

SGB-MA Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 30, 2011
McFadden Art Glass, Baltimore, MD

Attending: Alice St. Germain-Gray, Kim Edwards, Jinx Garza, Louise Mehaffey, Jeanne Booth, Tuesdi Harmon, Reghina Allen, Jesse Allen, Julie Delaney, Tracey Alfaro, Clare Nykolyszyn, Jane Shannon, Tommy Atchison, Ruth Martin, Shannon Stevens, Linda Spence, Ellen Howse, Jennifer Fahnestock, Pencie Newton, Katherine Doucette, Anna Bowman, Inara Knight, Bob Miller.

The meeting began with Acting President Alice St. Germain-Gray's introduction of Tim McFadden, owner of McFadden Art Glass, our venue for the day. Tim studied glass blowing at Salisbury University, Venetian techniques at the Corning Museum of Glass in New York, and attended the Pilchuck Glass School in Washington. He introduced his assistant, Barbara Victor, then described the process members would be using to make the individual pieces they'd signed up for. Thirteen members proceeded to make paperweights, ornaments, necklace pendants, flowers, bowls, vases, and drinking glasses in the furnaces.

At 2:20, Alice St. Germain-Gray announced that we had a quorum and opened the business meeting. The first item on the agenda was the members' vote on the appointment of a new Vice President. Alice reviewed the course of events that led up to today's vote as follows: The board announced on March 29 that Jen Haughton had resigned as President. In accordance with chapter by-laws, as Vice President, Alice automatically became the Acting President, creating a vacancy in the VP position. The board advertised the vacancy via email, looking for members willing to serve through the end of 2012. After the prescribed closing date, the board was delighted to accept Nolly Gelsinger's application to serve in that role. Nolly has had many years of experience, as RD and a member of the ISGB board, as well as committee chair and organizer for several ISGB events. Alice called for a vote on the board's appointment of Nolly Gelsinger as the SGB-MA Vice President, and making Alice the President. All present were in favor, none against. Though not able to make it to this meeting, Nolly received a warm round of applause.

Alice announced the dates and locations for our next two quarterly meetings: July 9 and Oct 22, both at the Columbia Arts Center. Wale Apparatus is scheduled to be at the Oct 22 meeting. Members have suggested we have an informal, post-Gathering meeting either Aug 6 or 13. We're looking for a site, a backyard, and empty space, community art center, or state park. There were no volunteers at the meeting, but the board will solicit the

membership via email. Alice also called members' ideas for field trips, lectures and other ideas. Members are encouraged to contact the board at midatlanticsgb@gmail.com.

Treasurer Kim Edwards reported that as of our last board meeting, we had a current bank balance of \$10585.45, with \$578.91 in outstanding debits and no outstanding credits, for a net balance of \$10006.54. Since the board meeting, however, we held Trey Cornette's class, which will probably bring our balance to approximately 5606.54.

Secretary Jinx Garza asked for the January minutes to be approved. All in attendance voted "aye", and the January minutes were approved.

This quarter's theme for the Bead of the Quarter raffle was "My Favorite Glass". Members displayed beads they'd made with their favorite glass, and entered their names into the raffle bucket. New member Tuesdi Harmon won a copy of The Aquarium and Landscape Beads of Pati Walton and Her Intricate Murrine, by Jim Kervin, donated to the Prize Locker by an anonymous chapter member.

Jinx asked members to submit ideas for the July meeting's Bead of the Quarter theme. Ideas were jotted down and tossed into the BQ2.0 Bucket. Today's BQ2.0 winner Tuesdi Harmon drew the ticket: Dichro is the theme for July's meeting.

Postcard Project Leader Shannon Stevens couldn't stay for the afternoon, but earlier in the day she showed members the mock-up of this year's card design. Approximately 7-8 members gave Shannon their beads for inclusion. The board will send an email letting everyone know the deadline for getting beads to Shannon is May 15.

Ruth Martin collected donation beads on behalf of Beads of Courage liaison Terry D'Addio'.

Show Coordinator Kim Edwards reminded members that the Bead Society of Greater Washington show is next weekend. The chapter's group table has four participants. Discount admission cards can be downloaded from the BSGW site. Kim also reported that we've received the application from the Northern Virginia Bead Society for the fall show. She'll be sending out the call for participation soon.

Alice opened the Member News portion by congratulating Kim Edwards, Nolly Gelsigner, Kathy Legassey and Lisa St. Martin on being selected for the ISGB's Convergence III show in Louisville, in conjunction with the Gathering. Congratulations also went out to Debby Weaver and Ann Davis for being selected for the Surface show. Several members mentioned they would be attending the Bead and Button show in June. There was no other member news.

At 2:30, Kim Edwards conducted a Show and Tell and "My Favorite Glass" Swap. Members were divided into groups, where they showed off and discussed beads they'd made with their favorite glass. At the end of Show and Tell, everyone passed a rod of their favorite glass to one of their table mates.

The meeting ended at 3:20.

Minutes submitted by Jinx Garza