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## News from the President's Desk!

From the president....

I am a planner. I admit it. I like to know what to expect and when to expect it. I like to make decisions and stick with them. I make myself notes to remind myself to return library books, pick up children, return phone calls and send birthday cards. Both times I was pregnant, I wanted to know the baby's sex before they were born. After all, I had to PLAN!!

Having said that, I am also admitting that I would like to know RIGHT NOW when and where we will be having our Holiday Shop. But, as I am learning the longer I am involved with the Guild, that is just not possible. As with every decision that your executive board makes, the success of the guild and its members is most important. We want to have a well-trafficked location, but don't want to spend above our means. We would like to have several options, just in case the one we are anticipating doesn't work out.

There have been many discussions regarding the best possible location for our upcoming shop, and if any members have suggestions, we would certainly love to hear them! But, rest assured that your executive board (most especially Show Chair Georgia Martin) is working diligently to secure our holiday shop location, and you will be receiving more information as soon as it is available.

As any of you who have participated in a show recently knows, Georgia has done a fantastic job as show chair. However, her term will be ending in January. The position of publicity chair, which has so

graciously been filled temporarily by Sue Davis, will also become vacant in January. I would ask each of you to consider one of these positions. Our guild can only be as successful as we make it, which means we have to be dedicated. We have to be willing to make a commitment. If we are not willing, how can we expect others to be??

I look forward to visiting with you all at the general meeting on August 25 at OutWest Steakhouse in Kernersville. Until then, take care!

Jessica Teague

## Membership Matters:

The BIG NEWS - Revising the membership process. The membership/jury process has been in revision for several months and is now basically up to date\*. The new method is less subjective and more clearly defined with regards to the objectives of the Guild. Some of these objectives include marketability of the craft, quality of workmanship and materials and overall appeal.

A grading system is now employed in the jury process. A number of predetermined criteria along with a numerical points system is used to give an actual pass or fail score. Calls to Jury\*\* will be held in August and in February of each year. The applicant will be notified by mail whether their attempt to jury was successful or not.

\*The membership/jury process will be reviewed periodically to insure its subjectiveness and fairness to all concerned.

\*\*Calls to Jury are held twice a year. Individual members who wish to do jury at a different time may make arrangements with Membership Chair.

Cindy Franke, Membership Chair

## **By Georg:**

Planning is underway for the Guild's Holiday Shop! I must say that it is difficult to think about Christmas when it is so hot and humid!! Nothing definite has been decided except that we will have a shop open from sometime in November until a few days before Christmas. I would like to have it open during the week in addition to the weekend. However, that means we will need staff to man it during the week. This is a huge consideration since many of us have commitments, i.e. jobs, family duties, etc. that do not have flexible hours during the weekdays. However, that is a goal and I have worked with this group long enough to know that EVERYONE rises to the need. We will also train everyone involved in the shop about Manager duties. Everyone needs to know what is involved, even though you may never have that responsibility. Being trained will not obligate you to be a manager.

The Spring Shop was a success given the times and economy. My deepest and most heartfelt thanks go to every participant for all their help and support! It was truly a joint effort.

My term as Show Chairperson ends at the end of this year. If anyone is interested in taking over the reins, please let me know and we can work together on the Christmas show. It is a big job (I won't sugarcoat that) but it is also a LOT of fun. The best part is getting to know the members. Everyone is so creative and it is gratifying to see "things

come together" when we all work as a team. That's what being in a Guild is all about. If you have any comments or ideas for the Holiday Shop, let me know. I am always open to suggestions.

Don't forget about the General Meeting and come with ideas to make YOUR Guild better! Georgia Martin

## **THANK YOU...**

Dear Guild Members.

Thank you for selecting me as the 2008 Member of the Year. I felt very honored when I received the information about the award. We went through some major changes during my tenure as President and I want to thank each of you for pulling together and making the Guild survive and thrive. Change is not easy and it takes a great Board and wonderful members to achieve success.

We have many members who work very hard to make our Guild successful. I hope that more members will become actively involved in helping the Guild to continue on this positive track.

You are a wonderful group of talented artisans and I am proud to be a member of the Winston-Salem Crafts Guild with you. I wish each of you the best as we continue to grow the Guild and work together.

Pat Schreiber

**Meetings are held at:**  
South Fork Community Center  
4403 Country Club Road  
Winston-Salem, NC  
(Unless otherwise stated)

**2009 Meeting Schedule**

**\*\*Board/Jury\*\***

January 6 @ 6pm  
April 7 @ 6pm  
August 4 @ 6pm  
October 6 @ 6pm

**\*\*General Meeting\*\***

January 27 @ 6:30pm  
April 28, @ 6:30pm  
August 25 @ 6:30pm  
October 27 @ 6:30pm

**2010 Meeting Schedule.**

**Board Meetings:**

**Jan 5,  
April 6,  
Aug 3  
Oct. 5**

**General Meetings**

**Jan 19  
April 20  
Aug 17**

**(Restaurant TBD)**

**Oct. 19**

**Meetings will be held at  
South Fork Recreation  
Center, unless otherwise  
noted.**

The Guild now has a cell phone so that we can have a published phone number. The phone rotates between Board Members, who are responsible for it on a quarterly basis.

The number is 336-829-6991.  
Number is published on our website.

**Congratulations to Georgia Martin, who was our top seller at the May Spring Shop on Miller Street! The total tag sales for the shop was \$1,923.00.**

**Guild Officers:**

Jessica Teague, President  
Sue Smith, Vice President  
Ruth Wheeler, Treasurer  
Annette Picklesimer, Secretary  
Terri Shore, Member at Large  
Bill McInnis, Member at Large

**Committee Chairs:**

Georgia Martin, Show Chair  
Carrene Sink, Publicity  
Cindy Franke, Membership  
Harold Jones, Website  
Patti Parnell, Newsletter  
Norma Jean Taylor, Historian