

The Nov. 21,'15 meeting of the M.C.G.A. was called to order by president Glenda Damm, 9:30 a.m. with 21 people in attendance. Glenda had news from Al Harnage, treasurer. He has undergone several treatments and is hopefully on the mend.

She also told members that Carole Sheftic will not be doing program after this term, but will continue to do the patch's web site.. Ella Curtis will end her term as publicity in February.

Election of officers will take place at the February meeting. So far vice president, Diana Surridge, has agreed to takeover as president and secretary Lou White agreed to remain in that position.

Glenda reminded members we had agreed to display some of our projects at the Belleview Library for the month of January.

She also reminded the patch there will be no meeting in December. In January we will have an after Christmas potluck, with members bringing a dish to pass. The club will furnish the ham.. Please sign up on the web page so we will have an idea who is coming and how much ham to purchase.

Glenda asked Carole to give the last weeks gourd show report since she was not feeling well and was heading home.

She also said she had received three ornaments painted by member Lanie Cantwell, but had forgotten them for the show. These ornaments and the few left over from the show were offered to members to purchase.

Carole thanks all of the members who either painted ornaments or bird houses and helped set-up and man the booths at the show.

The club took in a total of \$2404.50: \$1295- class fees; \$550 table rent; \$559.50 in club sells. She said the committee had decided not to charge the extra five dollars on each class, but that might be an idea for next year.

Payouts were- banner \$40, teachers- \$1230; ornament gourds- \$26,; birdhouse gourds- \$80 ( but we have 8 unfinished gourds that we could use later); printing and badges \$85 and refund of class fees- \$65. That left the club with a profit of \$884..

A member suggested that the club should bill those members who did not participate in the ornaments or bird houses; since the sell of those items help offset the money the club paid teachers for monthly classes. She said it was not fair to the members who did the work, while those who didn't still only had to pay the \$5 monthly class fee.

Carole went over the class schedule for the upcoming year- Dec.- no meeting; Jan. potluck; with Sheri as a guest speaker on, " What Judges are looking For". Members were asked to bring in a piece so it could be mocked judged. Feb. - Carole- woven gourd basket; March- Guest Mary Ann Gary; dream catcher; April- Orchard; project unknown; May- Sheri Z, leather trim; June- Ella- fish instrument; July- Glenda- copper tooling and Aug.- Guest Cindy Weeks- chip carving ....Sept.-Nov.- open.

Meeting was adjourned. The sea turtle class was instructed by Hazel Small and Sandy Hinrichs. They had the kits all cut out for purchase as well as a few displays showing different finished projects

Hazel told the members if they had thin gourds, the pieces would have to re-inforced using decoupage glue or gluing water color paper to the underside of the main pieces. Paper toweling was used as filler between the top and bottom shells.legs, head and tails were hot glued in place and quickwood use to fill in around the sides.The turtles all turned out a little different due to the size and shape of the gourds used to make the pattern. Some used green to undercoat their turtles others used browns or blues.

Many gourds were on display for show and tell.

Respectively submitted;

Lou White