

GLASS GATHERING MINUTES

June 9, 2018

The meeting was opened by Rene Alexander and she passed along information about the Fused Glass Fanatics Group, I love glass as a medium, vision and voice, and sharing beauty.

A guest, Adry, introduced herself. She has been working in glass for 15 years and shared a piece of her work with us.

The treasurer's report was given and although the annual Show did not generate income, with the change of format with required software and a tie in the Peoples Choice award, the shortfall of \$473 was not excessive. We now have a balance of \$3256.47. In a partnership with Harmony, we contributed to the purchase of Tatoo stencils for Glass Gathering activity.

Show and Tell followed with Joyce sharing a book gifted her by a customer who had traveled to Estonia. An admonition was made by Joanne to 'think ahead' when designing as she had to modify her design to take into account the framing which covered the points necessary for the design. Adry shared her Salmon stained glass which was a gift to her husband. Rene shared a message from the Czech Republic to support her as an artist and she will update her website with the information. Joyce talked about upcoming classes; Toasty Tuesdays (evening fusing workshop with coach), Color for Earth (creating murini and other projects), and Brad Walker will be returning for 9 days of classes.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the annual show. It was gratifying to hear that those who were unsure of the new format were impressed with the quality of work. The consensus was that the Mother's Day weekend should be changed. There was discussion of the number of categories and the group would like to see a Mixed Media and Jewelry category. It was felt that the entry fee for the Juried show should be increased and the fee for Exhibition should be lowered to encourage more entries. There was a suggestion of using college students to judge the exhibition entries. These suggestions and comments will be passed along the Christine Alexander for possible changes to the show format.

A suggestion has been made to use the software purchased for the juried entries for an online show. It would be advertised on Facebook and other glass publications.

Rene reminded everyone that officers are to be elected this fall and to let her know if you would like to participate as an officer. The elections are to be held in November.

Reminder of the July 14th field trip to St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Clear Lake to see the icon exhibit and view the windows designed by Christine and fabricated at Harmony. The August meeting will be at the MFAH warehouse to view the jewelry collection of Helen Williams Drutt English.

Following the business meeting, we had an opportunity to use the Tatoo method of using stencils to apply a frit mixture to fusible glass. We had various experiences and lots of lessons learned, but we had a great time!