

FIRE & RAIN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2011

Present: Laura Bowker, Stacy Frost, Ellen Harbison, Cheryl Matson, Leslie Thiel, Felicia Wartnik

Absent: Caroline Kuknyo

1. The Gathering Bead Bazaar. Chapters can purchase one table each. Members may purchase ½ or 1 table each. 75% of what is on the table must be beads or jewelry made with beads. A decision will be made at a later date re whether Fire and Rain will have a member table.
2. Participation at Fire and Rain tables at Bead Bazaars/sales and other members only events. Renewing members must pay their dues by the end of February to be eligible. First time members may join throughout the year and be eligible if not past the chapter deadline for participation at a particular event. When space is limited, priority will go to members who have been in consistent good standing for the past 6 months.

Participation at Fire and Rain table at future NWBS Bead Bazaars.

The board decided that Fire and Rain should take a larger portion of sales proceeds when members do not work a shift at the show. F&R buys tables to give members a low-risk opportunity to try their hand at selling their work. The idea is for members to participate in selling their beads and the beads of the other members. When members do not work at the show, it is similar to selling through a gallery. Galleries routinely take 40-50% for their work in handling the sales. While Fire and Rain could choose to allow members to participate only when they are available to work at the show, we have opted to be a little more flexible but increase the withheld proceeds to be closer to low gallery rates. The new fee schedule will be as follows.

10% to NWBS for all participants

10% to Fire and Rain for participants who work a shift

30% to Fire and Rain for participants who do not work a shift

If it is not contrary to ISGB rules (Laura Bowker will check), for participation in any Fire and Rain tables or events at The Gathering, participants will need to be members of both F&R and ISGB. An email will go out in January to the membership with these rules so that all will know far enough in advance to meet membership requirements.

3. Dues – The board decided that members will be allowed to pay their dues via credit card. Fire and Rain will pay the 2.75% credit card fees.

4. Challenges – The prize for the glass food challenge will be a food gift basket. The next challenge will be a blown puffy bead. Donna and Leslie will demo it at the holiday party. Cheryl will purchase hollow tubing and Jim will cut and drill it for us. Members may purchase the tubing for \$2. It will be used for at least one subsequent challenge in early 2012.
5. Holiday Party Demos – Stacy will ask Larry to do a demo. Donna and Leslie will demo puffy mandrel hollow beads.
6. Pratt Tiles – Pratt is selling tiles that will be displayed in the renovated building. 6"x6" tiles are \$250. The board decided that Fire and Rain should buy a tile as a means of showing support to Pratt for all of the beadmakers that got their start there and for the support Pratt has given to F&R by allowing us to hold meetings and Beads of Courage bead-making days in the frameworking studio. To defray or cover the cost, we will raffle a couple of items at the holiday party. Tickets will be \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets.

7. Holiday Party/Meeting

- a. Pre-meeting: membership renewals (Donna/Ellen), challenge voting, collection of bead exchange beads, raffle ticket sales. Board will arrive at noon to set up. Party/meeting arrival will be at 1:00.
- b. Business Meeting will start at 1:30:
 - Treasurer
 - Membership
 - Events
 - ISGB/Gathering
 - New Business
 - 1000 Beads
 - Board Election
 - Next Challenge
 - Door Prizes
 - Bead Exchange
- c. Post-Meeting
 - Raffle and challenge winners will be determined at 3:00
 - Food
 - Demos

8. NW Regional Retreat (Laura Bowker)

The Pilchuck directors meet next week. They're excited to work with us, but need to see if they can find us a weekend before summer session when the flat shop is available. The facilities are rented to a pair of glass blowers in the off season. We should have an answer

before the holiday party. This will be an ISGB regional event, so attendees will need to be ISGB members and be from AK, WA, OR or ID.

If Pilchuck doesn't work out, Laura will contact Mike Frantz to see about doing the retreat at Frantz. She has held off on that because of Mike's health.

9. Future Meetings -- Cheryl will see if Kathy Johnson is willing to host one of our next couple meetings. The other will likely be at a library.