

**SLLS Business Meeting  
November 11, 2009  
Craft Alliance**

Ten members plus Bud were present.

Karla filled in for President Melissa. Karla thanked the Craft Alliance for the meeting space.

Marilyn read the October minutes, which were approved.

Announcements

Michelle said that Kate Fowle Melaeny will teach at 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree the weekend of April 10. She will teach both Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 5. Cost is \$350 for both days. See the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree website for more information.

The Midwest Glass Experience will be February 12-14 at 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

The Bead Retreat will be May 14-17, Friday to Monday. Information will be available after the first of the year.

Marilyn did a show in Louisville, KY this weekend; she just returned.

Q-tips

Michelle asked about using a rivet gun to get stuck beads off a mandrel. Joan described the process. Soak the bead in warm water for an hour first.

Karla—Don't dip mandrels in bead release that is too thin. The bead will be hard to get off and you may break the mandrel.

Kim O. asked for the best place to buy silver. Hauser-Miller in St. Louis was the answer. This led to questions about what gauge silver wire to use for what application:

20G half hard for earrings

20G – 18G half hard for wire wrapping

Or you can use dead soft if you are doing a lot of bending/twisting.

Use half hard for something you won't wind/bend too much.

Joan spilled the beans about ganoksin.com, which is a wonderful jeweler's information archive.

Tim McCreight's *Metalsmithing* is a good reference for basic metalsmithing.

Emily G. asked about tennis elbow from lampworking. Joan suggested a rest that supports the forearm. Others said they couldn't torch that way, that their elbows had to be on the table.

The next challenge will be goldstone.

The next meeting/Christmas party is December 13. Bring a dish and a bead for the gift exchange.

Joan won the bead drawing. Miss Kate brought the bead.

Officer Nominations

Lendy was nominated for vice president, the nomination was seconded. Lendy declined. However, Lendy will help with next year's Glass Galore; Joan will be the back-up.

Joan was nominated for vice president, the nomination was seconded. Joan accepted.

Karla will be next year's president. She will talk with Melissa and have something drafted about running for office.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn, Secretary