

SGB-MA October 2010 Meeting Minutes
Columbia Art Center
Columbia, MD

Lesliediana Jones started the meeting promptly at 10:10 am. The meeting did not start at 10:00 am due to lack of a quorum.

Attending:

Katherine L Doucette
Katherine Lagassey
Lesliediana Jones
Janie Darby
Lorie Gottesman
Jeanne Booth
Jen Haughton
Zinx Garza
Ruth Martin
Gayl Harner
Terry D'Addio
Debby Weaver
Anna Bowman
Kristi Kelly
Katy Stidley
Julie Bahun
Kim Edwards

Welcome

Lesliediana Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that members introduced themselves and where they are from.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes: Terry D'Addio, Secretary, called for approval of the minutes from the April 2010 meeting. Katherine L Doucette motioned for approval. Debby Weaver seconded. Motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report on BSGW show: Kathy Lagassey was show coordinator for the April 2010 Greater Washington Bead Society (GWBS) show. The show went well and sales for our members increased from what they were in the past few years. Other participants were Reghina Allen and Kim Edwards. Members noted that finished jewelry doesn't sell as well at this venue as loose beads. Sets of beads do well.

Postcard update: Shannon Stevens produced the chapter postcard for the ISGB Gathering. She provided printed postcards to the ISGB. Each chapter member who participated in the postcard project will receive 25 postcards. Lesliediana Jones will

ensure each member receives their package of 25. Shannon will send the final pdf of the postcard and it will be posted on the SGBMA webpage

New Business

Chapter Financial Report: Debby Weaver, Treasurer, has paid all outstanding outlays. To date we have a \$3,560.01 balance in our account. Gayl Harner, Membership Coordinator, provided Debby with several new membership checks for deposit.

Membership Report: New members since our last meeting are Valerie Brown, Elsie Klumpner, Karen Leonardo, Sherie Brown, & Linda Spence.

Local Bead Shows: Ruth Martin, Vice President, reported that the Northern Virginia Bead Society (NVBS) show will be on the last weekend in September this year – September 25 & 26. Kim Edwards is the show coordinator. NVBS has moved from McClean to the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College. The venue is larger and has more parking. There is a minimum charge on Saturday for parking and no fee on Sunday. Six members are participating. Kim Edwards, Terry D'Addio, Ruth Martin, Kathy Lagassey, Reghina Martin, and Anna Bowman will be at the SGBMA table. Reminder that 10% of gross sales goes to the bead society. SGBMA charges 4% to cover the credit card fees for all sales paid for by credit card. Kim will send an email to participants with instructions for the show.

GWBS' next show is in November. Ruth has not received anything on this show as of this meeting. Once she receives show information, she will post information to the members via the list serve. SGBMA will encourage those who have not sold at a show to participate.

Trey Cornette Class: Ruth reported that the Trey Cornette class will be next March (2011). The basic class is on March 26 -27. Trey will stay for an additional 2 days. They will be held directly after the basic class. Ruth will do a final check with him as to what the two days will entail. Most likely the first day is on stringer control and students will have needed to have his basic class as a prerequisite. The other class may be on marbles. Requests for proposals have been sent to Accents Glassworks in Rockville, MD, and the Glasshouse at Workhouse Art Center in Lorton, VA. The plan is to a differential in price – member cost and non-member cost. Members will have the first opportunity to enroll and if there are any openings we will then open to others. Price will be decided once proposals are in. Once the details of the additional classes, price, and location are finalized, Ruth will send out a message on the listserve.

Arlington City Library Exhibit: Lesliediana Jones is organizing an exhibit for SGBMA at the Arlington County Library for November-December 2010. This library branch is near Pentagon City Mall. The library has a glass exhibit outside the library entrance. This is for paid members only. The exhibit will be for finished jewelry and items that include your beads such as wine stoppers, letter openers, bookmarks. Suggested price point should be between \$75 & \$150. Information will be posted on the website.

Lesliediana Jones will handle sales for us. Members participating will need to bring pieces to the October meeting. There will be a minimum of 5 pieces per person. Each piece must be labeled with a price and name of the artist. Lesliediana will include a placard with the exhibit describing what lampworking is and who we are. She will provide full details through the list serve and will also post on the SGBMA web page.

Nominations Committee: There is a call out for a nominating committee for the next 2 year term for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition the Membership Coordinator is open. Voting will take place once a slate of nominees is developed and will be done via on-line voting through Survey Monkey or Survey gizmo. Description of positions will be on the SGBMA website.

Debby Weaver recommended that both the Treasurer and Membership Coordinator should have more access to a branch of our bank (Bank of America).

October Meeting: The meeting will be on October 16th, place to be determined. Bead of the quarter is “BLING.” At this meeting will have a theme – “Members Rock.” Lesliediana plans to have a very short business meeting - 15 minutes.

Jinx Garza suggested an activity for this meeting. All members attending should bring some beads or jewelry, preferably in a bead tray, (like we use at shows). The theme will be "Here's What I'm Working On Lately". We will have several tables set up and members will count off into groups. Each group/table would be about 4-6 people. This will give everyone enough time to show off and discuss their beads/jewelry. It could be "Here's what I'm working on lately", or "I'm having technical issues with this style can anyone help," etc. A smaller group is more intimate and that way people would be better able to really check out each other's work, ask questions, and learn from each other. This is also a great way to get to know each other better. When the hour has finished, everyone can place their trays on one (or two) table(s) for the whole gang to check out during lunch.

The afternoon session will be another wonderful demo from Star's Beads.

Miscellaneous:

Katy Stidley won Bead of the Quarter with a lovely red, white & blue bead. Photo will be posted on the SGBMA website.

Terry D'Addio collected beads for Beads of Courage and reminded everyone that we will be collecting beads at each meeting. The Glasshouse at Workhouse Art Center hosted a Beads of Courage session on May 2. Lorton glass artists and members SGBMA made over 100 beads. Ashley LaPonte contacted SGMBA and we are supporting the Beads of Courage program at the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Ward, so Chapter beads will go to Johns Hopkins. Members are interested in having Ashley come and talk at one of our meetings. Beads of Courage also had a program “Beads in Space,” where the beads went up in the shuttle and upon return were auctioned off to support Beads of Courage.

Jennifer Haughton talked about the get together that a small group of SGMBA members do each month. They now have the name "Flame Whisperers." One of the latest activities was having a play date at Accents Glassworks. Jennifer also said that Accents would be accommodating about opening Accents for play dates. You can read about their exploits in their newsletter, "Bead Talk." There is a link to their newsletter, Bead Talk, on our website.

Lesliediana Jones needs more pictures for the "Bead of the Day." She also informed members that we can place comments on the website so that the artist can see them.

Kathy Lagassey and Lauren Lewis both got scholarships to ISGB Gathering.

Lisa St. Martin is still looking for teaching assistants for classes before and after the conference.

Terry D'Addio suggested that one way we can support our members and share skills to have those members who are interested to teach a one- day class. SGBMA can help sponsor the class.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

After the meeting Debby Weaver gave an excellent presentation on kumihimo, a Japanese form of braid-making, and taught attendees how to set up and use the foam disk to make kumihimo braids.