



# CIRCLE CRAFT

CIRCLE CRAFT COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



## September News & Updates

### IN THE STORE



#### 2023 August Results

STELLAR MONTH... AGAIN! 🌟

An increase of 39% over the target and 45% over last year!

August Sales: \$153,287 (+39% over target)

Target: \$110,000

To compare: (+45 % over last year)

August 2022: \$105,759

2023 Year to Date  
January to August 2023  
Sales: \$797,418 (+22% over target)  
Target: \$653,000

To compare: (+32% over last year)  
January to August 2022: \$602,413

Thank you Team and Members!

### Consignor Portal: Sales and Inventory

Reminder: When looking at your inventory online, selecting "Show the latest 600 items" is essential to ensure you are seeing everything.

The screenshot shows the 'myITEMS' 'SELLING ITEMS' page. At the top, there are tabs for 'SELLING', 'ACTIVITY', and 'PAID SOLD'. Below these is a search bar with 'SEARCH' and 'RESET' buttons. A dropdown menu is open, showing options to 'SHOW THE LATEST' followed by 50, 10, 20, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, and 600 items. The '600' option is highlighted. Below the dropdown, a table of items is visible, including columns for Category, Size, Quantity, Price, Exp Date, and Status.

CATEGORY	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE	EXP DATE	STATUS
Ceramics		1	45.00	2024-02-05	SELLING
Ceramics		10	40.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		4	40.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		9	46.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		4	46.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		8	38.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		4	38.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		8	34.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		4	34.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		8	32.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		3	32.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Ceramics		7	26.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
Plastic		4	14.00	2024-01-29	SELLING

This screenshot is similar to the one above, but the 'SHOW THE LATEST 600 ITEMS' option in the dropdown menu is circled in red. The table below shows a different set of items, including 'Rect. plate 11-22-22 0370326', 'Round Mug - Blue', 'Round Mug - Green', 'Square Mug - Blue', 'Square Mug - Green', 'Figure Cup - Blue', 'Figure Cup - Green', 'Slender Mug - Blue', 'Slender Mug - Green', 'Small Mug - Blue', 'Small Mug - Green', 'Cap - Blue', and 'Plastic'.

SKU	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE	EXP DATE	STATUS
105555228	Rect. plate 11-22-22 0370326	Ceramics		1	45.00	2024-02-05	SELLING
105592317	Round Mug - Blue	Ceramics		10	40.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105517366	Round Mug - Green	Ceramics		4	40.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105529455	Square Mug - Blue	Ceramics		9	46.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105558193	Square Mug - Green	Ceramics		4	46.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105576485	Figure Cup - Blue	Ceramics		8	38.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105597587	Figure Cup - Green	Ceramics		4	38.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105518084	Slender Mug - Blue	Ceramics		8	34.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105536669	Slender Mug - Green	Ceramics		4	34.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105551662	Small Mug - Blue	Ceramics		8	32.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105567563	Small Mug - Green	Ceramics		3	32.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105502491	Cap - Blue	Ceramics		7	26.00	2024-01-29	SELLING
105502492	Cap - Green	Ceramics		4	14.00	2024-01-29	SELLING



### POP UP Spring/Summer - Recap

Sales: \$ \$24,054.24

Pieces sold: 227

Member payout amount: \$17,401.94

### Fall/Winter POP UP Schedule - coming soon

We have a few more planned for this year in October and November, please reach out to Louise [admin@circlecraft.net](mailto:admin@circlecraft.net) if you would like to participate in these very successful events. There is no guarantee the date will be available however, the sooner you connect with us, the better chance you have to get a spot!

**REACH OUT TO LOUISE ASAP AND REQUEST WHAT WEEKEND YOU WOULD LIKE IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER!**



### Member Spotlight: Nicole Green

#### Were you 'crafty' as a kid? If so, tell us more!

As a kid, I would ride my bike to Beacon Hill Park and find a spot near the pond to collect moss, sticks and pebbles to create mini 'bio art.' I would use a cardboard box and take one partition off, lay the moss on the bottom, use sticks to create a small fence. I would use the pebbles to create paths and ponds. A small plastic horse placed inside the fence and then a sun and mountains at the back cardboard partition. I would use the display for show and tell for class.

