

FIRE & RAIN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22, 2011

Present: Laura Bowker, Stacy Frost, Ellen Harbison, Caroline Kuykno, Donna Prunkard, Leslie Thiel, Felicia Wartnik

Stacy Frost called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Upcoming Meetings

a. August Meeting

The meeting was previously moved to the first Sunday of the month, 8/7. It will be held at Caroline's houseboat. Cheryl will send out an email with the address. August Meeting Agenda will include: challenge bead voting, icebreaker, business meeting (including NWBS Bazaar and ISGB updates), bead exchange/ice breaker answer reveal, challenge winner announcement, next challenge. Parameters for the icebreaker and the next challenge were discussed.

b. October Meeting

This meeting will be moved to October 16th to avoid conflicting with the NWBS Bead Bazaar. It will be at a library (possibly Shoreline) and will include a "garage sale." Attendees may bring glass and tools that they wish to sell. All items must have prices marked on them, but bartering and trading will be allowed.

2. NWBS Bead Bazaar

a. Fire & Rain Table

Ellen reviewed the payment structure we've used in the past: In 2009, there was a \$15 booth fee. If members worked a shift, they paid 10% of their sales to NWBS and 10% to F&R. If they opted not to work a shift they paid 10% to NWBS and 20% to F&R. All attendees did work at least one shift. Last year, our table did so well that the 10% covered the table fee so the F&R board opted to waive the participants' booth fees. We had 2 tables.

This year, because of increased interest by members, F&R has paid for 3 eight foot tables (total cost \$562.50). Twenty-one members have expressed an interest in participating. It is anticipated that participants will be limited to one shift at the table and may work a shift for NWBS in lieu of a shift at our table so that all participants who want to qualify for the lower % deduction may do so.

Our maximum number of participants will be 20, giving each person 14" (the standard bead box length) and leaving 8" for a payment area. If sales are sufficient to cover table rental fee, we will reimburse the \$15 per person booth fee again this year. All beads must be legibly marked with prices and seller's initials. Space will be divided with ribbons. Stacy will check to see if she has table cloths. Otherwise we will need more. F&R will purchase additional lamps if we need more (Ellen has 4 and 4 TV trays). We will use Square for credit card purchases. Ellen will sign F&R up and order more devices. Spots at the table will be secured by submitting \$15 payment by Sept. 20. After that date, participants will be notified of the amount of space they will each have (minimum of 14" but more if there are less participants). At that point if someone who hasn't paid wants to participate, he or she will be put on a waiting list and will get a spot only if someone cancels.

Options for "making space count" were discussed. Stacy has an earring holder and cards that spins. Beads can be attached to cards and however many participants care to use it can be given an equal number of cards to use. We discussed creating a tier by using wood over plastic 3-drawer containers. The containers can be used for storing extra inventory, etc. conveniently. We will need a total of 9.

b. Demo at the Bazaar

Laura is setting up the demos at the Bazaar. She requested that someone from F&R do a talk on "what is a quality lampwork bead". Leslie offered the use of her video (she made a curved bead). Part of the video will be used with narration on how a bead is made and what makes a quality bead (good bead holes, annealing, etc.). Donna Prunkard volunteered to do the speaking/narration.

3. Board Meeting with Kendra Bruno re The Gathering

We will meet with Kendra at Pratt on Fri. August 12th at 7 p.m. to discuss F&R's assistance with next year's Gathering.

4. Postcard Project

The postcards are done. We bought 750 and sent 200 to The Gathering. Some of the remainder will be split between participating members (and will be available at the August meeting). The remainder will be used for PR. Laura suggested putting stickers on the back with event and F&R info. (i.e. we can distribute them with info re the Bead Bazaar on the backs).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.