

The MCGA held their regular meeting Saturday, March 18, '17. Lou White, sect./treas. opened the meeting at 9:30a.m. with 16 members and one guest present..

Minutes: Glenda Damm said that an address in the posted minutes needed to be corrected. The address was corrected on membership sheet and minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers: Lou told members there is a balance of \$3,392.70 as of the end of February 2017.

Glenda made the motion to approve the report as read, seconded by Sandy Hinrichs, Report approved.

Sunshine: Stephanie Clere asked members to please check their addresses and phone numbers to make sure it was correct, since she has had a few cards returned.

Publicity: No report- Lou Thanked Gin Andino for keeping the members updated on the patch's activities.

Workshops: Stephanie informed the club she had several workshops lined up for the rest of the year.

April- Sandy- whale: May- Steph is talking to a lady about presenting a seminar on weaving on a gourd. She will be meeting with her next week to get the details worked out and will provide info at the April meeting; June- Sandy- Fillmore bowl, which was on display at meeting ; July- Tania Owens- sanding on gourd; August- Hazel Small- to be announce; September- Lois Owens- project to be announced later; October- Shari Zabroski and November- Glenna. Steph said the instructors would provide more information at a later time.

Old Business- Ella Curtis informed members that the Gourd Pile in Georgia, would continue in business following Elaine Hayes death last fall. She said a relative, Pamela was taking care of the business. Lou told members the club had secured a new location for the meetings. for April and May at \$25.00 per meeting. All About Art is located about a half mile north of Cherokee Park at 5162 S.E. Abshir, The committee and any member who would like to go see the new place was invited to go after the workshop.

New Business- Election of officers. Lou said she had asked members to volunteer for the open positions and thanked those who had stepped up. The slate of officers are : President Sandy Hinrichs; 1st. vice/ membership- Stephanie Clere, Sect./Treas- Lou White. ; publicity- Gina Andino; Web-Carole Sheftic and hospitality- Donna Shaver. Lou asked for nominations or volunteers from the floor, none were given. The Majority voted

by a show of hands to accept the slate as presented. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Members were invited to get some refreshments prior to the beginning of the workshop.

March's workshop- color pencil butterflies on a pre-painted gourd was presented by Carole and Ella.. members received a square of black poster board as a practice sheet. Carole than demonstrated using a white pencil on back of pattern allowing it to be transferred to gourd using a stylus. Once this was, done she showed members the correct way to apply Gesso using two coats, which would than allow the application of color pencils. According to Carole the best way to use the pencils, was using a circular motion and a light touch. She said," you can always go back and apply more color, without having a problem with wax build-up."

Carole also demonstrated how you could blend or soften the colors by using a scruffy stiff brush or Q-tips.. Pictures of the workshop will be available later on the website.

We want to congratulate Ella on the winning of several awards at the Florida Gourd Show held last month in Melbourne. She took first place with her gourd banjo; was awarded three second places- a wood burned owl ;carved painted cat and a China man mask and received third place for her carved flower pattern.Good job Ella.

Respectively submitted;

Lou White Sect./Treas.