

# St. Louis Lampworkers Society (SLLS) Secretary's Minutes

Meeting Date: 9-14-2008

Meeting Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by:

Kim Ownbey

We thanked our host for having us:

Kim Ownbey's house

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Karla Lester.

Attendees were: Patti Skonicki, Betsy Loudon, Tamara Hawn, Kristol Chism, Barb Crofton, Sharon David, Fred Linders, Lendy Middendorf, Erna Garber, Melissa Villadiego, Marilyn Roberts, Karla Lester, Joan Cross, Mary Jo Mueller, Jaquetta Adams, Erin Elswich, Sue Wuest, Denise Peterson, Joan Barzilla, and Kim Ownbey.

Announcements:

**Bead Show:** The person who was going to provide wine did nothing to obtain the permits, so we will not have wine at the show.

After the show: we will have reservations at "La Margaritas" on Watson for an after-show celebration.

St. Martha's Hall is having a bake sale; we might be expected to provide the baked goods. We might be able to get a donation of baked goods from McArthur's. Sharon will check with St. Martha's Hall.

If vendors wish to be able to take credit cards at the show, there are options:

Propay.com is @29.95 a year through LE or Etsy (special rate). They also have a usb card reader that will read up to 50 transactions.

Cindy Jenkins and Sarah Sturgiss will not be doing the demo table this year, so we will need a TV with a VCR or DVD player. Erin said she could bring that. Joan can bring demo tapes. Denise will help with run the table.

Sue Wuest said that we are in the initial review process for non-profit status, so it is official that we can go ahead and use the non-profit status. We will not need merchant licenses for the show.

**SLLS Charm Exchange:**

Make 30 charms by the November meeting; there will be 2 groups.

Gallery Show: Gallery Show is going up on Thursday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) is the grand opening at Third Degree Glass Factory.

## Q-Tips:

Suggestion for finishing off dyed silk ribbon necklaces: make an eye pin with 20-gauge wire, tie the ribbon end to the eye pin, pull through end caps with the free end of the eye pin through the hole of the end caps. Make a loop in the end of the eye pins.

Tamara asked how long a tank of oxygen should last. Answer: 2 weeks is pretty normal. Of course, that depends on how much you torch.

It was also stated that oxygen concentrators can be purchased from Steph's Bead Corner on LE.

Question: may we use the hotheads at Cindy's Fun House to practice for the class with Holly Cooper coming up in February at the Mid-West Glass Experience? Melissa said she would check into that.

It was asked if anyone had any tips for working with "silver" glasses, like Precision glass. Sue Wuest replied that Precision is very similar to R4. Some strike and some reduce. For example, Monet by R4 reduces. When making a bead with it, you flash the bead in a propane flame for a few seconds, then rotate in a normal flame to let the colors develop.

Bead-N-Tell: The challenge was "Halloween".

Kim—ghost, black cat, crosses with vines.

Mary Jo—frit beads, Tink vessel with Vulcan ears.

Joan—misc. beads, wrapped twisties, some with Vetrofond tempenade.

Karla—camouflage beads, raku on carnelian, orchids, various Halloween beads, frit crystals.

Marilyn—Bullseye beads, big hole beads.

Melissa—fall-themed beads, frit beads, new new odds, pumpkin heart.

Erna—2 pumpkin beads.

Lendy—witch, black/white beads, pumpkins, bats, Xmas beads, Helen's Harvest necklace.

Les—paperweight.

Barb—hearts.

Tamara—beads inspired by Trey Cornette and marvered beads.

Jaquetta—misc. gypsy beads, beads with EDP and turquoise.

Sue—eyeball, Jack-O-Lantern, pumpkin, ghost, bone.

Tamara won the monthly drawing bead made by Jaquetta.

Next challenge will be hollow beads.

Next Meeting: A winery in Augusta, MO. Location to be announced later.

Demos: Kim demonstrated dyeing silk cords and ribbons using Koolaid, Vinegar and water. Recipe:  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of vinegar, 1 cup water, 1 packet of koolaid. Soak ribbon or cord in the dye until the desired color is achieved. Rinse in cold water, then put in a plastic sandwich baggie and microwave until the bag puffs up. Let dry.