

## **ANN ARBOR FIBERARTS GUILD MEETING MINUTES**

January 13, 2020

**President** - Anne Flora called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She congratulated Olga Austin on her acceptance into “Indigo Exhibition 2020” in Tokushima Prefecture, Japan. Olga had two shawls in that exhibition. Anne mentioned that applications for the AAFG Professional Development Award are due on March 1st. The application and instructions may be found on the AAFG website under the “Members” section. The completed applications should be emailed or sent via USPS to Anne Flora. Her email is aflora@umich.edu and her mailing address is 210 West Chicago Blvd., Tecumseh, MI 49286.

**Secretary** - Jan Frank is out of town and Anne Flora took the minutes.

**Treasurer** - Teresa Garland stated that the Holiday Sale netted approximately \$600. There is approximately \$8,000 in our Money Market fund, and approximately \$10,000 in our CD. Teresa thanked the Fiber Arts Network for their donation of \$3,600 to the Guild – we spend the bulk of this money on a new microphone, lavalier and laptop. The remainder of the money will go toward speaker fees. Proceeds from the sale of Ellen Willson’s materials and equipment are still coming in. Teresa said that the fund to date is approximately \$6,000. She mentioned that there was some discussion at the last Board meeting how to spend this amount and honor Ellen’s memory. One suggestion was to bring in a big name speaker for a celebration and invite the Michigan League of Handweavers and other fiber groups. Members are encouraged to forward their suggestions on how to spend this money. There is a change in the way we collect money for upcoming workshops. Checks will be cashed as soon as they are received—there will be no hold on checks as we have done in the past.

**Holiday Sale** - Barb Schutzgruber gave a recap of the sale. Setting up on Friday night was great and Washtenaw did not charge us for that night. The income was \$12,800 (\$1,500 less than 2018) possibly due to the fact that there was no Quilt Guild meeting that day. There were fewer sellers, but more volunteers. The time for the sale was 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and the highest volume of sales was between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. There were 15 donated door prizes. Next year’s sale will be on November 14, 2020. Many customers reported that they had seen our ad in the Ann Arbor Observer.

**Warped Weavers** - Audra Wenzlow and Anjanette Bunce gave the members an overview of the weavers group.

**Fiber Feast** - The upcoming Fiber Feast event will be on Saturday April 18 at the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College. Tickets will go on sale at the February AAFG meeting. Clipboards will be passed then for sellers and volunteers. There will be no Fiber Feast in 2021 due to construction at Morris Lawrence. The event will be happening again in 2022.

**Jury** - The date for the sales jury will be Sunday March 8 at Mary Underwood's home. The date for the runway jury will be on Sunday March 22 at Barb Schutzgruber's home.

**Exhibits** - Cindy Harris mentioned that the exhibit for Power Center is scheduled for the month of April. She will announce the jury date for that show shortly.

**Membership** - Four guests were introduced.

**MLH** - Betsy Szymanski mentioned that the conference in June and said that attendees need to sign up soon for workshops.

#### **Member Announcements**

- Cynthia Little gave a presentation of her experience in the stitching workshop given by Christine Mauersberger at the Crooked Tree Art Center in Petoskey. She showed several samples. She received the AAFG Professional Development Award for this workshop.
- Jacquie Hubert showed her piece created in the Ann Loveless workshop.

**Program** - Stephanie Schneiderman gave a lecture on the textile traditions of Mexico.

The business meeting ended at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Anne Flora