

Glass Gathering Mintutes August 13, 2016

The meeting was attended by 15 individuals 12 members and 3 guests.

Richard had announcements to begin the meeting:

- Canada Conservation Institute meeting in Ottawa, Ontario from October 24th thru 28th. Further information
- No Field Trip to HCC to view Charlotte Potters work. After reviewing the items on display, did not think there would be as much interest as anticipated.

A financial report was presented as well as a proposal to file a Certificate of Formation with the State of Texas. The goal is to transfer our Bank account from Premier Bank which is charging \$10.00 per month to CoMerica Bank which offers a free account if we obtain a Letter of Good Standing. This letter can be generated by the Secretary of State of Texas after we are granted a Certificate of Formation. A motion was made and seconded and the members present voted unanimously to take this step.

Joyce began a discussion of why if we have 38 members, only 12 were present. A survey was discussed, but Rene Alexander has offered to contact our members to discuss questions as developed by the group as follows:

- As a professional artist, what would draw you to attend GG meetings?
- Do you open the GG monthly email?
- Are you aware of the monthly meeting agendas/presentations?
- Are you aware of the GG website and its resources?
- Are you aware of the GG annual art show?
- Are there any specific topics you would like to see presented at a GG meeting?
- Would you be more likely to attend if the meetings were at another time? If so what time or day.

Discussion regarding having an Art Deco presentation following the Studio Visit on November 12, 2016. Joyce will work with GG by communicating via email regarding the presentation asking those interested to reserve a spot by making a \$5.00 payment via PayPal. The presentation will begin at 2:00 and Joyce and GG will give an honorarium to the speaker.

Andrea Turner distributed information and discussed her experience with shipping her stained glass using Master-Pak as recommended by Richard. Once packed she used FedEx to ship and encountered issues with insurance and delivery. She was pleased with her process but warned that inquiring about insurance and delivery options would be better done before you take the package to be shipped.

We then had a quick show and tell followed by a wonderful tutorial by Steven Alexander in bending reinforcing to stabilize a large lead glass window. Joyce then demonstrated related soldering techniques. We were all pleased to learn this valuable technique and thankful that Joyce and Steven shared their time and talents with us.