

AQU Regular Meeting Minutes
09-09-2023

Jef Farlow opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. She stated that the Board is working on the AQU website and updating it to a new platform. We currently have \$18,000+ in our bank account and will have a better report next month.

Candie Frankel introduced Debra Glucszczak to speak about "Sacred Threads." Debra is a Board Member of that organization and gave a brief history on Sacred Threads and stated that there is a call for entry for a 2024 traveling show in Houston, and a 2025 in-person show in Indianapolis.

Candie announced that today was the last day that the fabric and notions donated by Joyce Murrin would be available to members. She said that Marci Mills made a beautiful "Thank-You" card for Joyce that would be passed around for members to sign, and that AQU would send Joyce a letter with tax information so she could write off her donations.

Maura Ross stated that we still don't have an Exhibits Chair, and that we really need one. In the meantime, Candie, Maura, and Pam Richardson are filling in. Maura reiterated our upcoming exhibit opportunities which are also noted in detail on the AQU website. She also noted that if anyone still needs a 20th Century artist to make something for AQU's 20th Anniversary Celebration to let her know.

Jef thanked Maura for her wonderful and continuous e-mail reminders to members about all of the upcoming exhibits.

Lisa announced that there are still openings available for the Lyric Kinard Zoom Workshop on September 16 & 23, and that Natalya Khorover would be doing a 3-day Zoom Workshop in January using single-use plastic items. She informed the memberships that the Board had agreed to change our website platform from Weebly to Wix, with more information to come. She gave an update on our yearly retreat from March 21-25, 2024, at the Day Springs Conference Center, stating that we have 12 people joining us from the Tampa Bay Surface Design guild.

Jef stated that we want to invite old members to join us at our 20th Anniversary Celebration and that she would reach out to long-time members to see if they have the latest contact information for those people.

Candie stated that the 2024 Program calendar is full and that we are looking for ideas and suggestions from within our membership for 2025. The "Thrift Sale" in March will be held in Browning Hall where there will be plenty of room for tables. Sellers can offer finished craft items, as well as thrift items. We will be publicizing it to the Peace River, Naples and SW Quilters Guilds. There will also be signs posted outside the event so the Farmers Market attendees can see them.

Paulette Karlin was unable to attend today's program as the speaker, so Candie Frankel did a Program on "Twisted Cord."

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m

Respectfully submitted by Shannan Maggied, Membership Chair, in the absence of Faith Pfalz, Secretary

