

Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild Board Meeting

November 4, 2019

Pat Evans convened the meeting at 7 pm at Creator Haven in Watsonville.

Board Members Present: Pat Evans, President; Susan Shallenberger, Secretary; Jim Turner, Treasurer; Kelley Stanley, Events Coordinator

Members in Attendance: Courtney Scruggs, Toni Danzig, Dick Walvis, Marylou Forrest, Emmy Mackenzie

Pat asked that the minutes be approved from the August meeting, all assented. She introduced the new board members and others present. Pat asked if there would be interest in having meetings held on Sunday mornings. Everyone liked the idea of daytime or morning meetings. Pat will send out an email to survey the members of the Board.

Dick will be publishing future minutes of MBMAG on the website. There was a discussion regarding the use of Membership Works, a plug-in for managing the website for membership. Currently we pay \$29.99 per month, but Pat said we needed to upgrade to the \$39.99 per month package, to accommodate more access to the website, and to provide for a larger membership. Susan proposed we upgrade to the better package, and Kelley seconded it. All assented.

Membership: We currently have 135 paying members in MBMAG.

Treasurer's Report: Jim stated there was a balance of \$8,744.78 in the MBMAG bank account, with renewals on membership beginning to come in. We will keep the \$40 per year fee for members, and a one time \$25 fee for first time members who are students.

Workshops, Events and Speakers: It was discussed that MBMAG begin paying for monthly speakers. Pat said that her intention in starting the monthly presentations was more for the socialization among the membership. It was discussed that some had suggested "better, more established" speakers could be encouraged to come speak if there was a stipend. Pat said she would rather keep it less formal for the monthly speakers. Susan proposed that we keep the monthly speakers unpaid and if we invite more special guests, they would be paid a stipend. Jim seconded the idea, all board members assented.

November Speaker: Dave Duncan on lapidary. Friday, November 15th, at Creator Haven, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

December Speakers: MBMAG will send out notifications about the Cabrillo event of Lynn Guenther and Angela Gleason speaking on their current interests. But MBMAG will not have a planned speaker in December.

Possible Workshops: Pat discussed the Tevel from Allcraft tool sale, now scheduled for December 8, 2019. Pat will get in touch with Tevel and Julie Packer to confirm. We will invite Cabrillo and Monterey Peninsula Colleges to this sale.

Darci Bogden is scheduled to hold a three day workshop at Creator Haven on cloisonné landscapes and enamel coloring over a three day weekend in February. She will be paid \$300 per day, with materials about \$50. Courtney Scruggs will coordinate this workshop with Darci.

Later next year Ann Havel will present a workshop in October 2020.

Exhibitions: Toni reported that all was successful at the Art League show, there were lots of helpers setting up and moving the materials. It was decided that we would reconsider doing future shows there due to the high cost to the Guild.

Toni said all was going well with the Haute Enchilada gift shop participants. This is a rotating exhibit with members paying \$25 to show their jewelry there for three months. There are openings for the January through March, 2020, rotation.

Kelley reported that we had applied for a show at the Monterey Peninsula College, for a showing possibly in Spring of 2022. There would be opportunities for showing in a gallery setting if our application is accepted. They take 20% of all sales, which is considerably less than other venues.

Toni reported that Pajaro Valley Arts Club has accepted our proposal of another show there for August through October 2020. Toni chose the interesting theme of "Reflections" for the show. We will have access to selling at their giftshop, and they would like descriptions for the techniques and processes used to make the jewelry.

Toni said all was going well with 27 participants in the Zfolio Show on Cannery Row in Monterey in December, 2019. The theme is "Back to the Future." Opening is Friday, December 6th, and the Reception will probably be Sunday, December 8th.

Jim shared that the Blitzer Gallery would like to show the work of MBMAG sometime between January and August of 2020. He will contact them to firm up details.

Susan shared her correspondence with the managers of the Phoenix Gallery at Nepenthe's in Big Sur. They are willing to represent artists in our Guild and sent guidelines for submissions. Susan forwarded her notes to Pat, who will send the information off to our membership.

Annette will be contacting Haute Enchilada for agreement to have our winter party there again. We will try to continue the potluck luncheon. Pat suggested we try to have the party on Sunday, January 26th, 2020. Susan suggested we ask Susan Kingsley, who has written a book on the Hydraulic Press, to be our speaker. Pat said she will contact her and see if she would be interested. Jim suggested that Jerry Blanchard could come and speak. We will pay a stipend of \$200 to the speaker at this meeting.

Next meeting will be on either December 15 from 10 am to noon, or on December 16th, from 7 to 9 pm.

Pat concluded the meeting. Jim moved to adjourn, and Kelley seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.