

## **ANN ARBOR FIBERARTS GUILD BOARD MEETING**

October 26, 2020 via Zoom

Members Present - Amy Cameron, Carol Fletcher, Anne Flora, Jan Frank, Teresa Garland, Cindy Harris, Mary Valerie Richter, Trish Richie, Liz Ritter, Barb Schutzgruber, Marla Smith, Agnes Soderbeck, Nancy Staub, Audra Wenzlow, Susan Widawski

**President** - Carol Fleischer called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The agenda for the November membership meeting was reviewed.

### **DISCUSSIONS:**

#### **Meeting Structure: What Works and What Doesn't**

- Have a 15-minute open greeting with Zoom help prior to the 7:00 p.m. meeting.
- In the President's meeting reminder, include suggestion to contact Nancy Staub for Zoom help, if needed.
- Open formal meeting with a review of protocol.
- Suggest that everyone mute themselves (if Nancy cannot) so that we can hear better.
- The last meeting ended abruptly. The suggestion is that after the breakout sessions we return to the larger group for final comments.
- Breakout sessions will alternate between random pairings and techniques. Technique groups will not always include every technique represented by the Guild, but will alternate.

#### **Program Update/Revisions**

November - Karen Hampton

December - Carol Mine "Glass Knitting"

January - Virginia Postrek "The Fabric of Civilization"

February - 2D/3D Virtual Exhibit

April - Joan McKenzie "The 50 Mile Coat"

March and May are still open.

For full information, please check the website for details.

#### **Membership Engagement Ideas: How to keep the membership connected, engaged and feeling included in AAFG activities.**

- Acknowledge that everyone is feeling some sort of dislocation in this Zoom and COVID world.
- Stay positive, welcoming, and inclusive of all fiber techniques.
- Reach out with a phone call or email to those who have not been attending Zoom meetings.
- Send a link to new members and guests.
- Be careful of language when electronically messaging a group.
- Try to overcome real or perceived slights for the good of the Guild.
- Stay positive and reach out!

Respectfully submitted, Jan Frank, Secretary