

Greenwich House Pottery
Advisory Committee Meeting
November 19, 2025

Agenda

Emails to the committee will come from Caitlin
Calendar invitation still originates in the ghp calendar
[Shared Committee Folder](#) including agendas

Kiln + Heat Update

[Email](#) sent to community on Thursday November 13

- Friday DOB inspection
- Classes in slipcasting cancelled on Thursday due to cold
- DOB Reinspection: Required before we can fire QQ

Community Update

[Email](#) sent on Friday evening and Tuesday [evening](#).

Will update before meeting

ConEd requiring paperwork submitted to DoB. Plumber uploading into portal Wednesday morning
Message from Magic Mechanical (plumber) at 9:48 this morning: "Con Ed is requiring a blue card from the Department of Buildings to turn the gas back on. After the inspection on Friday the Inspector made comments in the DOB portal. These comments have to be addressed for a blue card. The comments are in regards to the application not the approved plans" Team is working on this.

Deck Project Update : DB

Registration

Fall: as of November 4 Final numbers to be pulled on December 16 at conclusion of semester

- Total Enrollment: 85% capacity
- Jones Street: 88% full
- Chelsea: 80% full
- Combined: 101% of budgeted goal for the semester

Winter Registration snapshot as of November 19 at 11am

- Registration opened November 17
- Jones Street 66% full before second session
- Chelsea 57% full before second session
- Total enrollment full term thus far, 56% capacity and 41% of budgeted goal. (fall 61% capacity the day after registration)
- Larger budget goal this term due to fewer holidays and no delayed start date
- Total Jones+ Chelsea seats 850 in the winter term. 843 in the fall.
- Handmade happy hours gaining steam. Slated for Saturday evenings at Chelsea in the Winter term. Family workshops at Jones every Sunday. 7 Valentines Days themed classes planned due to popularity last semester. Planning Chelsea open house in late February

Financial Aid update **Will update after meeting. Funds still being redeemed**

News & Updates

Membership Launch at 27 Barrow:

- November 1 for handbuilding-only start; waiting on pottery wheels

Make-up classes follow up: Meeting with a Chelsea student who is a software engineer and data analyst to explore options for make-up classes with our current software. Will likely do a very small beta test at Chelsea- with one class level to determine feasibility next term.

Studio equipment follow up: We have added 60 new bats and a variety of ware boards to the classrooms at Jones. Our liaisons have also taken an inventory of stools that are candidates for repair or replacement. Those to be replaced will be replaced with stools with backs (this has been a regular request). Winter break allows our staff to deep clean, assess, and restock.

Upcoming Events

- Made in Clay: December 13
- Fall Term Ends: December 12
- Town Hall December 18

Open Discussion / Q&A

From Jerry : in addition to a few other items covered on this agenda elsewhere, Jerry raises a question about Facilities response times regarding heat and studio temperature regulation

From Jane:

- Suggested creating a resource page for specialty firing opportunities (wood, raku, etc.) on the GHP website's "Current Students" section, regularly updated with info and transportation options for interested students and faculty. *Love this- and would love some help sourcing some of that information.
- Requested reinstating Alumina Wax and the old Black Copper Wash in classrooms. *I shared with Ryan and Dustin for internal discussion.
- It is my understanding that the new gas kilns when operational will be firing much cleaner than our former kilns. This is generally good, of course, but maybe not so desirable for the shino fans. A suggestion was made that maybe we could offer specialty firings using QQ for those who would aim for more carbon trapping. I know we haven't really seen full operational results yet but I think this might be a nice offering to consider a couple of times per semester if there is an interest.

From Barbara:

- Suggestion about faculty bio pages and improving their location on our webstie.
- Suggestion to reach out to our Mindwell neighbors at Chelsea. *Evidently a great deal ha been done, though I will also reach out myself.
- Storage of personal belongings on class shelves in Chelsea. It's a problem.

From Liz

Princeton Museum <https://artmuseum.princeton.edu/> is open after being closed for 5 years for a major and fantastic renovation, and I was wondering if GH might want to organize a trip there- they have an extensive ceramics collection including Toshiko Takaezu who was Princeton faculty. The museum is right on the campus and there are indoor and outdoor exhibits. * shared this with Caroline who teaches our Out on the Town class. We are planning an Out OF Town series as well.

From Nixon:

- Proposing a tour of The Watermill Center in the Hamptons for the "Out of Town" series. They have an amazing collection of ceramics, sculpture, and artifacts, ranging from ancient to contemporary, that would be incredibly inspiring and informative for attendees.
- Overhead lighting
- More shelving
- Additionally stools, bats, ware boards, canvases

From Larry

- Inquired about CPR training for staff and option for community to register for classes. Followed up with HR. We do not currently offer these classes. Would like to explore further

From Sandi

- Dangerous stools
- bats