

The April 16th meeting of the MCGA was called to order by president Diane Surridge at 9:30a.m. Secretary Lou White was not present , so Billie Capps was asked to take this month's minutes.

No treasures report was available for the meeting. The balance as of March,2016 was \$3128.89. This was later corrected by the April report submitted to Diane with the balance of \$3198.89 submitted.

Workshops:

April's workshop; wood burned kitty, by Orchid Davis was switched to June . Shari Zabrowski will present a workshop on judging wood burned gourds following the meeting. Shari passed out handouts for the leather tooling workshop she will be presenting in May.

Glenda Damm will do the workshop in July and Diane will present August's. The last two projects will be on the website at a later date.

Gourd Show: Diane told members she needs volunteers for the November Show. She said we have 22 paid members and everyone should help in some capacity. Profits from the show benefit all members who participate in the monthly workshops.

Volunteers Needed: 1-Getting teachers for classes at show-2-donating pieces for club to sell or for a theme basket- 3- publicity for club and for the November Show.

Cherokee Gathering will be held June 2-5 at Cherokee, N.C.

Gallery East would like members to place items on display at their showing. They will sell the items retaining 20 % of selling price.

Following the meeting Shari presented a program explaining what judges are looking for when viewing wood burned gourds displayed at shows(Pyrography, the art of burning a surface with a heated tool or fire) .

There are basically two types: wood burn only, whole or cut with clear finish or-wood burn plus ink, dye or stain, whole or cut. Techniques include line, shading or stippling.

She explained there are variations of the two basic categories depending on the decisions of the show committees.

Notes submitted by Billie and transcribed by Lou White

Respectively submitted by secretary;

Lou White