

By Jeannie Havel



Sheesh!, as my dear friend, Sam, would say. I am totally and without question in over my head right now. I had a nice email note from Pam Pierce, President of the San Diego Polymer Clay Guild, asking me how things are going with the ezine...if I'm overwhelmed or having fun...well, Pam, it's definitely, both! As *pcPolyzine* continues to grow, each issue takes a little bit longer to produce. When I acquired the ezine shortly before publishing the January 2004 issue, our members mailing list had 867 names. In February, I purged the list of 184 bounced addresses (the ones that come back as *undeliverable*). Today, we have 1224 members.

Since January, the amount of letters we receive each month is skyrocketing. Believe me, I'm not complaining. I enjoy hearing from each and every one of you. But here's the rub -- I am not exactly what anyone would call an extremely organized person. My office is frequently referred to as a dumpster or the Bermuda Triangle -- and that's from the people who love me. My point is that one little thing can knock me off balance these days.

As many of you know, my health is a constant challenge. If it were not for the loyalty and dedication of the *pcPolyzine* Editorial Advisory Board, I don't believe I could get this ezine out the cyber door at all. So right here in public, I want to thank **Deb Hayes**, **Trina Williams**, and **Marty Woosley** for keeping my head above water when I'm sure I'm sinking. My heartfelt thanks also goes to my dear family who put up with me when deadlines and tempers are short. And finally, to you, the readers, who have stuck with us through thick and thin. You are a source of constant inspiration for me. You are kind, understanding, and always encouraging, and I truly appreciate each one of you.



Marty Woosley



Deb Hayes



Trina Williams

Now, while I have any energy left, I suppose I better catch you up on what's happening in the wigwam (*pcPolyzine* World Headquarters, in case you didn't know).



Pörrö Sahlberg will be in the Raleigh, North Carolina any day now and is still planning to offer workshops. Here is a link to the details: <http://porro.claymountain.com/index.html>.

I haven't check on how many people have signed up for the Carol Duvall cruise, but with word of her retirement circulating, I'm guessing the seats will fill up fast. The dates are February 27 to March 6, 2005 and Carol's guests are Priscilla Hauser, Donna Kato, Lisa Pavelka, Karen Thomas, Mary O'Neil, Cheryl Green, and Tim Holz. Check with Linda or Shirley at Drolett Travel in Grand Ledge, Michigan for information and reservations.

Plans are still in the works for ClayQuest 2005. This East Coast event will be held in Georgia and is scheduled for November 2005. For more information, contact Lauren Van Hemert at: stampin_nc@yahoo.com, or Paula and Carole at Old Town Crafts: bubbles@oldtowncrafts.com.

We've had an enormous response to our new subscription newsletter. *It's All About the Clay*. The first issue came out June 15th and you can read what you missed in the article in this issue of *pcPolyzine*. Here is the link:

<http://www.pcpolyzine.com/2004july/newsletter.html>.

Remember, the newsletter is published every month on or about the 15th. That way, if you subscribe, you'll have *pcPolyzine* at the beginning of the month, and the newsletter in the middle of the month. *pcPolyzine* will continue to be F-R-E-E and the newsletter costs just \$12 for the year. You can pay online by e-check or credit card through your PayPal account. Click the PayPal logo below to go straight to the subscription page.



Hopefully I'll be feeling better before the August issue. I hope you take good care of yourselves -- be sure to get plenty to drink so you stay adequately hydrated on these hot, July days. Stay out of the heat whenever you can (what a good excuse for claying in the A/C), and write to me if you get a chance.

Your polyclay pal,
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