

Society of Glass Beadmakers Mid-Atlantic
Quarterly meeting, April 18, 2009

Lesliediana Jones (President) started the meeting promptly at 10:00 am

Vice President Report – Ruth Martin

Brief discussion about the excellent Kim Fields class and request for comments from any of the attendees. There was unanimous excitement about the class and the wish to have her back in the future.

Potential classes:

Margaret Zinser and Enamel adventures of
Color theory workshop
Gail Crosman Moore - multi medium classes
There was a brief discussion of boro instructors
Classes on how to make soft glass to look like boro?
Lisa about the casting 5 day class to put in minutes.
Ask Lisa about her 5 day classes on color

Macro photography class – Corey Hills giving a class. Two classes at \$35 a person with 10 people. Thinking of Columbia for this class. June/July. Need to have SLR 2 -3 hours

Ruth will be sending out separate polls on a number of these issues.

The Chapter will have two tables at the Greater Washington Bead Society Spring bead show.

Reminder about the Northern Virginia bead show. We can get 3 tables if enough people are interested. Ruth reminded everyone that there is a bead show participation policy on our website.

Reminder that the Chapter has an equipment rental policy for classes not sponsored by the chapter. A liability form is included. The chapter will not be liable for any problems that are incurred by the use of the equipment.

Treasurer update (Debby Weaver)

At the time of the meeting we have \$3,300 in our account after expenses that are still outstanding.

President's Update (Lesliediana Jones)

Introduction of new attendees from Pennsylvania and Laytonsville, Maryland

Update on Website – Reghina Allen is developing a Gallery section for members to show their beads. There is also a plan to link to member websites to our website. If you wish to have your website linked, please send the address in an email to midatlanticsgb@gmail.com

A member asked about having a “Members Only Site” that would contain our membership list. We are working with our site provider, Homestead, on this issue.

Will add member picture of bead of quarter

Classes page should be finished soon. We will we have local classes and our members classes with links to websites for more detail. These will not only be glass classes. We will be listing classes that are of interest to our members. If you want to have a class listed, please send the information via email to midatlantic@gmail.com.

July meeting is now July 18th! Sally Stevens is hosting a cookout; potluck. The chapter is supplying the paper products, condiments and meats. “Mens” are going to cook. The cookout will be in the evening. We will not have a formal meeting in July. We will send out an email asking you to let us know what you are going to contribute. We will also put an update on the website what is available to bring.. If you a vegetarian, please let us know so we have goodies for you too!

Postcard project for ISGB – Shannon is designing the postcard again this year. The chapter will order for the Gathering. Shannon's email is SLSartist@aol.com.

Member news:

Nolly – ISGB! Spoke about the Gathering July 23-26. Classes are prior to the meeting. She had registration books. Gorgeous Hotel.

Reminder about Perspectives entry – collaboration between glass artists. Will be at GAS. Nolly will post this evening. Nolly is stepping down as regional director of the ISGB. She was on the board for 5 years. Two neat people are running for our regional director. We encourage people to join the ISGB. Nolly talked about what it does - promote glass beads; collaborate exhibits; forum; look at other – see some members Bead Dreams entries.

Lisa St. Martin has a collaborative with a metalsmith. A picture is in the Bead & Button conference book.

A number of our members also have collaborations that were accepted:
Debby Weaver, Jinx Garza, & Micky Kunckle (Ruth, LJ & Debby – did I miss anyone?)

Lisa St. Martin said she has seats available in class in October in Italy. Includes travel in Italy beyond Morano. Kendra Bruno is the person who runs the tours. About \$2,600 doesn't include flight and train costs. Almost all meals are included. Core is 10-12 days.

Debby Weaver - Had a successful show in December. Frederick Magazine did a blurb on her. There is a link on our website to the wonderful article.

Jennifer Fahnestock – Running for Treasurer of the Baltimore Bead Society. We need to interface with them.

Jennifer Haughton – John C. Campbell folk school brought brochures. Teach all kinds of classes. Western North Carolina just north of Georgia. Rustic.

Anna Bowman –Received our scholarship for the ISGB meeting this year. She also reported on the Hot Times in the Mountain (Spring fire in the Mountain). It is a 3-day bead retreat in Asheville, North Carolina.

Lisa announced that if you are attending the Gathering you can ship things to her. Contact her to let her know. She will give you the information. Flat rate boxes at the post office to ship glass. Bring some pre cut pvc tubing to carry glass along with bubble wrap.

Nov 7th will be the Northern Virginia Bead Society Annual Auction for their outreach activities.

The meeting ended at approximately 11:30 a.m.

After the meeting Debby Weaver led an excellent discussion of how to display your art.