

## SLLS Meeting – July 12, 2009

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Call to order by Karla Lester.

Thanked our host Fred Linders. (Beautiful house and set-up)

Karla read the minutes from the June meeting - topics included:

- 1) Glass Galore
  - a) on-line & paper applications available
  - b) In 2010 we may switch weekends, making it 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October to avoid duplication of Lady Bug Beads bead show
- 2) Having a St. Louis "Gathering" in July – possibly July 26<sup>th</sup>, but before end of August at Becky Casperson's house
- 3) Melissa Villadiego took pics of beads for Postcards for Glass Galore
- 4) Q-Tips
- 5) Drawing for bead won by Joan Cross  
Minutes were approved

Treasures Report was read by Karla:

- 1) New account has been established at Commerce Bank for SLLS as a Not-for-Profit agency.
- 2) In June we collected \$827.97, paid out \$25. Current balance is \$3,190.38.  
Treasurer's report was approved.

Current Discussions:

- 1) Glass Galore
  - a) Discussed that many of the tables are sold (calculated it to be about 20 sold tables out of 30)
  - b) Confirmed that we will be in the small gym this year – but hope to move it to the big gym next year
  - c) Discussed that one of the reasons SLLS wanted to push through the Not-for-Profit status was that Kirkwood would enforce a vendor fee for each person renting a table at the show, and the Not-for-Profit status eliminates that requirement
  - d) Postcards would be available for distribution soon – hopefully by the next meeting
- 2) Reminded all that 2009 dues that have not been paid to date are late, and should be paid up a.s.a.p. It is required for anyone participating in Glass Galore to be current with their dues
- 3) St. Louis "Gathering" still in the plans – tentative date still July 26<sup>th</sup> – but will be held before the end of August. More information to follow.
- 4) Flashback arrestors usually sold in pairs can occasionally be purchased from Frantz glass or Sundance if you only need the one for propane.

Q-Tips:

- 1) How do you tell if it's the element in the kiln that has burned out when your kiln won't come up to temperature?
- 2) Using 2 oxy-cons vs. one
- 3) What is it like to use Natural Gas instead of Propane?
- 4) What do people do with the small pieces of stringers and rods that are too small to use directly in the torch?

Bead Drawing – won by Fred. Determined that June's winner wasn't here, and since Linda O won in May, and missed the June meeting, that Linda would give Fred a bead. (Someone still owes Linda O a bead from May – could it be Joan C?)

Next Month's bead challenge: Silver Plum (Light or Dark). Silver Plum is reactive and prefers oxygen. It needs to oxidize to change color. Work it cool. Additional info can be found on LE – look for posts by \*Naos\*.