



News from your Guild--Spring 2009

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Board Members & Staff

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Annual Meeting Held March 4

The Guild's annual budget meeting was held on March 4 at the Emporium Building in downtown Knoxville. The budget passed, after Treasurer Dick McGee's enthusiastic presentation, and the results of the February Jurymfest were announced. Welcome to new members:

Sharron Eckert of Pleasant Hill, pine needle baskets
Peg Henderson of Knoxville, clay sculpture
Talle Johnson, clay pots
Julie Morgan of Knoxville, felting & knitting
Mike Naney of Knoxville, photography
Susan Parry of Signal Mountain, glass
Pat Russo of Greeneville, beaded jewelry
Tammy Straut of Jacksboro, felting
Emily Tuttle of Hendersonville, printmaking
Linda Kay White of Signal Mountain, framed quilting
Andrea Wilson of Sevierville, copperplate etchings

And, Gay Bryant juried into the fiber category (knitting).

On a Sad Note

One of the Guild's founding members, Peggy Heddleson, passed away on March 25, due to complications following surgery. Not only was she involved in the Guild, she actively supported women's rights and issues. She owned "Lokicraft", a shop in Greenwich Village in Oak Ridge where she sold her work.

And, another of our members, Ed Addison, passed away. He was an incredible and

talented knife maker and a wonderful character.

Also, our own Charlie Mead has been diagnosed with cancer. We want him to know that he is in our thoughts and prayers as he goes through this battle and we will be there if he needs us. Let him hear from you...it makes a difference.

Show Opportunities

The Guild does not have plans for a Spring Show this year. Show Director, Karen Noggle, and the Board are looking into a Spring Show for April 2010, and are currently considering an indoor show. As soon as new information is available, we will pass it on to members.

In the meantime, if you have not signed up for our 43rd annual Fine Craft Fair, November 13-15, 2009, please get your contracts in before June 30, 2009. The booth fee rates go up after this date, with an absolute deadline for your participation in mid-September. Please note: corner spaces are filled up at this time, but regular spaces are available. As always, call or e-mail me if you have questions.
-Karen N.

Judy Kidd has written to let us all know about a juried craft festival to be held in Oak Ridge this summer:

"The Oak Ridge Art Center will produce the third TN CREATES, a juried craft show as part of the Secret City Festival, June 19 and 20, with set up on Thursday, June 19. Fee is \$125, no commission, credit card services provided for 5%. The Secret City Festival is now one of the top in the nation, on many top 10 or 25 lists, and averages 25,000 visitors. We are in the air conditioned gym, site of many Foothills shows in the 60's and 70's before the move to Knoxville. This is a pleasant show to do, lots of demos, refreshments for vendors, lots going on outside too, and mid-price items go best-- this has not been a great show for high end so far. Please contact Judy Kidd, 865-483-6540, gjkidd@comcast.net, or go the oakridgeartcenter.org to download an application."

Also, we received an email notice from Pat Myers of Pellissippi State Technical Community College regarding the 2009 Pellissippi State Hot Air Balloon Festival to be held September 25-26. The application deadline is August 15. For information and application forms call Pat, (865) 539-7242.

Places to Improve Your Skills- Summer Craft Workshops

Many of you know about some of the wonderful craft workshops that tend to appear in the spring and summer. Here's a brief listing of links to various educational centers in the area that offer instruction:

Odyssey Center for the Ceramic Arts (Asheville, NC) clay only
<http://www.highwaterclays.com/>, then click on "Odyssey"
828-285-0210

Arrowmont (Gatlinburg, TN)
<http://www.arrowmont.org/>
865-436-5860

Appalachian Center for Craft (Smithville, TN, south of Cookeville)
<http://www.tntech.edu/craftcenter/>
615-597-6801 or 931-372-3051

Appalachian Arts/Crafts Center (Norris, TN, near Clinton)
<http://www.appalachianarts.net/>
865-494-9854

John C. Campbell Folk School (Brasstown, NC)
<http://www.folkschool.org/>
1-800-FOLKSCH (365-5724)

Knoxville Arts and Fine Crafts Center (Knoxville, just north of downtown)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/recreation/arts/>
865-523-1401

Mighty Mud (Knoxville, just west of downtown)
<http://www.mightymudclay.com/> (click on "classes" and/or "workshops")
865-595-1900

Shakerag (Sewanee, TN)
<http://www.shakerag.org/>

Penland (Penland, NC, north of Asheville)
<http://www.penland.org/> 828-765-2359

Oak Ridge Art Center (Oak Ridge, TN)
<http://www.oakridgeartcenter.org/> (click on "education") 865-482-1441

Scholarships

Yes, the economy is tough right now, and you may not feel you can afford to take a workshop right now. But did you know that the Guild offers a few scholarships every year? Check out the info on the website <http://www.foothillscraftguild.org/scholarships.html> and click on the "Scholarship Application Form" link. Or, call Ann Caudill, 865-579-2703 for an application. Note that you need to allow 6 weeks to process the application, that scholarships probably won't pay the entire cost of your workshop, and that the Guild has very limited funds.

Items for Sale

Cutter Watkins is having a going-out-of-business sale and has some items for sale. He writes:

"I'm going out of business and have some things for sale that other members may be interested in.

6x12 enclosed trailer \$2250 obo
10x10 white tent 3 sides only \$200
200 sq ft of grey carpet 2x2 squares (puzzle edge) used twice \$175
Lighting 8 halogen and 2 strips \$100
Sales Podium \$75
Booth walls Tin and wood with rolling crate \$200
Plenty of barnwood

Cutter Watkins
865-556-1880
cutters@citlink.net"

Updating Your Info

Kathy Bradley's term as membership director ended in January. She deserves a pat on the back, and a big thank you for organizing all the membership details.

So, if you have any name/address/email changes, please send them to Jackie Mirzadeh, mirzadehj@earthlink.net, call Jackie at 865-693-2329, or send via USPS to the Guild (Foothills Craft Guild, P.O. Box 5650, Knoxville, TN 37928.)
Thanks!

More Guild Information

Did you know that you can find lots of information on the Guild's website, www.foothillscraftguild.org? There are links on the website to info and application forms for the next jurying (in August--tell your talented friends). In the "members only" section, you can find the bylaws, minutes of past meetings, Guild history, etc.