

FIRE & RAIN MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2011

Stacy Frost, President, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Ellen Harbison)

We have \$3309.89 in our checking account. Our website domain is now in the name/email of Fire and Rain treasurer so that we'll get renewal notices. Our biggest expense to date this year is the rental of two tables at the Northwest Bead Society Bead Bazaar. We have joined the Northwest Bead Society so that we could expedite getting space at the bazaar.

Event Chairs' Report

Beads of Courage Day (Cheryl Matson)

We will have a bead-making day for Beads of Courage on Sunday May 15th at Pratt. There will be two shifts 9:00-1:00 and 1:00 to 5:00. Let Cheryl know what shift you prefer. Pratt will donate the facility/equipment and soft glass shorts. Janet Miltenberger is acquiring a donation of borosilicate glass. As a thank you to Pratt, we will donate \$50 worth of tools. They will be available for use on the BOC Day.

Old Business:

ISGB Postcard Project (Donna Prunkard)

Donna explained the postcard project. F&R will be doing a chapter postcard. They are due to the ISGB by June 30th. Members may contribute a bead and they will be due to Donna by May 22nd. They can be brought to the retreat or brought to Donna beforehand.

A discussion ensued regarding whether to follow the ISGB Beads of Courage community project and show theme, *Louisville:Possibilities*. It was decided that members may make beads in the theme but are not required to do so. The postcards should be representative of the members' best work. Beads that match the theme that are made by ISGB members will be submitted to the show. Others may be donated to Beads of Courage if the member wishes. ISGB members may also submit beads directly to the show or may submit two beads to Donna, one for the show meeting the theme and a separate one for the postcard.

HCCC Project Update (Leslie Thiel)

Leslie thanked all the participants. She has not heard yet from HCCC as to whether the show is a go. If the show goes forward, Leslie will need all of the pieces with notes about the process used to make the beads. Everything will be sent to Houston in one box.

4th Annual ISGB Northwest Region Chapter Bead Retreat (Laura Bowker)

The retreat will be held at Frantz Art Glass on May 21st and 22nd. We will pay Frantz \$350 for the facility use and will provide the oxygen, propane and torches. If members have torches with quick disconnects they are encouraged to bring them if they're willing to let others try them out or see them in action. The store will be open on Saturday only and we will pay a Frantz staff person to work.

Demos/Classes will include:

Enamels (Felicia Wartnik)

Sculptural Beads (Kathy Johnson)

Double Helix Glass (Jed)

Pearl Knotting with Lampwork Beads (Jennifer from Portland)

Viking Knit (TBA)

Attendees should bring 9-9 1/2 inches worth of spacer beads for the pearl knotting class. All other tools and supplies will be provided as will the supplies for Viking knit.

A light breakfast, snacks and lunch will be provided. Laura will ask Mike if we can stay until 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Payment:

Pay \$75 by check to F&R by 4/30 or \$100 after 4/30

Pay \$78 via paypal by 4/30 or \$103 after 4/30 (or the above check amounts if you mark the box agreeing to pay the paypal fees yourself).

Laura has reserved a block of rooms at Little Creek Casino. Rooms are \$109 on Friday night and \$159 on Saturday night. Other options include the Red Lion in Olympia @ \$99 a night or Glen Ayer in Hoodspport @ \$75-90 a night.

Mystery Frit Challenge

The frit is Reichenbach COE 105 dark multicolor (RL-6206, size 1). Voting took place and Laura Lutrick won a bag of the frit.

Bulk Frit Buy

Cheryl has measured out the frit that was ordered after the last meeting and it was available for purchase.

New Business:

NWBS Bead Bazaar

Ellen reported that this year's NWBS Bead Bazaar will be October 8th and 9th at the Lynnwood Convention Center (lower level). As noted above, we will have two tables. Space will be split between participating members with one check out for the whole table. NWBS will take 10% of the sale proceeds and F&R will take 10% to pay for the table and lighting costs. Last year we did 30% more in sales than the prior year.

The October Fire and Rain meeting date will be changed to October 16th, because it was the same weekend as the bead bazaar.

Website Photos

Stacy announced that if members are willing to have their HCCC photos used this way, they may be used on our website in a gallery or at the top of the pages. Members may also submit other bead photos for this purpose to Donna Prunkard or Cheryl Mattson. It was suggested that we load photos on Flickr and post links on the website and Facebook, because it will be easier than creating a webpage. Chuck Pelfey will help with Flickr.

Icebreaker/Bead Exchange

Attendees reported on their most embarrassing or funny glass related incident and shared the beads they had brought for the bead exchange. The bead exchange was subsequently conducted.

Cool Tools Show and Tell

Attendees showed and explained the tools that they brought.

New Challenge

The next challenge was introduced. Attendees drew cartoon pictures out of envelopes (easy an medium catagories, plus and difficult pictures for Cheryl and Kathy. Participants must make a bead or off-mandrel piece to match the photo and bring their piece and the photo to the next meeting.

