

San Antonio Polymer Clay Guild Meeting

Minutes

April 28, 2007

Reports:

Membership: We currently have 27 members.

Treasury: We have \$1684.24 in savings and \$780.67 in checking.

Bottles of Hope: We had a total of 21 Bottles of Hope last month. Maureen won the BOH contest for March.

Website Update: Denise will now be doing website updates on a schedule. Any updates received between the 1st and 14th will be updated by the 15th. Any updates received from the 15th through the 31st will be updated by the 31.

Please remember to send Denise some photos of your work for our online members' galleries.

Library: Mary Ruth got two books from the Clay Cruise but they haven't been processed yet. Check for them soon.

Guild Items for Sale:

We still have lots of guild pins for sale—\$6 each. We also have two light kits left for \$15 per set. Remember, guild items like these are what help us fund our different activities and contest prizes.

SABOS Show, May 5-6:

We do have a guild booth at this show. The guild is in the Rocket Room and the main guild table is an information booth. Maureen has two tables at this show and is willing to take up to 10 items per individual to put on her extra table. Each item needs to be clearly marked with your name and the price. If you volunteer to work the guild table, Maureen will take your items for free; otherwise, it will be \$5 for up to 10 items.

Inez volunteered to oversee the guild table. The show is open Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. Call Inez if you want to volunteer to work the table. She'll be around both days overseeing things for us.

New Meeting Location:

We discussed moving to a different meeting location and decided to stay at Sam's until a better location can be found. Patty will check with the Discover School to see if it's possible to rent it monthly and anyone else who's interested can check into other locations and bring them to the Board for discussion. We decided that, while Sam's is ok and the price is right, it helps if we have a permanent location that's not going to change at the last minute so those new people and visitors can find us.

Rubber Stamp Sheets:

Eva is still planning on ordering some rubber stamp sheets from Ready Stamp. She put together several pages of Dover Copyright-Free Clip Art, some ancient designs, and some of her own drawings. She made it available for people to order copies of these sheets—sign up sheets were

available and whichever sheets have at least four sign-ups on them will be ordered when she places her order with Ready Stamps. The sign-up sheets will be available at the next guild meeting, as well.

Ugly Bead Contest:

We will definitely be doing the Ugly Bead Contest in June. Everyone who wants to participate can bring their ugliest bead(s), seven beads maximum. We will display the beads with numbers on them and do a blind vote for the three ugliest.

Logo Rubber Stamps:

We are going to do another fundraiser for the guild. This one is logo rubber stamps. We will be selling 1" spaces on a rubber stamp sheet for \$4 per 1" square. You can use these squares to put your logo, your initials, or whatever else you'd like on your stamp. We will then send the sheet to Ready Made Stamps. The \$4 per stamp goes to the guild for events, teachers, etc. We will have this sign up available for a month or two and then we'll order the stamp sheet. Please contact Eva to get your logo/initial stamp.

1st VP/Program Coordinator:

Elizabeth is moving (and we'll miss her!) to Austin and needs to step down from being the 1st VP. We would like to have the new person take the position for one and a half years, ending in 2009. If you are interested in volunteering for this board position, please contact Eva at ebuchala@gmail.com

Fall SAPCG Show:

Pancho has been working on a lot of preparations for this. They have a slot open for November 10 in the Rocket Room (\$750, with a deposit due now). Electricity is free for us. This would be in going on concurrently with a Comic Book Show in the main hall.

The prices for tables will be \$60/table or \$100/2 tables for members; and \$75/table or \$125/2 tables for non-members. One table and chair "set" will cost \$5.

This is not a big show so Pancho only needs one volunteer—which Inez offered to do.

The show will be on Saturday only from 10 am to 5 pm. There will be free admission and we will be posting and leaving flyers and post cards at various appropriate locations. Some local radio stations will let us do a free ad and some of the local magazines will also provide some free advertising. Also, Patty thinks she might be able to get us a small blurb in PolymerCafe and Belle Armoire.

This is a handcrafted only show, mixed media welcome. Open to non-polymer clay artists, as long as the items are handcrafted. We will jury for handcrafting. We will ask vendors to donate a raffle item, minimum \$10. We will be inviting other guilds to have a single information booth at the show.

Cost should be minimal. Besides the cost of the location, we should really only need about \$25 for paper. Advertising this year will be free venues only.

Bring and Brag:

Patty had several brand new polymer clay books on sale for ½ price. Ruphia shared a couple of adorable little fairies that she was looking for names on. Judi shared a couple of items from the cruise and Patty showed us a couple of items from the Corpus Christi guild. Helen shared some of the dolls she'd made recently.

Program:

Helen taught us how to make Art Sheets by using scraps and leftover clay. This was a very free form project and everyone had fun playing around with the wild designs that resulted.