

SAN ANTONIO CALLIGRAPHERS' GUILD

General Meeting 11-2-2023



The monthly meeting of the San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild was held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the Dwyer Center of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. The meeting was also presented via Zoom. President Laura Herold called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum of members attended the meeting.

Business Meeting:

Vice-President's Report: Leslie Winakur—Paul Freeman Awards will be given this year to members who go above and beyond. Each winner will be given a piece of calligraphic art to display at their home for the following year. Reggie Ezell offers a year-long class via Zoom called 26 Seeds: A Year to Grow. It is given one Saturday and Sunday per month. Price is \$1800, repeat customers, \$1500. 2024 will be the last time he teaches the year-long class. reggieezell.com. Last call! She emphasized this is an excellent opportunity to learn calligraphy. Leslie will send out the information again tomorrow.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the previous meeting were prepared by Beth McMahon and sent to Board members for review. After corrections, the Minutes were published on the guild website for all members to review. With no further changes, the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report from the previous month was prepared and read by Karen Fridlund. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

- **Scholarships - Maria Te Diaz.** Scholarships (2) are available for the upcoming workshop in February. This is confidential and not need-based. November birthdays include Bonnie Hauser, Karen Oliver, Sylvia St. Jean, Leslie Siegel, Becky Hughes, and Carlos Haun.
- **Programs - Becky Hughes.** Tonight Karen Fridlund will present "Libraries Though the Ages and Books and Videos to Add to Yours." December 7 meeting will be Holiday Potluck and Show and Share. There is a signup sheet in the back of the room to bring specific food items or bring something to share with those who attend in person. Bring items for in-person Show and Share. In January Leslie Winakur will present "Symbolism in Art (St. John's Bible)."
- **Major Workshops - Leslie Winakur.** We will have a Show and Share session on November 9. Send photos of current work to Leslie. Randall Hasson will give a workshop consisting of three Zoom sessions (Feb 3, 10 and 24) about using the Speedball B nib as a monoline tool. That gives time between sessions to do homework. Price is \$125 for the 3-session workshop. Sign up will begin in a couple of weeks. Checks should be made out to

Randall Hasson. This workshop is for our guild members only. There are two scholarships available. Contact Maria Te Diaz for more information about the scholarships.

- **Mini workshops - Maggie Gillikin.** Our mini on November 16 will be “Letters and Designs Inspired by Denise Lach” presented by Leslie Winakur. There is no mini in December but in January we will make Valentines for the Family Violence Prevention Center. Packets will be available for pickup at the January meeting or members may arrange to pick up a packet from Leslie. Out-of-town members who let Maggie know they would like to get a packet will have one mailed to them. Finished cards and envelopes will be due February 1, 2024 at the General Meeting. Maggie reminded everyone that Cindy Haller did a mini in May (which was recorded) as an introduction to using the Speedball B nib.
- **Membership - Fay Kyong Lee.** No report.
- **Secret Pal - Lillie Putman.** No report.
- **Library - Brian Zampier.** Laura reported we received a new book for the library. Jane Gillette generously donated the book about wildlife at the Texas coast that she wrote and illustrated.
- **Exhibits - Fran Boffo.** She has arranged an exhibit at Bihl Haus Arts in February. She asked how members get inspiration to begin a project. Suggestions included galleries, museums, nature, Pinterest, religion, library books, photographs, and marks in the street.
- **Outreach -** We are collecting donations for the Family Violence Prevention Center tonight and at the December meeting. Maria Kutcher and Maria Te Diaz will deliver collected items. It is also possible to send donations directly but you must specify delivery hours. Amazon will deliver to the Center.
- **Hospitality - Loni Carlson.** No report.

Unfinished Business: The Board recently discussed hiring two web designers from the Austin guild to redesign our website. Laura contacted them and will present the quote for services when it is received for approval from the members.

New Business: none

Announcements: none

Rene Rone moved for adjournment. Maria Kutcher seconded the motion. President Laura Herold adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Beth McMahan, Secretary, San Antonio Calligraphers' Guild**