

SGB-MA April 2010 Meeting Minutes
Accents Glassworks
Rockville, MD

Lesliediana Jones started the meeting promptly at 10:00 am

Attending:

Anita LaMonico
Arsenetta Hawthorne
Lorie Gottesman
Tracey Alfaro
Julie Delaney
F. Jane Shannon
Tommy Atchison
Daniel Nickeson
Jill Nelson
Ruth Martin
Debby Weaver
Jenny Haughton
Sandy Parlett
Jinx Garza
Jesse Allen
Reghina Allen
Mimi Vellek
Anna Bowman
Kim Edwards
Jeanne Booth
Katherine Doucette
Karen Leonardo

Lesliediana welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introduction of Karen Leonardo, ISGB Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region.

SGB-MA members introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

Terry D'Addio apologized for the lateness of the minutes from last meeting. They didn't get posted in time on the website to give members time to review and comment. Terry provided hard copies for member to take and read.

Lesliediana motioned for members to review the minutes at the meeting and when posted on the website. If there are corrections, they need to be sent to Terry D'Addio at tmdaddio@aol.com. Comments are due by April 19th. Tommy Atchison seconded the motion. Vote was held and motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Ruth Martin reported on the following events and activities for members of SGB-MA:

April: The Greater Washington Bead Bazaar will be at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg on April 24th & 25th. SGB-MA table participants are Kim Edwards, Kristi Kelly, Reghina Allen, and Kathy Lagassey.

April: April 28th is the next meeting of BeadTalk at Sandy Parlett's home from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Chapter website, www.sgbma.org/membernews.html, has the latest issue of BeadTalk for more information. We had brief discussion about BeadTalk, which started in October 2009 when Sandy first invited people to her house, for show and tell, sharing expertise, etc. It is now a monthly event. Lesliediana encouraged other members to think about hosting a get together with members. Ruth Martin reminded everyone that they can use the Yahoo Groups list serve to contact SGB-MA members.

May: SGB-MA is co-sponsoring another Beads of Courage at the Lorton Workhouse on May 2nd. It will be held from Noon – 5:00 pm. Lorton will supply the torches. Bring tools and glass. For more information contact, Kathy Lagassey at 703/901-2474 or Klagassey@verizon.net.

July: Our next quarterly meeting is July 17th. Place to be determined. The Bead of the Quarter theme is "Red, White, & Blue." Debby Weaver will demonstrate Kumihimo. She will explain how to get started, how to use seed beads, and how to use Kumihimo with your lampwork beads. Debby encourages anyone else who has done Kumihimo to bring their work to the meeting.

July: The annual meeting of the International Society of Glass Beadmakers (ISGB) will be held July 29th – Aug 1st, in Rochester, NY. There are pre & post activities around the conference. Ruth brought copies of the agenda and registration. SGB-MA members are encouraged to attend.

September: The Northern Virginia Bead Society Annual Bead and Jewelry Show is September 25th & 26th. It will be held in a new location at the Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, VA. We can have 3 tables, which will hold 6 people. Ruth will be sending out information in a few weeks regarding sign up for the show. If we have more than 6 people interested, preference is to members who are new to selling.

October: The Fall meeting is October 16th and the Bead of the Quarter is "Bling!" Add bling and sparkle to lampworked beads. Kay McGovern of Stars Clasps has been invited to demonstrate her unique design sense and will have clasps for sale.

November: Lesliediana is organizing an exhibit at the Arlington County Public Library in November and December. This will be an opportunity for members to show and sell

finished jewelry with their lampworked beads. Lesliediana will be providing more information to members.

March 2011: Trey Cornette is coming to teach on March 26th & 27th, 2011. He will be able to accommodate up to 12 students. Location will be provided once we have decided the best location.

Ruth reminded everyone that the third Thursday of the month is Open Torch at Accents Glassworks in Rockville, MD.

And there is Open Torch every Thursday evening at Lorton Workhouse in Lorton, VA.

Treasurer's Report:

Debby Weaver gave a quick report on the status of funds. To date we have \$3,764.96 in our account before expenses that are still outstanding.

Member News:

Tracey Alfaro talked about Frederick Hot Glass Society and the partnership they have with the Delaplaine Art Center in Frederick, MD. Frederick Hot Glass meets every 2nd Monday of the month and always has a project they will show at the meeting. Contact Frederickhotglass@yahoo.com for more info.

