

January 9, 2018

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

6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

There were 48 members present and 4 guests who introduced themselves and were welcomed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Cheri Downie, President presided and reported on the fun that was had at the Christmas party last month. She also reported that the current Treasurer did not work out and that we need a Treasurer. Brenda Butler volunteered at that point. A vote was taken and she was elected in proviso a meeting with the board to assure no conflicts.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cherie Downie reported in lieu of a Treasurer and reported a current balance of \$1,939.24 for the guild.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Membership Chairman Sue Garland reported that there are currently 119 members.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Gerry Swormstedt moved to approved minutes for November 14, 2018. Jackie Bartolini seconded the motion and all voted to approve.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT/PROGRAM UPDATE**

1. Vice President Diane Bunker reported that Cheryl Martin will give the demonstration of the weaving tonight as Debra is absent due to flu. The next workshop will be on Sunday January 28, 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Debra will be there to teach the workshop.
2. The February guest artist/demonstrator will be Clare Godleski with water color and the workshop will be held at the Waldemere fire station.
3. Gary Patton will explain and demonstrate Hypertufa planters for the March meeting and the workshop at the end of March will be in the yard at Diane Bunker's residence.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Cheri Downie reported that her Knit One, Purl None class at ACE will be starting up again.
- b. **FAB Report**-Kathie Hayes reported that they are looking for purse vendors and maybe others. There is room for 80 vendors and they currently have 65. This will be the last FAB. DesignPro meeting will be here at the firehouse on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., this is following the SDG workshop that day. Kathie also stated that they would be selling off the props from FAB and if you are interested in any items, please let Kathie know. These items would need to be picked on Saturday, March 3, 2018 between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Kathie also has a contact that is doing PR stories on local artists. If you are interested in getting some info out on yourself and your art, please contact Kathie and she will get you in touch with this person.
- c. Diane Bunker may be interested in doing something similar to FAB going forward if there is enough interest in this. She currently has had only 12 responses of interest. Please contact Diane if you have interest in this endeavor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

patsy monk announced that she was able to secure our meeting room here at the Waldemere Fire Station for the third Sunday of every month for Creative Energy from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This is an open time where all are welcome to show up and work on their craft of choice.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

patsy monk announced that the Manatee Fair is coming in Palmetto and she will be there demonstrating the making of glass beads.

Claire Godleski will be starting watercolor classes on January 15. She also explained her style and how she works with students. She works one on one with her pupils for their specific watercolor needs. She works with all levels of experience. She will be our artist/demonstrator for the February meeting(s), she will show some techniques and discuss colors and how to keep them clean without muddying them.

## **CHALLENGE-Let Your Light Shine Through**

The following members presented their creations for the challenge:

1. Vicky Chirnside - Nantucket basket light
2. Diane Bunker - Mermaid mosaic block light
3. Tanya Weinberger - A Toad May Die quilt square and a beautiful story on Ben Light and his music
4. Chris Lacki - wine glass emitting light quilt square
5. Kate Shaker - wine bottle light-Starry Winter Nights
6. Leslie Talley - copper flowers light
7. Pat Maurer - LED felted necklaces

All voted for their favorite and First place went to Pat's felted necklaces; second place went to Tanya's frog quilt and Ben Light story; third place was Vicky's Nantucket light.

## **PROGRAM**

Cheryl Martin showed examples of Debra's weavings and gave some info on Debra stating she is an accomplished weaver and spinner and is a wonderfully caring person. She showed a couple of examples of the weaving and explained this is "weaving outside of the box" as anything goes. You can incorporate just about anything into your weaving project. Please bring any and all items that you may be interested in using and Debra will help you to incorporate them into your weaving. Class is \$10.00; please sign up with Diane Bunker. Debra will have looms for sale or you may bring one with you if you prefer. If you purchase a loom from Debra, the cost will include all yarn you would like to use. If you use your own loom, Debra will have yarn for sale for your use or you may bring your own items to use.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The workshop will be on January 28, 2018 at the Waldemere Station, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Slidell, Secretary