

Glass Gathering Meeting Minutes

01/13/18, 9:00 – 11:00 am, generously hosted by Harmony Stained Glass, Pasadena, Texas

General Meeting

President Rene Armstrong led the meeting, all officers and 15 members were present. 2017 final minutes were posted to our web site and approved. Our Treasurer reported a year-end balance of \$3,340. This money comes from annual dues and art show entry fees. It is used to pay for our internet presence, for speakers and artists who open their workshops to us, for food and awards. Events of this meeting were brainstorming the proposed 2018 calendar, Show and Tell, and discussion and ratification of proposed changes to the annual member Art Show held in May.

This was not an election year, so GG Board members remain:

Rene Armstrong: President
Barbara Partridge: Co-President
Richard Hinson: Vice President
Joanne Crull: Treasurer
Anne Hallman-Perez: Secretary
Joyce Sullivan: Parliamentarian

Opening the meeting, Rene led a discussion about our collective vision for the group moving into 2018. Goals include cross promotion of media arts events with other groups, raising awareness in the arts community, raising the profile of glass art in Houston, and in shop exhibits after GG meetings. Also, members may not be aware that GG has a photography setup for member use stored at Harmony. And we are opening up a swap area on the web site so members can trade those things you'll never use that are cluttering up your work area.

The newly proposed 2018 calendar follows:

FEBRUARY – Richard Hinson- Photographing Your Work
MARCH – Deborah Ellington - Life Drawing
APRIL –Merissa from MFAH - Presentation of her paper on stained glass
MAY – Annual Member Art Show
JUNE – Hands on project at Harmony
JULY – Field trip to view Chris' church windows and Russian Icon display
AUGUST – Field Trip to Tour the Helen Drutt Jewelry Collection at the MFAH
SEPTEMBER –
OCTOBER – Studio tour or Mosaic Stroll
NOVEMBER –
DECEMBER – Christmas Party

Also suggested: a learning event about writing a CV and an artist's statement.

(See page 2 for additional meeting information and pictures)

Show and Tell



January Show and Tell

Program - Proposed changes to art show

Christine Alexander gave us some background to the show's history and Rene went over comments submitted via the web site. A lengthy discussion ensued of the various proposed changes. Overall, the changes are a collapsing of the major categories, and fewer awards given out. One major discussion point was making sure all levels of skill are judged. Both the Professional and Exhibition Division will be judged and receive category awards. Professional work must be original. Judges are looking for the emotive aspects of work, not the size and technique, so this will make it easier for our volunteer judges to perform their duties. The group also decided to cap the number of entries at 3 per artist. Please refer to the guidelines posted on the website for more details.

We then voted on the proposed changes, with the modifications discussed during the meeting and the motion carried. The membership will see the changes, designed to help us manage and grow the show, enacted for the 2018 Annual Show. Thanks to everyone for participating in the evolution of this show as it continues its rapid growth.

Until next month: May all your scores break perfectly!