

FIRE & RAIN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Laura Bowker, Stacy Frost, Caroline Kuknyo, Cheryl Matson, Leslie Thiel, Felicia Wartnik,

Absent: Ellen Harbison

1. Postcard Project & ISGB Beads of Courage Community Project and Show

Donna provided info on the community project and show (formerly known as the All Members Show). The theme is Louisville: Possibilities. There is no fee but submittees must be ISGB members.

Discussion ensued re whether to participate in these projects and what to do about non-ISGB Fire and Rain members who want to participate. It was decided that we will participate in both the postcard project (creating a chapter postcard) and the ISGB project and show as follows. Donna will be in charge of these projects for Fire and Rain. Participation in the postcard will be open to all F & R members and beads used on our postcard will follow the ISGB show theme. Donna will photograph any beads turned in for the projects (members may also opt to take photos themselves and forward them to Donna). Beads will be due no later than May 2nd. They can be sent to Donna or delivered to Pratt on any open studio Friday or Monday late afternoon during Cheryl's work hours at Pratt up until the deadline.

ISGB members will be encouraged, but not required, to donate their postcard bead to the ISGB show. Non-ISGB F&R members will have the option of having their beads donated to Beads of Courage.

2. Beads of Courage Day

Pratt will co-sponsor a Beads of Courage bead making day with Fire and Rain (and Janet Miltenberg) on May 15th. Pratt will provide the studio and equipment at no cost and scrap glass. We will have two shifts: 9:00-1:00 and 1:00-5:00.

3. Bead Retreat

Laura Bowker is organizing this year's ISGB Northwest Region Retreat. The retreat dates have been confirmed with Mike Frantz and will be May 21st and 22nd at Frantz Art Glass. The store will be open on Saturday only and we will pay \$350 for a staff person to be available in the store.

4. HCC Show

Laura Bowker has sent out notice to all ISGB regional members in the ISGB e-newsletter. She has received inquiries from two people and has sent them the application form.

Leslie will be going out of town but returns on 3/29. Photos are due on 4/2, so anyone wanting her to do their photography must have photos to her by her return.

We discussed the need to send out a reminder to our members, that includes a reminder of the need to be ISGB members to participate in the show and to inquire as to the number of pieces being submitted (we need to have at least 40) and to figure out where the gaps are so that the board members can make any other beads that would be good to have in the show. Ideas included having beads on mandrels at different stages of done-ness and/or photos of beads in progress (Laura has professional photos), beads of different COEs for explanation about COE plus, possibly, a cracked bead with mixed COEs.

Deadlines:

4/2 images due to Leslie

4/30 submittees notified of acceptance by F & R for jurying by the museum (pre-screening for bead quality by F & R)

5/5 work to Leslie (or is that work to Houston?)

5. Next General Meeting

April 10th @ 1:00 – Kent Library

Bead Challenge will be cartoon clip art sculpture with beginner and advance categories. Bead exchange will include introduction of the beads and answer to a specific question. We will have a favorite tool show and tell. Other topics for the meeting – retreat info, BOC event, postcard project/ISGB show. Stacy will bring DVDs, in case there is time to watch them.

6. Email Survey

Stacy proposed that we do a member survey using Survey Monkey to get a better idea of what our membership wants and doesn't want. A possible list of topics includes bead exchanges, bead challenges, torch demos (when possible), jewelry making techniques, supplies/resources for supplies, business end of beadmaking, including marketing, safety, studio, artist statements, ice breakers, places for classes, glass events, how to get work into shows and galleries, photography, frequency of events/mtgs (off-month events), including willingness to host, ideas for locations.

7. Off-Month Events

The idea of having some events on non-meeting months was discussed. The BOC event is being scheduled. Other ideas included an informal event over beer at a bar with bead show and tell, wine tasting, jewelry making (everyone brings their own supplies).

8. Save the Date

Cheryl will send out an email with all of the upcoming event save the dates. The events will be added to the website and facebook. The HCC show application will also be added to the website.

9. Next Board Meeting

Friday May 6th at 7 pm – Pratt

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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