

Borrego Springs Art Guild  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2014

President Kathy Johnston welcomed members and guests to our Founders Day meeting, which concludes the 43<sup>rd</sup> season of the Art Guild. Longtime members were acknowledged, then members introduced their guest and announcement of events from other organizations were made.

The Secretary's report was made by Sandy Talbert - Minutes of the last meeting were sent to the membership with the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes, and were approved as published.

Treasurer Beth Hart reported the Guild currently has \$832 in checking and \$ 8,346 in savings. Because of the membership's generous support of the raffle last month, \$150 each was sent to the BAI After School Art Program and \$150 to Outside the Box, serving middle school students. Beth also summarized other Guild donations during the past season: \$2,850 to various children's art programs in Borrego, \$560 to the Methodist Church to cover the rent of the facilities Carol Ravy uses to conduct her adult painting classes every other week. Today's raffle proceeds will be added to that. The membership was warmly thanked for their generosity. No additions or corrections were made to the treasurer's report, and it was approved as read.

Beth also informed the members that we are again funding the Nancy Pelly Memorial Scholarship for eligible graduating seniors who are pursuing an art-related education. Because of your generous membership support this year, in addition to the \$430 raised through the sales of the Sunrise Magazine and 2014 calendars, we have available another \$3500 to add, making the total available this year of \$4000 for scholarships. Qualifying students are now in the process of submitting their applications.

Membership Chair Anne Wermers said we are still accepting new and returning memberships as they fund our presentation programs and are added to our scholarship funds. Please notify us of your email address changes so we can keep you up to date with our giving this summer.

Kathy mentioned the current show in the Library Community Room through the month of April features Barbara and Breta Matson. Our member-artists are encouraged to sign up for next season, with displays starting in November and changing monthly through April.

A luncheon of mac and cheese, a croissant sandwich, a small salad, and lemon bars was served and enjoyed by the 84 members in attendance.

President Johnston expressed the Board's gratitude, naming dozens of members, who helped with the wide variety of Guild activities and events during the last season. She also introduced and thanked the DeAnza staff for a wonderful season.

Kathy introduced Leslie Duncan, who gave a brief presentation and showed samples of several of the projects completed by the kids as part of the BAI After School Art program at the elementary school.

VP Christie Barber announced the Raffle winners.

Sandy Talbert introduced this month's speaker, Kay Levie, who gave a very informative presentation on the composition of a great photograph. She used stunning examples of her work and demonstrated how to use Adobe Photoshop software to change and enhance a photo. Many members expressed their hope she would conduct a photography class in town next season.

At the close of the presentation, final raffle items were called. The next Guild meeting, with the Desert Gardeners, is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme will be "Show and Tell."

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Johnson, Acting Secretary