

ASGB Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 24, 2008

In Attendance: Gail Finney, Amanda Jeffrey, Penny Dickinson, Anita Farrah, Blair Revak, Heather Waterson, Christine Sutter, Cindy Rave, Triscia Schaffer, Celeste Sotomayor, Carol Tanner, Rita Schneck, Kathryn Guler, Michelle Parchinski, Karen Sherwood, Jane Praxel, Kim Caballero, Lisa Hamilton, Carol Saker, Marie Dyson, Kiersten Kern and Jeannie Cox.

Welcome Guests: Pipyr and JeriLyn Alderman

Old business: Accepted January's meeting minutes into the record.

New Business:

Adiel was home sick with pneumonia so she couldn't attend the meeting, but sends her thanks and is grateful for the special donations for her niece and new friends receiving treatments at a hospital in California.

ASGB did not sponsor the Japanese workshop after-all, as MAC required a Federal Tax ID number that the group does not have. Will discuss getting a Tax number at the next meeting.

Bead Expo is May 2, 3 & 4 at the Phoenix Convention Center and the ASGB is offered a free table to promote the group. Each of us could provide a bead or piece of jewelry along with a business card to demonstrate the member's work. However, no selling will be allowed at the ASGB table. Penny offered to cover the table on Friday and will need volunteers to cover Saturday and Sunday. Kim Caballero volunteered to cover one of the days. Tables for artists are still available. See website for more information – www.beadexpo.com.

Beads of Courage event at the Borgata is on Saturday, April 5th from 4-7pm. Tickets are on sale for event where all attendees will make their own bracelets and volunteers are needed to help finish the bracelets (crimping). Tables will be available for members to share and sell some of their work and BOC will also be having a silent auction as well. It will be located at Childhood Clothing, off the fountain plaza, kiddy corner from Sugar Bakers. Need more tables and covers – please contact Carol at carolsaker@cox.net.

Tucson JOGS event – Penny had visited the event and didn't think it would be a good event for the ASGB to share a table. Other members agreed it was a dirty, ugly venue. To Bead True Blue, the other venue the group was looking at, in conjunction with Women at the Edge is moving to a new location next year. Manning house will be hosting a new event next year. More info at the next meeting.

Penny showed the group the annealing beads/bubbles she purchased for \$10, after using

them in the Aki workshop. This is a low cost alternative to an annealing kiln. Malcolm at Artcoinc.com is working on getting a bulk order and will let us know when they are available for purchase.

Penny wants to organize another bead demo day this upcoming May in lieu of a meeting. This would be a fundraiser for the group to help recoup some of the funds spent on unsold calendars. A location idea is Fire and Friends Z Studios on 91st Ave. between Northern and Olive Ave., right off Loop 101 in Glendale. The owners offered a reduced rate of \$50.00 for an all day studio rental. We will see the studio at the upcoming March meeting. Lori Greenberg was going to host the May meeting and do a photography and photoshop demo, but has scheduling conflicts, so we will need to reschedule with her.

Education: Christine Sutter has offered to take the Education chair position for the group after a discussion that Kathy Johnson would be interested in teaching a weekend class. Will follow-up.

Bead Challenge/Exchange: The bead challenge for this month was Purple Hearts.

Next Month: Animal beads.

April / Quarterly stretch - Sculptural Flowers.

Treasurer's report: Deposited 3 new member's dues of \$60.00 and reimbursed Amanda for the Turkey at the Holiday party. New balance \$2,845.47

Next Meeting Dates: The March 16th meeting will be at the Fire and Friend Z Art Studio and the April 18th meeting will be at Carol Saker's home.

Meeting adjourned.