

Dallas Area Fiber Artists Board Meeting July 13, 2008

Prior to the meeting, *Lisa White*, new Education Director of the JoAnn's store, introduced herself and talked about her new program to start fiber classes at the store beginning on July 27th, 12 to 6PM. She is especially interested in finding teachers of the "lost arts" such as tatting and lace making, but also teachers of all areas of fiber arts. Upcoming classes include spinning, lace (broomstick, bobbin, Tunisian, and hairpin), embroidery (standard and plastic canvas) and needle-felting.

Teachers will be paid 75% of the class fees through the JoAnn educational program. This is a new pilot program in the JoAnn's national chain and she brings special credentials in art education to this job. She also offered their space to the group for workshops and stated that future plans for the store may involve closing the upper floor which will yield a larger area for classes and workshops. Water is available near the classrooms. She plans to attend our next meeting and would like to recruit members who would be interested in teaching. Board members agreed that this was a great opportunity for members to earn money, expand our membership, and to foster the appreciation of fiber arts. Lisa's email is: anycake4u@yahoo.com . This information will be in the newsletter next month.

Lu Peters called the meeting to order at 10AM. Attending were: Connie Akers, Jo Appleton, Deborah Boschert, Suzanne Morgan, Ed Noyce, Mary Schulte and Sherrie Tootle.

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Morgan emailed the report to all members. There is a balance of \$6537.67

Membership: Jo Appleton reported that 53 members have renewed. Marla Legvold is a new member. Jo has sent emails to those members who have not yet renewed. She will re-send the membership list to officers. She has spoken to Darnell in Houston who is in charge of the Federation membership booklet and the deadline has been moved to September 1st. Another reminder will be published in the August newsletter. The membership booklet will be mailed in September and will include information on Tom Thumb and Kroger charity assignments and the Federation booklets. Lu mentioned that Asel Art Supply will grant a discount to our members who present their membership card if we register with the downtown office.

Show: Ed Noyce announced that we will have a show in November at the TVAA Gallery downtown Dallas in the Plaza of the Americas complex.

Programs: Deborah listed the programs for the year which will be continually printed each month in the newsletter:

July 28: **Carol Morrissey: Paints, Dyes, and Inks, Oh My!** Mini-workshop on fabric painting

August 25: **Cassie Curnutt** and her trip to **India**

September 22: **Becky Howdeshell: Basketry.** Mini-workshop coiling a basket. Members will be asked to bring baskets for Show and Tell

October 27: **Cheryl Darrow:** Mini-workshop embossing a mug

November 24: **Mixed Media Make and Take** Topics to be determined

December 22: **Christmas Party** pot luck and **Silent Art Auction** to be coordinated by **Connie Akers**

January 26: **Deborah Boschert: Photographing Your Work** and **Members Stash Sale**

February 23: **Ed Noyce: Why I Never Make the Same Thing Twice.** Mini-workshop on weaving

March 23: **Lisa Renner: Mixed Media.** Mini-workshop on polymer clay. (Deborah will ask Denise Spillane to teach this)

April 27: **Ellen Holt: Elegant Tassel Making** with a mini-workshop

May 25: **Pot Luck Dinner, Officer Installation and Art Swap**

We discussed a workshop in September with Ginny Eckley on using Seta Color paints on silk; however after the meeting Deborah found that Ginny was unable to teach on the available weekends in September so this will be re-examined in August. Ginny's workshop fee is \$425 per day or \$725 for two days, plus hotel and gas mileage. Jo stated that the State is paying \$.58 per mile as a standard.

Newsletter: Mary was complimented on her superior efforts for the last two newsletters. She is developing templates so information can be entered easily into the new format. Sherrie will do the next newsletter.

Other Business:

Lu asked that the Board approve up to \$200 for promotional postcards to be made for soliciting potential members. This was approved.

Ed spoke about art education opportunities benefiting the homeless and will post a notice in the newsletter.

We discussed ways for the group to include residents of C.C. Young to be invited to participate in our meetings and workshops. Ideas included posting our schedule on a Message Board and sending the year's program schedule to the Art coordinator. The Make and Take meeting poses a potential way to include the residents.

It was agreed to officially list Bobbie Jackson as our Historian and to ask her to make a presentation of her scrapbooks and materials at a future meeting, possibly at the Christmas Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lu Peters, Secretary