Tracey also talked about several 1-day workshops that will be held with members of Frederick Hot Glass teaching the workshop. On May 16th from 12:30 – 4:30 pm Julie Delanie is teaching Implosion Boro Pendants. The cost is \$65, which includes membership to Frederick Hot Glass. There are 2 openings. June 13th workshop is Enamels with Cleo Dunsmore, from 12:30 – 4:30pm and is also \$65 and has 2 openings. Nolly Gelsinger is teaching her workshop on glass flowers. The current class is full, but they may be able to schedule another if there is enough interest. If you are interested in Nolly's technique contact Frederick Hot Glass.

Several members asked if there could be a venue to do this with Mid-Atlantic members at Accents and/or Lorton. Debby Weaver said Board will discuss this.

Jane Shannon offered to teach chainmaille to SGB-MA members. Ruth and Terry will work with Jane to set this up.

Jane also talked about the Cindy Miller precious metal clay class that was held at Terry D'Addio's house. It was a lot of fun and people learned how to work with the silver clay. Terry stated Cindy is willing to teach us again and depending on what we are interested in, help design something else to use with lampwork beads.

Debby Weaver talked about a former member, Karen Federicci, who lives near Wheaton Arts (previously called Wheaton Village) in New Jersey. She and her husband make pond floats,

which are available in 2 sizes \$10 & \$15 apiece. Debby will put information out on the listserve about this.

Jenny Haughton announced that Vitrum Studios will have several classes with Barbara Becker Simon in May. May 7th * 8th is making hollow glass beads; May 9th & 10th is using PMC with Hollow Beads; and May 11th is Making Texture Plates for PMC. Vitrum Studios is a member of SGB-MA.

SGB-MA Special Guest:

Karen Leonardo is our Regional Director for the Mid-Atlantic Region of ISGB and a member of Three Rivers in Pittsburg, PA. Lesliediana reminded everyone that ISGB is our umbrella organization. A show of hands indicated that the majority of SGB-MA members at the meeting are also members of the ISGB.

Karen spoke about the ISGB, its mission and benefits to members. She talked about the Glass Bead magazine and the annual meeting, The Gathering. She encouraged members to get involved in the different activities available through the ISGB that are part of the Gathering. One needs to be a member of the ISGB to participate, but does not have to attend the Gathering in order to participate. She went over the Postcard Project, Bead Pens project - beaded cutlery (need to purchase the cutlery pieces from Bead Pens), and the Chinese Auction - we submit items either to ISGB or give to someone who is going to the Gathering.

Karen also talked about volunteering opportunities and also urged those who are going to the Gathering to go to the banquet. It is a lot of fun.

The ISGB website now has regional pages. Karen would like information, pictures, stories, etc. that we can have up on our regional page. Lesliediana collects information for the ISGB Mid-Atlantic section of the newsletter and the regional page via yahoo groups for the ISGB. The ISGB website is www.isgb.org

We have several members in the ISGB sponsored Convergence II: Nolly Gellsinger (Titania's Crown), Sally Stevens (Temptation), Sandy Parlett (Seeds of Spring), and Kim Edwards (A Necklace for Joan of Arc). Sandy and Kim brought their pieces to show us! Both are gorgeous. Convergence II is a juried show that features functional, wearable jewelry showcasing the use of handmade glass beads designed for an imaginary or historic figure.

SGB-MA members Tracey Alfaro, Jinx Garza, Debby Weaver. & Lisa St. Martin have donated gorgeous items to the ISGB support auction currently on Ebay.

Karen wants to send a personal email to individual members of each Mid-Atlantic region chapter. Terry D'Addio will send names and emails of SGB-MA members to Karen.

Business meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Immediately after the meeting adjourned Karen talked about her books and the tools she has developed for lampworkers. After lunch, Karen demonstrated her tools. She made a flower, which she donated to SGB-MA and a butterfly which she donated to Beads of Courage.

SGB-MA members Kim Edwards, Jenny Haughton, Ellen Howse, Tommy Atchison, Ruth Martin, Dan Nickeson, Beth Markowitz, Arsenetta Hawthorne. Jeanne Booth, and Terry D'Addio stayed and made Purple Heart Beads for Beads of Courage. SGB-MA sponsored this event by paying for the torch time and purple glass for the artists. Accents Glassworks also provided an extra hour at no-charge. Debby Weaver also provided beads to be included in this shipment of beads to Beads of Courage. Thanks to everyone who participated in this Beads of Courage event.