

fiberDIMENSIONS minutes August 10th, 2016

Host: Melissa

Chair: Diana

Secretary: Jennifer

Present: Ventana, Juline, Joann B. Judy Calder, Phyllis, Margaret, Marja, Diana, Sheila, Joanne S., Judy S., Emily, Jeanette, Cynthia, Rose Marie, Regula, Marcia, Cecilia, Jennifer, Melissa, Diana

Treasury: current balance \$3079.53,

Emily and Melissa basket technique worked shop was revisited. Members thanked Melissa and Emily for great class and Emily for hosting. Both Melissa and Emily enjoyed teaching.

Critiques: Regula, Judy S, Sheila, Melissa, Emily, Phyllis, and Diana

-Regula: Sun Printing- shared work that she learned at the workshop at the *Center for the Books*. The chemical, *Solarfast*, can be applied to various surfaces of paper and fabric. Then an object is placed on top of a treated surface for a time period until an image develops in negative, with the object(resist) blocking the indigo development.

Comments: interesting technique, Although the print is in Indigo color, perhaps water color could be added if one wants to make it more colorful. Chemical dye: Solarfast (in few colors). www.jacquardproducts.com/Solarfast.html are sold at Flax and Dharma

Judy S.

Woven rug for headboard with recycled plastic. Plastics from various newspapers were used to create colorful and whimsical designs for her granddaughter.

Comments- wonderful use of plastic, wonderful colors

Woven booklet with quotes on either end, trees on center panels, using thread wound washers as leaves, made with travel size room.

Comments_ could become a successful series

Sheila: sculpted hallow head with hinge opening at the brow line for a medical office. Layers of tar-paper is glued over a bowl form. While it is still malleable, the chin, nose and other facial features are shaped. She then decorated the surface with injection bottle caps that look like various sized thin washers **Comments: might be better suited for psychiatry office then Dermatologist's.**

Emily: Showed two pieces that were in her recent "American Craft Council" show: "Start Game" is made with various game pieces her Grandchildren had saved over the years for her

Comments: colorful, fun, creative, light weight

"Lesson Learned" is made of plastic alphabets and colorful scrub balls using fly swatter handle as a supporting armature

Comments: beautiful work, very creative.

Melissa is exploring a new series that look like metal relief sculpture. They are made from cut up heavy-duty-packing materials (that came with her appliance). The cube shaped units are treated with sealant (Metal Effects Primer) Oxidizing Bronze Paint, then Blue Patina aging solution.

Comments: looks very intriguing, beautiful, looks just like metal

Phyllis: A piece that will be part of her *Earth Screwed* series. A 8" Styrofoam ball is carved with geometric shapes and painted in black lines at places to indicate the environmental damages by Fracking practice

Comments: Examine the proportion of screw (support) to the globe, use Green on the globe to indicate earth, Make it more dangerous looking, use uglier colors,

Extend the black paint, Use more screws dirty the screw support.

Monumental Miniatures series, a group of small assemblage, Phyllis wants to have the viewers experience them as large monumental pieces. What kind of installation can achieve that goal? Comments: showcase them at eye level, use tall thin pedestals, Make a large base,

Diana: making a series of Arthritis rings. These are inspired by wearable steel support on the fingers that was recommended by Arthritis specialists. Diana makes them in recycled copper tubing. An opening lengthwise enables the "ring" to be adjusted to different thickness of fingers. She also made an accompanying fin that can be worn over the ring as a decorative element.

Comments: Great idea. Embellish them.

Old Business:

Members agreed to revisit and revitalize our effort on finding a venue for our next show. We will lose the following that we established with our previous Intersections shows if we were to take much longer to put together our next show

These are the venues that we are currently looking to get

Marin Civic Arts Center Please refer to the email Melissa sent which outlines Beth's proposal and what you need to participate in this show

Note that this space can only accommodate 2-Dimensional wall pieces only

Richmond Art Center: Diana will look into resubmitting our proposal since there are new directors. Our 20013 proposal had been turned down but the consensus was to update it and resend it.

Pence Gallery in Davis Melissa will update our last Richmond Art Center proposal to take to the Pence later this month.

Museum of Craft and Design members wanted to know whether Chris can secure a show for us.

Point Richmond venue, Pam is looking into a feasibility

Announcements:

Phyllis is in Desta show in San Angelmo

Beth and Allegra's Cloth line piece in Cloverdale Sculpture Trail is fabulous. Up for a full year

Juline is in Musical show in Artworks Downtown

Melissa's wall piece is a show stealer at Falkirk

Come celebrate 20th anniversary of Artworks Downtown on 9/24/16

Members voted to take down the show announcement page on our website because when it is not used it misrepresents how active the group actually is.

September meeting: Judy Calder's house

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Chair: Phyllis

Secretary: please volunteer