**Alamance Artisans Guild**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 21, 2016**

President Bob York called the June meeting of the Alamance Artisans Guild to order.

Thirteen people were in attendance. Those in attendance were Bob York, Carolyn Langley, Henry Arnette, Corey Gillespie, Kathleen Gwinnett, Debbie Martz, Ross Strange. Carole Donovan, Jim Duxbury, Rita Duxbury, Julie Herron, Clif Rippenhagen, and Steve Durland.

Motion was made to approve minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Beverly McAnulty sent the treasurer’s report. The balance in the Guild account is $5,694.22. The balance in the Studio Tour account is $8,102.89.

**Membership:** Ross Strange reported that there are now 81 members. Three new members and 2 people have joined since last month.

**Committee Reports:**

**Events and Exhibitions:**
Linda Gill checked with the Green Hill Center for NC Arts at 200 North Davie Street, Greensboro, NC about a show in 2017. The director informed the events and exhibitions chair that there would not be a slot open in 2017 for the Guild. We would like Linda to check on future years, maybe 2018 or 2019.

We need to be thinking of possible venues. Kathleen Gwinnett suggested that Chapel Hill should be checked out. Other possibilities suggested were: Witherspoon Gallery at UNC-G (Bob agreed to contact), N.C. State University (Jim Duxbury will contact), Elon University and the Friday Center.

Husband-and-wife Jim and Rita Duxbury are the featured artists at the Mebane Arts & Community Center, 633 Corregidor St., Mebane.

**Beth Hill is** exhibiting at Harrison's Cafe through July 5 and The Paramount Theater, July 30 -Sept 24 .

[Carolyn Langley](http://alamanceartisans.com/artists/carolyn-langley/) will be showing her work at the Mebane Arts Center, July 19 to September 19.

Carol Donovan will be at Harrison’s July 5 thru Aug 16.

Debbie Martz will be at Harrison’s. August 16 thru Sept 27.

**Steven Durland is having** Woodland Banners Poetry Walks & studio gallery Saturdays from 1 - 5.

Ann Hobgood is having an open house in Hillsborough this coming weekend, June 25.

**Community Relations**

Artworks by famed glassblower and sculptor Dale Chihuly is coming to Alamance Arts July 1 – October 15. They are still seeking volunteers to help. They are also having pop-art art with their first Friday events. Recently, Bob attended a roundtable meeting for Presidents of the local art groups. Alamance Arts is gathering data from all arts groups in the County to help with future grant writing.

Kathleen Gwinnett took art to the senior center. Jim Duxbury is doing a woodturning demonstration on July 16.

**Studio Tour:**
Debbie Martz reported that we have 23 participants who will participate in the 2016 Studio Tour. They include Sandra Barden (pottery), Carolyn Bell (painting), Steven Durland (mixed media), Jim Duxbury (turned wood art), Tekla Frey (Chinese brush painting), Kathleen Gwinnett (painting), Jean Kaplan (fiber art), Carolyn Langley (painting and crafts), Janae Lehto (color pencils and pastels), Jude Lobe (painting), Debbie Martz (painting), Beverly McAnulty (painting), Celine Meador (painting), Kathy Newell (painting), Loretta Partin (painting), Lynn Pownell (weaving), Coy Quakenbush (pottery), Molly Brown Roberts (painting), Pat Scheible (painting), Suzan Scribner-Reed (jewelry), Antje Shiflett (painting), Anita Vigorito (jewelry), and Pam Watts (painting). You can find more details and studio locations on the Guild website.

The Studio Tour Committee has assigned participants to committees. Jacki King will coordinate Facebook publicity. Members need to like and share with friends!

There are 15 supporters currently. We need to make an effort to patronize them. We need to let them know how much we appreciate their support. The brochure is progressing. The map is completed and an address comes up on the online map.

Help is needed on the publicity committee. We have the opportunity to do some free early morning TV spots. Tekla Frey is the publicity chairperson.

The committee is targeting small towns in the area by putting up 11x14 posters at the Chamber of Commerce and other busy locations.

For the first time ever, we will have a digital billboard display on Maple Ave. in Burlington from September 10-October 9. It is a flipping sign with our spot staying up for 8 seconds at a time.

The preview event will be held at 200 North Main St. in Graham at the Cooperative from Tuesday, September 20 through Sunday, October 9. Volunteers are needed to watch over the art during the Studio Tour weekend. Volunteers should not be those on artists participating in the Tour. Coy Quakenbush is in charge of the Preview Event.

**Communication Committee:**

The AAG newsletters are on-line. The June/July issue was combined. The next newsletter will be out in August. Please send anything you would like to have placed in the newsletter to newsletter@alamanceartisans.com. Also, remember that you can post announcements on Facebook.

**Old Business:**
If you have work in the Guild group show at the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, pickup on **Friday, July 29, between 10 and 11:30 a.m.**

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

Debbie Martz has a website now.

Jacki King is selling jewelry at the National Folk Festival and at the Festival on the Eno.

Jim Duxbury sold the kaleidoscope he made

The meeting was adjourned.

**Program:**
Three of the new members of the Alamance Artisans Guild will introduce themselves and talk about their work. The artists are Clifton (Clif) Rippenhagen, Jacquelin (Jacki) Johnson King, and Julie Herron.

The next meeting is set for August 16 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Langley, Secretary