

ANN ARBOR FIBERARTS GUILD MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2019

Vice President - Anne Flora called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

- Nominations from the floor: treasurer, Teresa Garland; secretary, Jan Frank. Elections will be at the April meeting
- Sue Widawski is the new Jury Chair. Many thanks to Sandy Kunkle for chairing that committee.
- Three Professional Development Grants of \$200 each have been given out. Jan Frank and Cindy Little for workshop with Christine Mauersberger, and Mary Valerie Richter for study with Elizabeth Busch.

Financials - Teresa Garland reported that we are comfortably in the black. The Board is looking for ways to use some of the surplus for new growth of the Guild.

Fiber Feast - Sharon McKenna stated that ticket sales were down some, at this point. It is the 25th anniversary of the Fiber Feast. Signup sheets were distributed for sellers and volunteers. Jury is Sunday, March 17 (details on website). Tickets can be ordered by phone from Sandy Kunkle. Please talk up this wonderful event.

Exhibits - Cindy Harris reminded us that the Power Center Show will be April 2-29. Drop off for jury is March 23 and jury is March 24. Details are on the web. Note that art is also eligible for the Cherry Hill Show in November.

Membership - Laurie Jones introduced four guests and one new member.

Publicity - Marla Smith explained that the Hand Weavers Guild of America (HGA) has a calendar on their website with events and workshops all over the country. We will have our events also listed. Check it out for travel ideas.

Website/Facebook - Submissions for the website are due to Mary Valerie Richter by the 20th of the month; Liz Ritter then puts them on the website. If you see something that needs to be corrected, please contact Mary.

MLH - Betsy Szymanski asked members to check MLHGuild.org for information on the conference at the end of May. The Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild is contributing \$250 for prizes. Also, there are \$300 grants available from MLH for study; applications due by April 12.

Genius Bar/Sharing Center- Sandy Kunkle and Terrie Voigt have fostered the growth of the “Genius Bar” to the “Sharing Center.” That effort will now be split into two tables. One discussing Guild and fiber related issues, and the other showing and discussing various fiber art. One does not need to notify anyone ahead of time to bring something in. Carol Repasky and Agnes Soderbeck will be in charge of this effort. A big thanks to Sandy and Terrie for all of their past work.

Program - Sharon McKenna introduced the program of “Studying Ancient Color” by Carrie Roberts, conservator at the University of Michigan Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Frank, Secretary