



LSGA Monthly Meeting
Date: September 25th, 2014

In Attendance: Loretta Golby, Lewis Davies, Kathy Schwarz, Hazel Hart, Sandy Wilson, Rosalie Case, Diana Turnbull, Erik Niemonen, Marg Niemonen, Bea Joevanazzo, Faye Cox, Louise Lacqua, William LeFeuvre, Theresa Entz, John Derksen, Megan Groves

Meeting minutes taken by Megan Groves, LSGA Secretary

- 1- **Review and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Bea moved minutes be adopted, Erik seconded, all in favour
- 2- **Welcome to New Members and Quick Introductions:** Welcome to Theresa Entz and John Derksen
- 3- **Summer & CASA Update:** The executive met twice over the summer to develop some potential goals for society this year. Goals included:
 - Increase studio space
 - Increase structure around education at meetings
 - Increase formal education opportunities (e.g. bring in speakers)
 - Organize Open Studio nights
 - Use Webinars for group education
 - Increase social opportunities
 - Increase LSGA's profile in the community (e.g. school sessions, birthday parties, classes like mosaics or stepping stones at Michael's, etc.)
 - Increase advertising opportunities, particularly avenues that are either free or cheap

Kathy and Loretta looked at many spaces over the summer but were unable to find suitable private space at a rate that the society could afford.

Loretta and Liz approached CASA about space, CASA were happy to have us here. Because CASA is geared more towards individual artists (vs. societies), members pay on an individual basis per use (\$5/visit, \$30/month, \$200/year). Some of our equipment will be kept here (things used for teaching classes primarily). Ask for the LSGA key at the front desk, give them your name (CASA will have a list of members).

CASA purchased a kiln for us to use as well! It's a Skutt 1414 and has already been installed and is ready to go. Our small kiln is still at the Jones club space.

We also have two lockers here at CASA that we are renting for the season and will see how much we will use them over the year to determine our needs. They will be fitted out with shelves and glass storage. Personal lockers at CASA also available for member rental (approximately \$40/month).

If any issues at CASA, please let Loretta or Kathy know so that it can be addressed.

We will be keeping the Jones space as well for foreseeable future because we have lots of our inventory there still. William and Hazel made an inventory list of Jones' equipment.

- 4- Membership and Dues:** Rosalie reported that membership rates are still \$45/person and \$80/couple and are due now (September).

Because of Kathy's classes we now have people joining throughout the year, not just at the September intake. At the moment, new members joining will pay only the prorated difference in the membership rate to take them to next September (2015) so that we once again have one big membership renewal time in September (vs. spread out all across the year). We will also need all members (new and renewing) to sign liability forms for with their memberships. The updated forms also cover use of CASA space.

We will be distributing an updated membership list as well.

We will receive membership cards at the October meeting. Loretta will approach the glass shops in Calgary and Great Falls (primarily Spectrum) to see if members can get a discount for showing their membership card.

Kathy and William handle glass orders for group orders, Kathy will be putting an order in for Glass Place Online on Tuesday morning, so please let her know by **Monday, September 29th** if you have anything you would like added to the order.

- 5- Proposed Budget for 2014-15:** Rosalie provided copies of the current budget for members and members will receive a copy of monthly financial report at each meeting. July and August bank balances were reviewed, September to be reviewed at next meeting.

Rosalie also developed a planned budget for 2014-15 year and reviewed with members. We received \$786 from Alberta Arts grant. Would like to explore options for equipment grants, do three sales (vs. our current two sales.) Would also like to look at developing a Future Reserve fund to purchase equipment, have a more permanent home, etc.

Sandy moved to approve the budget, Kathy seconded, all in favour, motion carried.

- 6- **Fall Sale Announcements:** We agreed in June to do the Fall Sale with the potters as per usual. The sale is Nov 14-15 at Westminster Community Centre. Loretta will be going to a meeting on Tuesday with the potters to discuss logistics. At the October meeting we will have detailed shift schedules to sign up for, etc. Loretta also brought a list of our committees that we use to plan sales if you would like to join. Every little bit helps! Anyone participating in the sales is expected to also volunteer some of their time at them. If you are planning on selling items at the sale, you will also need to donate an item to the Silent Auction (society fundraiser). 15% of individual sales also go back to the society. The Christmas sale historically is the best for sales.

We are also registered as a society for the CASA Christmas sale, so Loretta paid for a table at this sale if the society would like to participate. If the society would like to participate, it is \$50/table and we can have one or two. The sale is the Nov 21-22 weekend (Friday night and all day Saturday.)

Hazel moved that we have two Society tables at the CASA Christmas Sale. Lewis seconded. All in favour, motion carried. Loretta will arrange this with CASA.

- 7- **Future Topics for Education:** Kathy has developed a tentative schedule for learning opportunities at our meetings. Topics currently proposed include: Decorative Soldering, Working with Kaiser Board, Fused Glass Jewelry, Working with Reactions (fused glass). Members, please contact Kathy with any ideas you have for education opportunities (that you would either be willing to run or that you would be interested in hearing about!) Kathy is running two stained glass classes at the moment (11 students) and may be able to run a fused glass class before Christmas since the kiln at CASA is up and running.

- 8- **Welcome to CASA and Tour of Workshop Area:** Brent (Facility Attendant) gave members a tour of the workshop area and discussed the logistics of working at CASA. **If members were unable to attend, please ask a facility attendant at CASA for a recap.**

- 9- **Education Item - Drilling holes in glass:** Thank you to Lewis for teaching us how to safely drill holes in glass, as well as some tricks for making this easier!

- 10- **Show & Tell:** William brought an iridized glass bowl that he had made. Members are encouraged to bring items for show and tell at each meeting. Bringing pieces to troubleshoot is also encouraged!

Next Meeting: October 23rd, 2014 from 7-9pm at CASA