

Changes & Additions to FIBER DIMENSIONS
Meeting Minutes originally sent June 11. Corrected on June 12

- Emily Dvorin: The name of the board that I have been elected to is the National Basketry Organization. (Not "Association")
- Margaret Starrett: The title of her book in the Altered Book Show is "Book Repository".
- Judy Calder: At CCC in Tiburon (top of Rock Hill Drive), Judy's solo show dates will be June 27 to August 13.
- Alexandra Lee Cefalo: addition - Sheila Tuffanelli's work & Susan Doyle's Dress are on exhibition now until Aug 28 at 500 Howard St., SF
- Allegra Burke: addition for *this evening, June 12*, it's 3 book shows in one venue. Allegra has 5 juried books in the show. *Bibliophoria III Bind, Stitch FoldBound Together - From Tablet to Tablet* at Sebastopol Center for the Arts 707.829.4797 @ 282 S. High Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472 **Opening Reception** June 12, 2014 ~ 6:00 to 7:30 pm June 12 - July 25, 2014 **Gallery Hours:** Tuesday - Friday 10-4pm ~ Saturday 1 - 4

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Meeting Minutes June 11, 2014

Melissa Woodburn - Hostess
Phyllis Thelen – Chair
Ventana Amico – Secretary
Kathryn Grothe provided coffee

Margaret – sent around list of upcoming FD meetings to sign. Hosts & secretaries are still needed

May's Meeting Minutes were approved.

Juline Beier, Treasurer, reported that Treasury has \$4259.79.

CRITIQUES

Wendy Lillienthal brought a large, neutral toned wall hanging with image of Buddha as focal point. It reads as meditative, serene. Wendy's question was: Is it finished? We felt, Yes, it is. The piece is untitled so far. Meditate on it.

Phyllis Thelen reported on her successful participation in the Arts Alive! Show, which is a major event in the town of Eureka. It opened June 7th with 300

people attending the opening, and 50 people came to the Art Talk held the next day at the Morris Graves Museum, where Phyllis's work is featured, with 19 pieces in show. The show runs through June 28 when it will conclude with Art Splurge, where 150 works will sell that night to benefit the museum. There is high interest in art there, as Eureka has more artists per capita than any other town in California. Many bands, booths, and exhibits spread for blocks downtown during the opening. The town has publicized Phyllis's work very well. At the talk, she spoke about her method of not manipulating natural (found) objects too much. People brought her their own found natural objects the next day! She showed us a "sea-rolled" debris ball, and cholla wood – a piece of cactus skeleton. Phyllis then showed her elegant sculpture of a banana tree pod she had manipulated into a simple curving shape, with base she formed of wood & brass, which she also does with bamboo. Phyllis asked if the cactus form is enough by itself on the stand? Most answered, no -- add something. Maybe even electroform it. Also members felt the debris balls could work well as multiples.

Judy Calder was invited by the **Community Congregational Church** in Tiburon to do a solo show! The show will include 30 pieces as retrospective of her work, with many pieces in plastic. She showed 2 pieces she made: a weaving as Land, Water & Sky, with an Ikat effect, and a brown & cream wall hanging of waxed linen rolled, and woven on a loom, with plastic rings from plastic bottles, showing 'circles' on squares. She reuses plastic in innovative ways.

Melissa Woodburne's large ceramic heart (with antlers) is about mother-maiden-crone, inspired by gazing at a small collection of baby teeth. It represents Women as part of miracles, with female cycles. She comments on how Moms go with the flow through all the eras of their lifetimes, managing family, having kids, doing it all. She kept these things she used in the sculpture, and pondered them with her heart. Diana – goddess of the hunt, shows her laser focus on things, represented by antlers. The base has goddesses from strong women in mythology. It contains her babies' teeth she has saved. It started at 125 lbs of clay, and shrunk to 85 pounds after firing; fired in 2 pieces. Marie shared that it wasn't shown by one gallery as they felt it was too breakable – a noteworthy reason for rejection. Melissa has a solo show coming up at the Pence Gallery (25 pieces) in Davis.

Sheila Tuffanelli wants to remake her Dad's jacket from college, but she doesn't want to destroy it! But how to show it? Some suggested photographing family members wearing the jacket, as is. Or put it on a unique armature, or embroider it, or add lining. Jacket is made of a hard wool, untouched by moths!!!

OLD BUSINESS

Regula Allenspach Weill raised her idea (from last month) of having members share their own musical talents during our meetings. She envisions some of us performing (sing, play, etc.) while we are working on our artwork or at a regular

meeting – but unsure how that would work, or if we have enough performers? It was decided to do this during a retreat where we go away & work or to have it at a social event with a talent show. The retreat would be a day long event held at Emily's home in Stinson Beach. Thank you Emily! Best for Sept – October, or in Spring at Stinson. Both events may be better held 6 months apart. Thank you, Regula, who will chair this event.

NEW BUSINESS

We're planning a workshop in the Fall with Carole Beadle leading it. Beth reports that we once decided we'd do this -- maybe twice a year -- using our treasury for expenses. Phyllis offered to reserve space for this in October at ArtWorksDowntown. It's in lieu of business meeting and in addition to the retreat. Emily & Regula will follow up with plans to develop the retreat &/or workshop plans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Reflections" – Melissa announced a ceramics show at **FALKIRK Cultural Center**, 1408 Mission Avenue, San Rafael, June 14 – Aug 16, with an opening this Friday June 13, 5:30 – 7:30. Melissa's work can be seen, along with other Terra Linda Ceramic Artists.

