

**Foothills Craft Guild
General Membership Meeting
March 6, 2007**

Unofficial; pending board approval

Meeting was held at the Emporium Building. The meeting was called to order by President Molly Durr at 6:55 pm.

Molly introduced the rest of the current board: **Jessica Dockery, Jo Marie Brotherton, Cutter Watkins, David Grant, Clay Thurston, Bob Conliffe, Ann Caudill** and **Gay Bryant**. She also introduced PR Director **Aleex Conner**, Show Director **Karen Noggle**, and bookkeeper **Dale Bohanan**.

Bob presented the proposed 2007 budget. **Donna Conliffe** moved to accept the budget, and **Bruce Brown** seconded. The motion passed.

Karen spoke about the spring show at **Pellissippi State**. She announced that there will be only 36 booths available instead of 50 due to construction on the campus. So far, 27 booths have been filled. New members were encouraged to apply. Non-member guest artists may be invited fill booth spaces if the show is not full.

Aleex announced that the FCG has committed \$2000 for advertising in the *Knoxville News Sentinel* for the spring show. The *News Sentinel* will match our \$2000. The radio station B97.5 will also match our advertising spent on the spring show. **Aleex** also presented a draft of the spring show mailer to the members.

Five members were awarded with lifetime memberships. They are **Kay Hultquist, Bob Wells, Dolores Wells, Vernon Raaen**, and **Helen Raaen** (deceased).

Outgoing FCG President **Dennis McAvoy** was presented with a gift from the Guild in the shape of a dog bone.

Jo Marie reported about Juryfest. Eleven new members were selected out of 21 applicants. **Jo Marie** introduced them: **Paula Mealka**--glass, **Allison Shaffer**--glass, **Jessica Van Neste**--jewelry, **Karen Yearwood**--jewelry, **Debbie McMurray**--fiber, **Amber Carmen**--glass, **Susan Mowan**--natural materials, **Holly Mezo**--natural materials, **Shereen Franklin**--fiber, **Darlene Bakos**--fiber, and **John Arneman**--mixed media.

Karen introduced local author **Sam Venable**. He is a columnist for the *Knoxville News Sentinel* and has been a featured guest at the FCG fall show for the last two years. Sam has also written many books including *Mountain Hands*, which features short stories about artists in the Southern Appalachian region.

Molly and **Karen** presented **Sam Venable** with an Honorary (Ornery) Membership Award. Sam accepted his award and spoke to all of the members.

Cutter asked all members to make sure that their contact information is up to date. He also reminded members about creating a profile page for the website.

Molly adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Dockery
Secretary