



Metro Detroit Polymer Art Guild
Announces the
15th Annual Retreat
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Hello,

The event you have been waiting for will soon be here with no price increase for 2010! Every spring, MDPAG holds a four-day clay fest at the Columbiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan. Here we gather for a long weekend of uninterrupted claying, away from phones, televisions and other daily distractions. There are no alarms, beds to make, children to tend to or hectic schedules. Meals are prepared and served cafeteria style, so no dishes to do either! You'll have time to create your art, catch up with your friends, see the amazing work of fellow artists, and attend exciting demos of a variety of polymer clay related topics and techniques. You'll have an opportunity to create lasting friendships with other artists from near and far. Our **15th Annual Retreat** will have all the things that attendees look forward to.

This year, our **Retreat Guest Artist** is **Barbra McGuire**. Barbara is a rather edgy artist and her favorite thing is an element of surprise and non-conformity. Her work reflects influence from traditional design incorporating innovative materials and collected artifacts. She is nationally acknowledged as an artist whose diverse talents include works in polymer clay, painting and jewelry design. She has written 10 books on design and instruction and has appeared as a regular guest of the popular "Carol Duvall Show" on TV. We feel like she is an old friend. To learn more about her, check out her books and videos in our library and visit her website: barbaramcguire.com.

MDPAG Retreat is a wonderful chance to explore new ideas and gather inspiration. Our entire **polymer clay library** is on hand for you to peruse. We'll also have a TV/VCR set up to view our videos and a space to work right along with the taped techniques.

There are **Demos** by our Guest Artist, as well as our own skilled members. Demos usually run 15–30 minutes and feature new techniques, tools, materials or other polymer-related topics. If you have something you would like to share, consider signing up to do a quick demo.

On Saturday night we'll loosen up for **Dress Up Night** and have some fun. Kim Arden Chandler is in charge of this entertaining evening and will share further details on how to participate in the Retreat confirmation packet.

You're invited to join our **Grab Bag Swap** where participants swap small polymer artwork. It's an opportunity to receive something special made by a fellow Retreater. Our **Silent Auction** is a great place to add to your collection and help raise money for MDPAG. Bring polymer clay artwork you created, tools, books, videos, supplies or other related items to donate to the auction.

There is also time set aside on Saturday for our **Flea Market** where you can sell or shop. And you'll have an opportunity to order clay and supplies from **Munro Crafts**, an awesome craft and bead store in Berkley, MI. We will have catalogs and order forms at Retreat. Everyone gets a discount on their orders!

To register for our fabulous retreat, please return the enclosed registration form with your deposit. We **MUST** have a final count of retreaters by December 1, 2009. Since this falls just before Christmas, we are asking that all registrations and deposits for the retreat be in by December 1, 2009. No refunds will be given after December 15 if you must cancel. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If a problem arises, **PLEASE** contact me and I will try to help you find a replacement. If you find that you need to set a payment schedule up, please call me and I will work with you. We want to make every effort to help you attend! Final payment must be received by February 15.

You will receive a postcard or email confirming your deposit and the balance that you owe. Once you are paid in full, you will receive a confirmation packet, which includes your room accommodations, what to bring, what to expect as well as directions to Columbiere. In order to save postage costs, please indicate on your registration whether you prefer a hard copy or an electronic copy of the confirmation packet.

To see photographs of our past retreat fun, visit our website at: www.mdpag.org/retreat.htm

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me. We are looking forward to seeing you all at retreat this year!

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check here if an electronic (PDF or word) document by e-mail is adequate for retreat confirmation packet.
PAYMENT - 2-3 day Retreaters - send \$100 deposit; **Commuters** - send a deposit for 50 % of the total cost (days and meals). Return registration form and payment (**check or money order made payable to MDPAG**) to Sue at the address above. If you have any questions or concerns regarding handicapped access or medical issues, please contact Sue Screws or Suzanne Binkow. **If you are registering for someone else, please send two checks and indicate their name in the memo line.**

NON MEMBERS: PLEASE ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$24.00

Room Style	3 DAY STAY (Thurs-Sat)	2 Day Stay (Fri & Sat)	Roommate selection for double must fill in, we don't assign roommates.
Single - no bath	_____ \$255.00	_____ \$185.00	
Double - no bath	_____ \$240.00	_____ \$170.00	

Prices are per person. No one night stays available. Meals, bedding & towels are provided for 2 & 3 day stays.

Meals—The usual fare of eggs, cold and hot cereal, fruit and toast are available for breakfast. In addition to the entree, there is a salad bar available at lunch and dinner with a large variety of greens, vegetables and other items as well as several varieties of salad dressing. **If you require a special diet you must let Sue Screws know at least one month before the retreat.** There is a refrigerator available in the Ignatius room and a microwave in the dining room, if you choose to bring special food. **Meals are not transferable.**

Commuters — priced per day, meals are optional and extra. Please read and sign statement below.

Cost	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
Commuter fee \$35.00	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Lunch \$7.00	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Dinner \$9.00	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Total Commuter fees & meals \$ _____

I understand when I register for the MDPAG Retreat as a commuter; I will abide by the following rules: I will leave Columbiere by 11 PM on all days I attend. The gym will be open at 10 AM on Thursday and 9AM on Friday and Saturday so I can come early. My work station must be cleared by 11 PM on Saturday. I acknowledge that if I violate these rules, I will not be allowed to register for future MDPAG retreats and may jeopardize my MDPAG membership.

Signed _____ date _____

Please keep a copy of this form for your records and as a reminder of how much you paid.