

MAY 2009 MEETING

Old Business

Shows Committee Info

Linda Manners, show chair, was unavailable for the meeting due to health problems in the family; so, the committee report on the recent Inman Park show was brief. She did provide an update via email: Joanne Paller received a T-shirt award for high sales. Most participants were happy with the show, but a few reported they would not participate next time-largely due to hassles with getting in and out of our space. Next month we should get information regarding our application for the Brookhaven Arts Festival, October 17th-18th.

Web site Update

There are no changes with the web site since the last meeting.

Rollup Seminar Feedback

Kris Korn brought examples of finished pieces from the seminar. Kris was very upbeat and excited to have taken advantage of this opportunity. She highly recommends glass artisans take this class when available.

Proposed By-Laws

Changes to the proposed by-laws were read then passed with unanimous votes. The by-laws are in effect immediately and will be emailed to all current AGAG members



Customers at AGAG table
Inman Park Spring Festival

New Business

Announcements:

- Amy Sundick married Jason Bruce on April 25th. Congratulations Amy!
- New Policy Reminder
For any announcement-, question- or information-type messages intended for the entire AGAG membership, please send the complete message to Elizabeth Mobley (e.lizbeth@mindspring.com) or Leah Barr (leah@barrnonestudio.com) with a request for distribution. This ensures the current email distribution list is used.
- Frit Co-op
Betsey Dahlberg asked the attending members if any are interested in joining a frit coop. Betsy stocks a "frit library", primarily powder and fine frit for painting. She does not always need a full bottle of every color. Joining a frit coop would combine buying resources where recipients would realize cost savings. Betsy can get frit at wholesale prices. In addition to powder and fine frit, other types of frit can be added to the library should there be enough interest. If interested or for information regarding the co-op, send email to bet@bybet.com or call Betsy at 770-925-9057.

- Spruill Brick
Currently, the monthly meeting room at Spruill is managed through Dekalb County. The new Spruill building will soon break ground. Commemorative bricks for the new building are available for sale for \$100 each. Joy Hafner suggested we purchase a brick for the guild to show our ongoing support for the arts and keep connected with Spruill Arts Center. Guild members unanimously voted to purchase one brick. Joy will get information on how to acquire a brick.

- Save the date: September 20th, 2009
A special workshop on "Marketing Your Art and the Guild", presented by Todd and Kathy Blandin, is scheduled for September 20th, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., before our normal Guild meeting. The workshop is open to guild members for \$25. At least 20 people are needed to register. If there is space, the workshop may open to non-members at a higher fee. More information regarding the workshop will come. You can contact Joy Hafner (joysclay@bellsouth.net) with questions.

Also on Sept. 20th, the regular AGAG monthly meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Charities:

Glass art donations were received for the Children's Restoration Network's annual "Celebrate the Children" gala and silent auction fundraiser which will be held July 25th at The Ritz-Carlton in Buckhead. The Children's Restoration Network (CRN) supports homeless children living in metro-Atlanta. This event is truly spectacular while benefiting some amazing children. Funds raised will support CRN's Back 2 School Readiness Campaign and New Hope

Scholarship Program. To make a donation for the silent auction, contact Michele Gill at michele892002@yahoo.com.

Also, though Michele is our main contact for the CRN event, she is not able to assume the chairmanship of the Charities Committee this year; so we are looking for a chairman. Anyone interested in the chair position, please contact Leah Barr at leah@barrnonestudio.com.

New Business, continued

Nominating Committee:

Last year's chair, Joy Hafner, moved to chair the Education and Programs Committee, leaving the position for Nominating Committee open. Anyone interested in the Nominating Committee please contact Leah Barr at leah@barronestudio.com. Joy can answer questions about her tenure as Nominating chair. You can contact Joy at (joysclay@bellsouth.net).

Guild Planning:

As president, Leah receives communications from many guild members. Members give ideas from different

perspectives such as hobbyist, wholesaler and retailer. Based on these perspectives as well as a variety of interests and needs, there are many diverse desires and expectations of the Guild. For the Guild to maintain vibrancy and sustain growth, it would be useful to have a clear vision of what the Guild is today and what it should be in the future. Your thoughts on how to make the Guild successful and a cohesive group would be valuable. If you would like to participate in a discussion on vision and goals, or if you have information, and/or references to resources, please contact Leah Barr at leah@barronestudio.com.

May Program: Ricky Franks on Enameling

Ricky Franks, a new AGAG member, demonstrated cloisonné enameling in a small hot plate style kiln. He is self-taught, and has been a self-employed enamel jeweler for the past 33 years. His jewelry is sold in high-end craft stores and designer-oriented jewelry stores. In 1995, one of his pieces won "Best of Show" at the Winter Park (Florida) Sidewalk Art Festival, a \$9,000 prize. His work has been sold at prestigious craft shows, including Smithsonian Craft Shows, the

Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show, and numerous American Craft Council Shows. Ricky explained that cloisonné is the reverse of stained glass, where the walls are built before adding color. Unlike some media, he likes the interaction with cloisonné pieces, meticulously working the delicate designs with various colors and textures. You can view Ricky's work at www.rickyfrankenamels.com. Also, he is now teaching cloisonné classes at Spruill Art Education Center (http://www.spruillarts.org/education_center.htm).

Other Notable Notes

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th, 4:00 p.m., tentatively at Lori Schinelli's studio -- very near our standard meeting place at the Spruill Education Center. The location and directions will be distributed.

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www.atlantaglassartguild.org