** Watson Trails Park Activity Center

Phone. 314-842-7265

**DIRECTIONS:** 12450 W. Watson Road

Take I-44 to Lindbergh exit. Take Lindbergh South to West Watson Road. If you're coming from I-44, you'll turn RIGHT onto West Watson. The Community Center sets back of the parking lot, to the left of the swimming pool.





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