

February 14, 2017

**MINUTES  
SARASOTA SURFACE DESIGN GUILD  
WALDEMERE FIRE STATION  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

There were 35 members and 1 guest present who were introduced and welcomed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice-President Diane Bunker presided over the meeting in the absence of Laurie Dunham.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the absence of Treasurer Candy Lillo, Sue Garland reported a bank balance of \$3,627.76.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Membership Chairman Sue Garland advised that there are currently 101 members.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Marcy Chapman, seconded by Gerry Swormstedt and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of Meeting for January 10, 2017, as posted on the Website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. **PROPOSED BYLAW AND POLICIES CHANGES**

The proposed Bylaws and Policies changes presented in January to align the Surface Design Guild's "Operational Year" (September through August) with the "Fiscal Year" (January to December) was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to report.

**VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAM UPDATE**

Vice President/Program Chairman Diane Bunker presented an update on the following items:

1. Celia Buchanan is our instructor at the workshop on February 26, 2017, and will be showing us the vibrant and unique finishes on fabric and paper using High-Quality German made Marabu products. The cost of the workshop is \$50.
2. Jenny Bass will be the speaker for the March meeting and will discuss basket weaving. Jenny believes that the "items we use in everyday life should be beautiful, as well as functional." Her Play Day will be held on March 26, 2017, and Jenny Bass will be teaching the Potluck Market Basket and the Tropical Storm Collin basket. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 and the kit cost for either of the two baskets is \$25.00.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. **FAB REPORT**

The Fabulous Arts Boutique is being held March 1-4, 2017, at Art Center Sarasota and the organizers and volunteers are wrapping up the details for the event.

**SHOW AND TELL**

Several members presented items for Show and Tell, but the Sign In Sheet listing the participants was misplaced, so the information is not available for the Minutes of the meeting.

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**HEART CHALLENGE**

There were 18 submissions in the Heart Challenge. First place prize went to Chris Lacki, second place went to Linda Bronkema, and third place went to Christie Juhasz.

**PROGRAM**

Erene M. Romanski, D.C., gave a presentation on Precious Energies, explaining why she uses elements in her jewelry that have "vibrational energies" to encourage different levels of healing. Gemstones of all kinds have been known and used throughout time for healing and showed us pieces that illustrate her process.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Sarasota Surface Design Guild will be on March 14, 2017, in the Upstairs Classroom of the Waldemere Fire Station, and the Play Day will be held on March 26, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Maloff, Secretary