

Borrego Springs Art Guild  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2014

President Kathy Johnston started the luncheon at 12:03 pm noting there were almost 100 in attendance today in spite of an increase in the luncheon price to \$20. Members then introduced their guests, followed by announcements of interest from other organizations. Members were urged to view the Art Events table which has detailed information of various upcoming events. Featured artist in the Library Community room in February will be Ellen Moffat. Katie Seabold's lovely centerpieces were acknowledged.

Sally Williams, Chair of the upcoming February 6<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Art Guild show at the Borrego Art Institute summarized the show's details and entry requirements. A sample of proper framing and hanging techniques was available on the Art Events table.

Secretary's Report: Sandy Talbert, in Secretary Camille Rothenberg's absence, noted minutes of the last meeting were sent to the membership with the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes, and they were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anne Wermers reported we have \$395 in checking and \$7,842 in savings. Because of your generous support of the Christmas raffle and your willingness to buy gifts from Guild for the gift exchange, we were able to send \$150 to the elementary school, \$300 to jump start Outside the Box's middle school arts program, and \$150 to Sue Johnson's Card Factory, which provides programs to the Boys and Girls Club and Library Kid's program. There were no additions or correction to the Treasurer's report, and they were approved as read.

Kathy Johnston, in Chairperson Carol Wakefield's absence, announced this year's Nominating Committee was comprised the Carol, Board member Camille Rothenberg, and general member Chris Lombard. They have submitted the following members to serve as next year's (March 2014 – February 2015) Board members: President - Kathy Johnston; Vice President - Christie Barber; Secretary - Deborah Iannicca; Treasurer Beth Hart. Anne Wermers has volunteered to serve as Membership Chair. Kathy asked if anyone would be willing to assume the Publicity/Newsletter duties but there were no volunteers. Since there were no further nominations from the floor, those listed are the slate of upcoming officers.

Membership and Roster – Beth Hart said we are formally at the beginning of the new membership year. The Roster will be printed in late February. She requested members to check with her after the meeting if you haven't yet (or are not sure) you've paid your 2014 dues and to make sure all your information is accurate.

Beth Hart, who is organizing the upcoming Art Festival event on January 18<sup>th</sup> summarized entry and festival details. So far, 14 members are participating, and everyone was urged to attend.

A portion of the raffle was done during lunch, then Vice President Christie introduced our guest speaker, Paul Johnson, jewelry maker, bead historian, and naturalist. Paul gave a very informative presentation on the history of beads from pre-historic times to the present, and showed numerous samples from his collection from around the world. Many members stayed after the meeting to ask questions and view items he'd brought for sale.

Kathy and Beth announced the winners of the final three raffle prizes, which included a necklace donated by speaker Paul Johnson. The next meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Johnston  
Acting Secretary