

Nov 15, 2020 Murrini Madness Swap

The purpose of this swap is to provide members an opportunity to experience the fun of swapping 1-inch murrini cane sticks and build relationships with fellow artists.

- To participate you will need to make sticks of murrini and cut them into 1- inch canes. We will not know how many sticks of cane you will need to make yet. The plan is, if we have more than 18 people we will make 2 groups of 9-10 swappers. You can join more than one group if you choose. The good thing about making murrini is you can make quite a bit at one time.
- You will mail your 1-inch murrini pieces and receive back the same number of pieces.
- In order to participate, you must be able to send U.S. funds by PayPal or check or return postage stamps (www.pirateship.com is a great alternative to using the post office and is much less expensive) that will be used to pay return postage.

Here's how you participate in the swap:

- Make the desired number of 1-inch murrini cane - the final number depends on the number of participants, but the maximum per group could be up to 18 pieces. Your murrini cane can all be of the same style, or different styles. Keep in mind murrini cane will be made by different participants of all different ability levels. All that is required is that you make murrini which you are pleased and happy to share. This is not a competition!!
- Please take a photo of your murrini before you mail them! It would be wonderful to have a description of what you used and any other information that you can share with us. Save at least a few for yourself so you can make a bead to show us!
- EACH 1-inch murrini cane should also be labeled with your name, contact info (like email, FB or website) and anything else you care to say. Put your murrini cane into a bag, along with your card, address label, or other method of identification. Package your individual swap bags carefully, with tissue, bubble wrap, etc. that can be reused to send the swaps out to the participants.
- All individually wrapped murrini containers should then be packaged into one box or padded envelope for mailing. Since murrini cane is soooo small, you should be able to use a padded large envelope. If you do use a box, we suggest you use a small US

Priority Mail box to send your swap pieces; which is flat rate, so there are no surprises in cost, and the boxes are free. Insurance is included for value up to \$50.00.

- Check out the website <https://www.pirateship.com/> for some reasonable shipping rates.
- Mail your package to Michelle Malone (address in the member directory) to be mailed no later than Dec 15, 2020. PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS INSIDE THE BOX OR ENVELOPE, SO I KNOW WHERE TO SEND YOUR SWAP PIECES! Be sure to include a check, money order, cash (you will not get change), or a click n ship label with your murrini for return postage (unless you plan to pay me using Paypal.) Make checks and money orders payable to Michelle Malone.
- After you have mailed your murrini, if you are paying by Paypal, send me the amount of money that you paid for postage plus \$1.00. This will account for any extra fees or overage due for postage to send your swap package to you. You can send funds to a friend (usually no fee) through Paypal. If you have any individual concerns, please email me (check members directory)
- **If your murrini canes are not received by Dec. 20, they may miss being included in the swap and instead will be returned to you.**

What happens next:

- I will create packages and send them to each participating member. The murrini will be mailed out as soon as possible.
- When you receive the murrini, open them, admire, and fondle them. Try to have an open and receptive attitude about the murrini you receive, it is not all about the murrini, it is about the connections between members. Think about the work that went into making them and getting them into your hands.
- There will be a thread started on the general Facebook page for photos. Let us know when everyone has received their murrini, as to not ruin any surprises. After everyone has received their goodies, start posting photos of what you made or received. PLEASE POST PICTURES ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP!

Small print:

- The swap groups are randomly assigned; there is no guarantee about the level of each participant's ability.
- Only commit if you are confident you can participate. If you don't send in your murrini, you are disappointing your fellow members who will receive fewer murrini. Maybe you have some murrini on hand right now? Why not set them aside and keep them as your swap backups, in case life gets in the way?
- Keep in mind, Michelle is a volunteer with her own life, and is doing the best she can. Be kind.