

## **ANN ARBOR FIBERARTS GUILD BOARD MEETING**

November 16, 2020 – Via Zoom

**Members present** - Anjanette Bunce, Carol Fleischer, Jan Frank, Teresa Garland, Cindy Harris, Sharon McKenna, Mary Valerie Richter, Trish Ritchie, Liz Ritter, Barb Schutzgruber, Marla Smith, Agnes Soderbeck, Nancy Staub, Elizabeth Walther, Audra Wenzlow

**President** - Carol Fleischer called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no additions to the agenda.

### **Discussions:**

#### Outreach to Members Not Attending Zoom Meetings

Anne Flora is working on a list of members who have not participated in the Zoom meetings. The idea is to find out if they are having trouble connecting with Zoom, are not interested in Zoom, need any other type of help to stay involved in the Guild, or just to say we are thinking of them.

#### Review Zoom Meeting Format

- At the November meeting there was some disruption with members not all being muted. Nancy will see if there is an easy way to mute all members.
- At the November meeting only about half of the members attending (26) stayed for the break-out session. Discussed was various reasons why. It was decided that we would still have breakouts, both random and topic based. After the talk we will ask who was staying so that the breakout groups could be of a workable size.

#### AAFG Board Meeting Frequency

It was voted that we return to a bi-monthly Board meeting schedule. The next Board meeting will be on January 4, 2021.

### **Membership**

- Trish Ritchie reported that we have 69 paid members, with 6 new members. Discussed was sending out a dedicated email to remind members to send in their dues. It was generally decided that the information sheet was useful and recommended.
- Discounts at participating merchants will be updated on the website. Two former participants have gone out of business. All remaining merchants have agreed to honor last year's membership cards.
- Because of a lack of opportunity to volunteer in Guild sales, it was decided that in the first year we are "back to normal", those who have never sold before would be exempt from the volunteer requirement, for the first sale.

## **Exhibits**

Cindy Harris reported that the Cherry Hill exhibit is still on the calendar for July 2021. She will stay in touch with the Power Center and Cherry Hill for any new information. All details will be available on the website.

Cindy will send out a separate email concerning the Guild online 2D/3D Exhibit in January. Submission deadline is January 15, 2021.

## **Ellen Willson Lecture Series: Threads of Interest**

Audra Wenzlow reported that the advisory group (Bob Masta, Jean Hosford, Nancy Hedberg, Marla Smith, Mary Underwood, and Audra Wenzlow) are looking at some lectures for March 2121. Suggested is Kaffe Fassett *"Glorious Colour"* and Linda Cortright *"The Wild and Changing World of Natural Fibers from Alaska to Afghanistan"*. Suggestions for potential speakers are welcome from members.

## **Treasurer**

Teresa Garland submitted a written report that showed the Guild with a total of \$29,600 in the treasury. Included is \$5,900 in Ellen's Fund. It was voted to pay Zion Lutheran \$550 rent for the spring term.

## **Ann Arbor Sunday Artisan Market (TSAM)**

Agnes Soderbeck reported that TSAM has not been successful due to COVID. There are only two sellers left, as sales have been very low. It was decided to hold off on renting a booth for 2021 until COVID is under control. Agnes will check on the availability of a free (non-selling) booth that was offered to the Guild. Interest was expressed in this possibility.

The next membership meeting, December 14, will be on Knitted Glass. As always check the website for details.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Frank, Secretary