



P.O. Box 19645 Multnomah Stations, Portland, Or 97280-0645

Quarterly Membership Meeting - Virtual via Zoom
September 8, 2021

Meeting **called to order** at 10:06 am by President, Cheri Jolivette. A short delay was necessary to allow distribution of a new Zoom link for meeting access.

Membership, Carolyn Walwyn, reported we have a total of 115 members including two new members who have joined to attend Kristy Kun's class.

Minutes' approval - Katie Walwyn moved that we accept the minutes from June, 2021 membership meeting as published in the August newsletter. Susan Allen seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report - Susan Allen moved that we approve the treasurer's report as published in the August newsletter. Laura Lehrhoff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Announcements - After consideration,

The Board has decided that **2022 dues will return to the \$50 per year** amount which was reduced by half in 2021 when covid 19 caused a significant disruption of guild activity.

Pay dues after November 1: Our fiscal year begins November 1 and paying after this date provides easier accounting for funds. Dues can be paid online: Information will be provided.

Dues must be paid **prior to signing up** for workshops which happens in December.

President's Plea: As President, Cheri announced she had spoken to 70 individual members resulting in an unsuccessful search for a President Elect candidate. Cheri explained that currently, the President-Elect is committing to three years on the board in the roles first as Pres-Elect, then President, and finally as Past President. She suggested that we consider dropping the Past President's commitment to Board membership. After discussion from "the floor", the general feeling was to drop the third year commitment thus making the leadership commitment less daunting.

Old Business:

ByLaws Review and Recommendations: Sherrie Moomey explained that the ByLaws had been revisited by the ByLaws committee (Sharry Olmstead, chair, Marion Shimoda, Deb Sorem, Sherrie Moomey, Cheri Jolivette, Lottie Smith) which recognized that there had been changes but no additions to them since the original issue 50+ years ago. As times change so do guidelines: The committee recommends the following:

- **Levels of Membership** - added a student level
- **Board term length** - Eliminated two year limit; mitigated with processes for resignation or removal.
- **Finance**: Written structure for excess funds; developed a Conflict of Interest policy.
- **Corporate Records** - specifies permanent, financial and operational records including content and time parameters.
- **Photography Policy** - Adding an article directing the Guild to develop a photography policy.



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After brief discussion, Susan Allen moved that we accept the proposed changes and additions to CFG's ByLaws. Jill Hoddick seconded the motion. "Tellers" Jill Hoddick and Sherrie Moomey counted the hands raised; in favor were 40, opposed was 1. Motion carried: ByLaws update approved.

New Business

Slate of **Executive Officers for 2022**; Cheri introduced candidates:

- President, Susan Allen
- President Elect ??
- Secretary, Lottie Smith
- Treasurer, Beth Wells

Cheri and asked for additional nominations from the floor: There were no further nominations. Jill Hoddick moved that we cast a unanimous ballot for the slate presented. Karen Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed: Slate was approved as presented.

All additional Board positions have been filled :Past President, Cheryle Jolivette; Assistant Treasurer, Linda Hansen; Online Exhibits, Jill Hoddick; Publicity, Elizabeth Glaser; Membership, Carolyn Walwyn; Newsletter, Sue Redhead;Programs, Karen Miller; Program Elect Committee, Emily Stevens, Peggy Ellis, Lottie Smith; Outreach, Katie Walwyn; Webmaster, Doug & Judith Quinn Garnett.

Committee Reports

President Elect, Susan Allen, **New Member Mingle** - Wonderful event. 18 attendees. Afternoon tea. Collection of red fabrics was distributed to those who could use them. Big thank you to board members who came to meet/greet new members.

Programs, Karen Miller reported that our meeting in December will be virtual. At this point March meeting is planned in person. June meeting and workshop will be virtual.

Exhibits, Jill Hoddick reports there are exciting new pieces coming in the current online exhibit: Our webmasters are working now to get exhibit posted.

Artist in Spotlight, Amanda Triplett, a 3D sculptural artist:

Amanda explained the *Exquisite Gorge* project as the brainchild of Louise Polermo, Curator of Education at Maryhill Museum. The project is based on the "Exquisite Corpse", the surrealist art party game developed by French Surrealists.

Artists were selected, each to produce an installation which denotes an assigned portion of the Columbia River Gorge. Each installation will tie to those on either side of it producing a "flow" to the river.

Amanda is working with Lewis & Clark College, creating a lab in Spring term, 2022, where art-interested students will work with her developing a 3D sculpture to display in a connecting structure for this exhibit. She hopes to bring in community, as well, to work on the pieces.

August 6, 2022, all individual pieces come together.

Katie Walwyn stated that Outreach is excited to be involved with this project which highlights fiber artists in the community.



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Speaker, Kristy Kun:

Kristy Kun started as a woodworker/furniture builder. She moved to Northern California to study with a master woodworker producing fine furniture. However, she took a job with a woodworker building arts and crafts furniture from reclaimed wood, including wine barrel staves. They deconstructed wine barrels and casks to obtain their “raw” materials. She stayed and worked with him for 13 years.

Kristy took an opportunity to begin to sell wool and invested in a wool business, selling gorgeous fibers and hosting workshops where she brought in instructors from all over the world. She learned felting skills from hosting instructors and observing during their workshops. She dreamed of being a craftsman.

She met *Frogwood* founder, Greg Wilbur, who invited her to join a creative group making collaborative art, “collab art”. See www.frogwoodcollab.com. She found the group with its creative members a joy to work with as they eagerly shared their knowledge and skills within the group. They put their ideas “out there”. A new kind of texture with felt was a result of Kristy “putting her ideas out there”.

Kristy’s sculptures are made with a combination of fabric and prefelt. She creates prefelt by feeding a combination of fabric and wool fiber through a felt loom with 720 felting needles. This prefelt is then cut into forms (strips, etc.) to be attached by hand with felting needles to a base fabric. Additional fibers are wet-felting into the structure adding dimension and strength. The wet felting process initiates shrinkage of the piece up to 30%.

Kristy now lives in Ashland OR. Covid has given a boost to her work and increased interest in her construction workshops.

Future meetings:

Next quarterly membership meeting - Virtual via Zoom - December 8.

Next Board meeting - Virtual via Zoom, October 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Lottie Smith, Secretary