

Foothills Craft Guild
General Membership Meeting
November 11, 2007

Meeting was held at the Jacob Building during the fall show. The meeting was called to order by President **Molly Durr** at 9:05 am.

Molly recognized all the new FCG members that were in attendance.

Molly presented the proposed bylaw changes to the membership:

1. Bylaw change to define residency, applies to Article III, Section 2, paragraphs a and c: *The Guild may require a member to provide proof of in-state residency by supplying one of the following: a federal income tax return, Tennessee driver's license or Tennessee voter's registration card. Failure to supply proof of Tennessee residency will result in loss of membership.*
2. Bylaw change pertaining to reasons for termination of membership would become Article III, Section 3, paragraph B, subparagraph 2, section VI: *Failure to provide proof of in-state residency when requested.*
3. Bylaw change about annual election dates applies to Article V, Section 2, paragraph D, Article VI, Section 1, paragraph C, and article IX, Section 1 to read *October/November instead of October.*

Dennis McAvoy moved to accept the bylaw changes. **Russ Jacobson** seconded the motion. A question was brought up about residing in a different state and owning a business in Tennessee. The membership voted on the changes, and the motion carried.

Alex has created a display board highlighting fall show advertising. The program and tickets have been upgraded to full color designs this year. All of the fall show publicity has been compiled into an accordion and was shown to the membership.

Alex has also been working with the Friends of the Foothills program. She explained the different levels of membership including Gallery Friends, whose \$100 donation will go toward purchasing a craft item of their choice for the FCG permanent collection. So far this year, the Friends program has raised \$2300. **Alex** handed out forms to join the Friend program. The form will also be available on the FCG website.

Molly introduced show director, **Karen Noggle**. **Karen** introduced **Alice Fleenor** of the Appalachian Quilt Trail. The non-profit program is based in Rutledge, TN. The purpose of the program is to bring business to local crafts people by creating a trail of quilts that have been painted on buildings such as craft shops, historic sites and barns. The trail should encourage more people to travel to rural places to shop.

Karen thanked members for helping with the show:

Molly Durr for organizing the demo booths
Kathy and Barry Byrd for making and hanging all of the booth signs
York Haverkamp for the outdoor signs
Ann Caudill for coordinating volunteer booth sitters
Amy Armstrong for decorations
Holly Perrin and **Loren-Marie Durr** for tending to the member's lounge
Karen Davis for providing soup each day
Dale Bohanan and her sister **Sonja** for their work in the office

This year the fall show featured a kid's craft booth, run by volunteers from the Appalachian Arts Craft Center, including **Pat Bing** and her niece **Heidi Welch**. The booth was a big success, and the Guild would like to continue this partnership in the future.

Karen announced that there will be a 2008 spring show at Pellissippi State, May 16, 17, and 18. The contract is still in negotiation; more details will be available in the future.

Molly introduced the guest speaker and Knoxville News-Sentinel columnist, **Sam Venable**. He reemphasized the importance of the Friends of the Foothills program. He will mention the Friends program in his annual Christmas column that features gift ideas including donating to charitable organizations.

Karen, Aleex, Dale, and Kathy and Barry Byrd were thanked for all of their hard work helping with the show and were presented with cards and gifts from the Guild.

Clay Thurston presented the Guild with the 2008 FCG calendar. The calendar features photographs of FCG members' artwork. They are currently for sale through the Guild.

Molly announced the newly elected board members for 2008, **Dick McGee, Jessica Dockery** and **Molly Durr**.

Jo Marie Brotherton announced that there are two positions available on the Standards Committee. Anyone that is interested in serving on the committee can contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Dockery