Stuart Wagner announces that **EDGE Art Group** has an opening this Friday June 13, 5:30 – 7:30 entitled: **"Thinking Inside the Box: An Homage to Louise Nevelson."** Held in the Assemblage Gallery at **Art Works Downtown** □ **San Rafael** May 27 - June 28, 2014. Most EDGE members are FD members. Visit: <http://www.edgeartgroup.com/Recent%20Exhibit.html> for a preview. This eighth group exhibit inspired each artist to express his or her unique interpretation of Nevelson's contrasting forms and objects. Textures dance and salvaged items are reborn in adventurous new formats, and all appear in Black.

American Craft Council's annual Fair runs August 8,9,10^{at} Ft. Mason in SF. **Emily Dvorin's** booth is # 330; she was chosen to have a piece in the show, where June Ho will design a room around her art chosen for the event. **Juline Beier** is also in this show again this year. Look for them both.

Emily Dvorin has been elected to the Board of American Basketry Association, and is also on their Exhibit Committee. They have several coming up. **Regula** says, do go to Emily's website to see her YouTube video at **emilydvorin.com**, where you select "Video about Emily" – 11 minutes. Emily recommends putting a video on your own website to add interest.

Chico Art Center – Kathryn Grothe announces this *show worth entering*, which will have Cash Award\$. It is only \$25 to enter 2 works, and \$10 for additional entries. Visit www.chicoartcenter.com, to enter and for more info. June 20 is the entry deadline for your digital photos. Scott Shields, Curator from Crocker Art Museum is the Juror. Show dates are August 15 – September 12. Kathryn

invites members to pile your works in a car to bring them to Chico, & visit her, her guest room, and pool! Sounds like a worthy exhibit at this art center devoted to supporting regional artists & opportunities. Call Kathryn for more info: (530) 809-1544

Beth Hartmann announces more Art Events on the Northern route. **Sebastopol Art Center** Tues-Sat has a book show on now. Plan to go, and have lunch there too. Beth tells us that one can easily access the maps for Geyserville and Cloverdale. Beth's piece is on the sidewalk of 2nd and Cloverdale Blvd. in Cloverdale. See the show, visit: <http://101sculpturetrail.com/general-information/>
• Sebastopol Center for the Arts' website is www.sebarts.org. Click on visual arts to see hours.
• Geyserville – work is in people's front yards, on grass. Cloverdale is on sidewalks. Google "Sculpture Trails." They are known for having public displays of art throughout the town now, instead of just in the plaza.

Thorley Murray will share an email video with us about the amazing paper sculptures exhibit she viewed via email. Pieces, entirely made of paper, can be pulled up & out – expanded. The sponsoring Society takes ideas one step further each year. It is new & unique, and she wanted to tell members to watch for it.

MOCA at Hamilton – Did you see the **Altered Book Show**? **Margaret Starrett** had a piece in the show. We hope you saw this one. Art was auctioned off on the final night for money to support MOCA. Our own **Cynthia Jenson** won 1st prize at the MOCA Book Art fundraiser, with **ROOTS**, which sold for \$1200. This was a record price for their fundraiser sales. It had wooden roots growing organically out of the actual volume of "Roots" –the book we have read, or at least seen on the classic movie

Regula announced that the **FLAX** store on Valencia & Market in SF is having a great sale. Open 11-7 this week only, Paper is \$1/sheet... Go now.

Beth Hartmann shares **this FD Member info**: To access the member section of our **website**, the user id is FiDi with those capital letters. The password is **design4me**. In the member section, you can get and print the **member directory**. You can view all FD meeting minutes there. And -- you can learn how to get your own inexpensive fidi page!

Add your upcoming and current art event to our calendar page. It's free to you, whether you have a page of images or not.

Be sure and include your name and spell everything correctly, because Bobby won't edit your info. Send to Bobby@ackerdesign.com .

Next Meeting July 8 will be at the home of Hostess **Katy Drury Anderson**, 70 Corte del Bayo, Larkspur, 94939 (415) 927- 3311

Directions From **North**: So 101 to Larkspur, Lucky Dr. exit. Go one block thru stop light (Gold's Gym on right). Make quick left, toward Mt. Tam on Lucky Dr. Go 1 block to stop sign (behind Redwood High School). Right on Doherty, loop around to front of Redwood High. At stop, turn right on Riviera Circle, go 2 blocks, turn right on Corte del Bayo.

From **South**: No on 101 to Lucky exit, Larkspur. Turn right, loop under freeway to right. Turn right on Tamal Vista to next light. Turn left on Fifer, make quick left on Lucky toward Mt Tam. see above

From East Bay: Richmond Bridge to Sir Francis Drake Blvd past Larkspur Landing. Go under overpass, bear left to 1st Larkspur exit - Lucky Drive
JoAnn Bautista will Chair and Regula Allenspach Weill will serve as Secretary.

PLEASE DO **call or email** Katy if you ARE coming. We counted well over 14 planning to attend but it is summertime and plans are flexible. We need over 8 attending to hold this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, and Have a Happy 4th!

Ventana

Members attending June 11:

Melissa Woodburn
Kathryn Grothe
Marja McAuley
Cynthia Jensen
Phyllis Thelen
Wendy Lilienthal
Thorley Murray
Joann Bautista
Diana Keevan
Ventana Amico
Gerry Beers
Marie Bergstedt
Margaret Starrett
Susan Doyle
Sheila Tuffanelli
Regula Allenspach Weill
Giselle Kappus
Marcia Kent
Judy Samborski
Emily Dvorin
Pam Leith
Juline Beier
Stuart Wagner
Beth Hartmann, Beth Hartmann