

fiber/DIMENSIONS minutes January 14, 2014

Hostess: Melissa Woodburn

Chair: Allegra Burke

Secretary: Beth Hartmann

Present: Ventana, JoAnn B., Gerry, Juline, Allegra, Jeanette, Carol, Allegra, Susan D., Emily, Deble, Roy, Kathryn, Beth, Susan H., Shoko, Giselle, Marja, Chris M, Thorley, Joanne S, Judy S., Laurel, Myrna, Sheila, Melissa, (26 present)

Critiques: **Beth** showed materials for another of “Grandpa’s Cushions” series: foam pieces that she’d like to cover in cement and connect together for an outdoor piece. Suggestions were to think of seating, small groups of them rather than one piece, and a person or creature.

Melissa showed 3-legged beautifully matte-underglazed carved-into ceramic/pine needle critters. Previous series titled “Whatzit” in different languages, perhaps this group “Whoozit” in different languages. She’s also working on twoended critters and teapots with legs.

Chris showed greys-white-red knitted and fulled cups and bumps which are glue-gunned and stitched together into pieces. “*Frame?*” “*NO!*” “Yes, just pin on the wall” “They are coral-like” “They might lay partly over each other” “Make some deeper, less of the same depth.” “Some tiny ones to increase the size of the group.” Beth worried that glue-gun glue might deteriorate but Myrna assures that new glue sticks can be resin or other professional material.

Laurel showed new work on stiff paper with a color below the horizon and cluster of raised tabs above the horizon. Suggestions were to tear into the background, and consider watercolor paper or paper towels as materials which tear well.

Emily showed an unfinished basket with printed pencils, cable ties, jacks, straws, and colored bobbypins; this time there is spiral shaping in the basket.

Deble showed an espresso pot which she has begun as a lamp. Suggestions are a spike heel shoe as a base, and metal shavings, deconstructed stainless brillo pad and/or wire for the steam. “Keep it humorous”

Roy was not happy with his multi-hour stainless wire piece created on a jig. But, he was thrilled with a hammered canvas on hammered wood piece that has layers of metal leaf, patinas, and paint—first of a new series. “Should the edges be metallic rather than black? NO!” “Off-center the portal on the next one.” His process is to paint, put the image into photoshop to manipulate it, return to the piece and alter it affected by the computerized manipulation, repeat.

Minutes: Emily moved to approve November minutes, and all agreed

Treasurer: Juline reported \$3611.17 in the treasury; it’s time for dues.

If you haven’t paid them, send a \$25.00 check to Juline Beier at 22 Crecienta Lane, Sausalito 94965. *Sending them this week would be good.*

Old Business:

- A. Retreat at Emily’s block-from-the-beach Stinson cottage in May? “YES!” It will be in place of the May meeting, Wednesday May 13. Deble agreed to be the point person for activity ideas, and probably Regula will also be an organizer when she returns from Europe.

So far ideas are these:

- 1 Collect sand and stuff from the beach and make art pieces
- 2 Bring your own project and work on it
- 3 Have a teacher/ teachers (from among us?) to introduce project(s)
- 4 Make small pieces that would fit in a small baggie and art-bomb a town with them, including a note in the baggie that it’s your new art piece to keep if you like it and it’s from fiberdimensions, www.fiberdimensions.com

5 Call Deble before Jan 31 with any additional ideas, which she will present for our decision-making pleasure at our February meeting.

B. You've signed up for these FiDi opportunities, according to Margaret:

March, Juline host, no chair, Marty is Secretary.

April, No host, no chair, Marie secretary. (but, we're going to the Legion of Honor!)

May, No host, no chair, Susan H Secretary. (but, we're going to the beach!)

June, no volunteers.

July, no volunteers.

August, no volunteers.

September, Host Lucy, no chair, no secretary.

October, No host, Chair Laurel, no secretary.

November, No host, Chair Susan D., secretary Marja

To volunteer, change, or do your duty, call Margaret 707 252-7763

New Business:

1.) Should one meeting be to attend the upcoming costume collection exhibit at the Legion of Honor. With Docent? We voted Yes for the April meeting, Wed April 8. Someone, *WHO?* Volunteered to see if we can get Julia Geist as our docent for April 8.

