



FIBER DIMENSIONS MEETING MINUTES MAY 14, 2014

Location: Marcia's home in San Rafael

Chair: Jeanette Carr

Secretary: Alex Friedman

Present: 14 Members

Alex, Chris, Giselle, Jeanette, Joann B, Joanne S, Kathryn, Lucy, Marcia, Regula, Rose Marie, Thorley, Ursula, Ventana,

Meeting called to order shortly after 10:15 AM

Previous minutes approved.

The treasury currently has \$ 4259.97 in it. A recent payment of \$350 was paid to Gretchen Mentzer for her April workshop. It was also noted that Phyllis Thelen donated the use of the space at ArtWorks Downtown for the workshop.

CRITIQUES

- Ursula brought a loaf of knitted and crochet bread with a number of like slices, with a knitted knife and cutting board. It was much enjoyed as is. We discussed possible titles. "A Slice of Life" and "Give Us This Day." For Ursula it is the first piece she has made in her new life.
- Jeanette brought a box full of colorful knitted crocheted nudibranches, based on illustrations from a book. They are wonderfully colorful, peculiar and very eccentric shapes. She asked how to display them as a sandy base did not seem to satisfy her. Suggestions were to attach them to a wall, to suspend them, to arrange them on a plexiglas sheet that could be placed on a pedestal. Most agreed that they are so full of detail and color that they need a background that does not compete or diminish them in any way.
- Kathryn brought a large white knitted piece that had been made around toilet rolls. She had cut them off leaving some with opening and some that keep their rounded shape. She was thinking 'Larve' as a title. Her question was how to stiffen it. 'Stiffy' is one product, Wall paper paste was also suggested. There are other fabric stiffeners and she should experiment as some will change the texture of the piece.
- Regula showed off her necklace which was made by cutting the bottom few inches off a 100% cotton knit T shirt. Preferably there are no seams.

By pulling the loop as hard as you can, (think putting your foot into it and pushing it away from you..) it stretches out and can be made into a long band. By adding beads, knots, or other ideas it can be a wearable ornament. Necklace, bracelet, etc. It can also be dyed to add design. [T-Shirt Scarf and Necklace Mother's Day Craft | MetroParent.com DIY - YouTube](#)

- Marcia brought a piece called "Tea for Two," glue mounted, multiple used, dried tea bags onto two square canvas frames. There were suggestions to integrate the mounting more fully by darkening the base and the visible edges. Adding emptied dried teabags, or by using more of the crimping edges that one sees on a tea bag edges may be other solutions.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

From Margaret: Would you add to the minutes that there are NO people signed up for the JULY meeting and we need people to be thinking of 1) Hostess, 2) Chair and 3) Secretary.

Regula started a discussion about adding music to our workshops. It would be wonderful to have members play, sing during our creative workshops. It is nice to make music and art together. We would probably have to pay them so it would make it more expensive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Joanne Salz is exhibiting with the Muir Beach Quilters at the Bay Model in Sausalito until the end of the month. Open Tues – Sat, 9–4pm.
- After May 27 Summer Hours: open Tues- Sat 9-4; Sat and Sun, 10-5pm
- Guggenheffer Show is wonderful at Andrea Schwarz Gallery. Up til May 30th. 545 4th St. and Bryant, San Francisco.
- 'Shelter' Show at Art Works Downtown, San Rafael, Until June 6.
- Chris Motley -- San Francisco Craft and Design Ten artists working in cardboard. Fascinating show. Up until June 22. 2569 Third St at 23rd.
- Seager-Gray Gallery, Mill Valley. Has the Altered Book Show until June 1.
- Jewish Contemporary Museum, 736 Mission St. "Designing Home": until Oct 6 Bauhaus furniture and more.

NEXT MEETING

June 11th

Host: Melissa Woodburn

Chair: Phyllis

Secretary: Ventana or Marty

7 Mt. Burney Court, San Rafael

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Melissa asks for someone to bring a box of take away coffee. Please contact her.
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