#### What's been the most interesting piece of work or your biggest accomplishment in your career to date?

I'm working on large waterproof flower bud and bee hive paper light sculptures hanging from a maple trees. They will be photographed and submitted for an installation at vandusen gardens.

#### What's your cuppa of choice when working in the studio?

London fog





**Who are a few artists/makers that you admire and inspire you?**

Environmentally artist goldsworthy and my teacher Stephen white

**What's been one of the hardest challenges that's come with running your own business?**

Producing enough pieces in a short amount of time.

**Is there a top tip you could give to our 'crafters of the future' on how to start, run and grow a business?**

Watch self doubt as it arises and ignore negative mind chatter.



**Do you have any pets, if so, what kind and what are their names?**

2 dogs, daisy and Cooper

**What is your favourite holiday destination? and why?**

Mexico. The people are welcoming and genuine. Every day seems to be family day. The people are relaxed and don't appear stressed out from striving.

**What brings you joy?**

Working with my hands to create interesting objects, and being in nature.



**What is something interesting that not a lot of people know about you?**

I binge on listening to krishnamurti and rupert spira on YouTube.

**If you were granted a 'superpower' what would you choose?**

Water breathing would be pretty cool.



**What phrase or cliché do you most live by?**

"taking the beam of wood from my own eye, and then see clearly to take the splinter out of my neighbors eye'.

Judging is like catching the flu, it's going to happen and I do try my best not to.



The final Selection round for this year is now complete. The jury has selected six new artists to join the cooperative.

Welcome to the following new members:

- Michel Ostaszewski & Marija Djordjevic
- Alana Evans
- Kat Cadegan
- Lea Abubo
- Simon Britchford
- Negar Jazbi

## Team Updates

New staff announcements to share with you.

Welcome!

Louise Saint Jacques - Administrative Assistant to the General Manager and the Board

Louise works Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

However, it's important to note that these days may change from time to time depending on the needs of the business

Welcome!

Nirma Patabendi - Retail Sales Associate

## Message from Tanya, the Board Chair

We hope this message finds you well and that you've had an enjoyable summer, despite the challenges posed by wildfires and drought in some areas. Our hearts go out to those who may have been affected, and we're here to support one another through any difficulties.

As we bid farewell to summer and welcome the vibrant colors of fall, we're all abuzz with creativity, preparing for the upcoming Christmas markets. Did you know that every single one of our dedicated board members participates in the Circle Craft Christmas market?

Did you also know that you are automatically accepted into our market and get a 40% discount off of your booth? We are hoping you will join us at the Circle Craft Christmas market, whether as a participant showcasing your talents or simply as a supporter, your presence adds to the magic of this event.

In other exciting news, we're embarking on two significant projects:

1. **Rewriting Our 2010 Bylaws:** The cornerstone of our organization, our bylaws, are being updated to ensure they reflect the needs and aspirations of our growing community.
2. **Planning Our 50th Anniversary:** Can you believe it? We're already planning for our 50th anniversary! This milestone deserves a celebration like no other, and we can't wait to share more details as our plans take shape.

Your feedback and involvement are invaluable to us, and we encourage you to reach out with any ideas or suggestions you may have for these projects. You can contact me directly here: [tanya@circlecraft.net](mailto:tanya@circlecraft.net)

Thank you for being a part of our Circle Craft family. Together, we create, support, and celebrate the vibrant community that makes our organization truly special.

Warm regards,  
Tanya and the Board

## Christmas Market

Only a few spots remain to participate in this year's Circle Craft Christmas Market!  
Do not miss your chance to be a part of this magnificent opportunity and to take advantage of the 40% discount that is offered to you as a member of the cooperative.  
Reach out to Signatures ASAP to reserve your spot!

If there is any news you would like to share, please send it to [admin@circlecraft.net](mailto:admin@circlecraft.net)



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