Possible shows:

A.) Lucy reported that Mary Molly Mallaney of Somarts says \$150/day for groups like ours to rent the space. Should we sign up for July or August (when we could have a one-month stint) that would be \$4,500 rent alone.. Group says, "No, can't afford it"

B.) Lucy reports that Tia Lombardi of Presidio has looked into the For Site foundation program for us, where we'd have a nature theme, but Tia has not yet reported back to Lucy. Group asks Lucy to continue monitoring because, yes, we'd love to show in the Presidio Trust Gallery and could limit ourselves to a theme.

C.) Hangar 5 Novato, Marin Community Foundation may be a possibility. Phyllis Thelen is asking about this for us but has not yet reported to the group.

D.) The Carter and Mary Thacher Gallery at USF accepts proposals. It is 12,500 sq ft in 4 rooms plus connecting hallways. Lucy reports that Gloria Simmons of the gallery says they are booked until late 2016 and would love to get materials from us about our work. Chris M. volunteered to look at the space for us and report back whether we'd need to staff, how pedestals would fit, the length of shows, other impressions. We'd all love a 6 to 8 week show someplace!

E.) Melissa is planning to propose us as a show at Pence Gallery in Davis. She is really happy with her recent experience there.

2.) Emily wondered if the group would like to make a \$100 or more donation to the Marin Arts group. It is the former Marin Arts Council reorganized; its first project is to create a comprehensive Marin arts calendar. There was some discussion that we might want to donate once a year to one or two organizations. Might we want to form a committee to consider worthy candidates for donations? We tabled this till February meeting.

Announcements:

Melissa's work is in the book, American Art Collector

Sheila's piece will be in the Hangar 5 show "Transitions" Jan 21 – May 15, with a reception Wed Jan 21 4:30 – 6:30. Also, she invites us to the 24th annual Marin High school art show at Youth in Arts, San Rafael 910 C street opening March 8 4:30 – 6:30

Edge group is showing at Falkirk Jan 23 – March 27. The opening is January 23 5 – 7 p.m. If you don't get to the opening, let's go after the Feb FiDi meeting!

Juline's piece (along with others from our group!) is at the fiber show ArtWorks downtown, which goes to Feb 27. Reception Feb 13 5 – 8, in case you missed the first reception!

Enter the *international fiber show in Sebastopol* now till Sept 9:

http://sebarts.org/images/uploads/2015_Fiber_Show_Prospec.pdf

Emily will teach 15 art teachers in Marin soon. She's got a show at the Dairy Barn In Athens, Ohio, among others, as is teaching this summer at the National Basketry 5-day conference

Thorley recommends an interesting TV piece about finding unknown American artists:

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/09/arts/design/seeking-us-art-all-over-map-just-check-gps.html?_r=2

Beth suggests that you try and log into the fidi site now. It's www.fiberdimensions.com and the member login info is this: user id FiDi (with those caps) password design4me. See the member list, minutes, and how to get or update your very own fidi page!

February meeting at Marcia Kent's plz carpool if possible and pack tightly in driveway and on road

Jeanette chair, Ventana secretary

Directions to Marcia Kent's Home

260 Margarita Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901

Phone: (415) 457-6230

Please car-pool, if possible.

Do not use your GPS. Most GPS devices will route you over very narrow roads with blind curves and steep fall-offs. Just follow the directions below.

From the North: Take 101 South to **Central San Rafael exit** which comes out onto Hetherton. Travel South on Hetherton as it parallels the freeway, staying in the left lanes.

Make a **left turn** at Second Street, which is the fifth traffic light, and go under the freeway.

(Proceed as in **Next**, below)

From the South, or from I-580: Take U.S. 101 North to the central San Rafael exit and stay in the far right lane.

Make a **right** at the first traffic light, onto **Second Street**, and get into the middle lane.

(Proceed as in **Next**, below)

Next:

Go east for 1.5 miles, passing Montecito Shopping Center. (Second Street will then become Pt. San Pedro Road.)

Make a **left at Margarita Drive** marked by a large green sign in the median just before the turn.

Follow the double yellow line as it winds its way up Margarita Drive, for 0.7 miles. At all major intersections, bear right and continue to follow the double yellow line.

#260 will be on the right. Try to park in the driveway, if at all possible. If the driveway is full, you may park on the gravel area above the house, along our fence, or even along the right side of the street, below 260.