

**Carrollton Artist Guild Meeting Minutes
May 2011**

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Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Guild Officers:

President: Jennifer Thomas
Vice President: Bill Leslie
Secretary: June Shelnett
Treasurer: Katie Keene
Member-at-Large: Dulcie Powell
Member-at-Large: Scott Calkins

CCCAA Rep.:
CAC Rep: Phoebe Swatek
CAC Mgr.: Penny Lewis

REFRESHMENTS (6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) - Members signed in and mingled over chips & dip provided by Katie Keene. Katie also presented a birthday cake for Jennifer as members sang a marvelous rendition of "Happy Birthday."

CALL TO ORDER (7:00 p.m.) - Jennifer Thomas, President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Katie Keene presented the Guild treasurer's report for the past year stating that the current balance for the CAG account is over \$6,000 and that expenditures for the past year were \$2,000+.

Tam & Tezzo Tamukati, who moved to Carrollton from the Congo last year, announced that they are opening an African art gallery on the Square. Sounds like another exciting art avenue will be coming to our area.

Russell Green of Gallery Row Coffee on the Square announced that the coffee house expects to start exhibiting Art Guild members' work sometime in June. A submission process will be in place shortly, so start thinking of some of your best work to offer for show & sale there. Fairfield Plantation will also begin showing members' art soon.

Helen Helwig announced that there will be several fun workshops including wire-wrapped jewelry (May 14th) and board games (May 28th) at SCRAP BIN coming up. And this summer the Kids' Art Camp at SCRAP BIN will be June 27th - July 1st (9:00A - 2:00P) for \$65 followed by a series of Adult Summer Camp Workshops July 11 - 15th.

Phoebe Swatek announced that the Art Alliance Gala at the Fulford's house is May 19th, and it is this event that funds all the Carrollton Cultural Arts Center activities except the Art Guild and the salaries of CCAC employees. Part of the fund-raising at the gala is a silent auction of garden art, and they are accepting items right up until the afternoon of May 19th, so if you have anything you think would fit the theme and help raise funds, bring it to Phoebe at the CCAC.

Jennifer Thomas announced that we've worked at building our art community and that some things are starting to happen but that the CAG road trips idea needs more work. She also mentioned that next month's meeting is the new membership drive/membership renewal party which includes the announcement of the new board members. She hopes to have a big turn-out to kick off the next year of the CAG, so be sure to come to renew your membership and have some fun.

PROGRAM

Our guest speaker was Robert Thompson, who moved to Fairburn, GA, from Florida. Robert has been making paper for the past 25 years and had an assortment of the materials he uses in his papermaking to show us, including plant fibers such as wheat straw, iris stalk and bamboo leaves. With some of the various pulps he had previously prepared by simmering wheat straw (or other plant fiber) with a caustic for about 4 hours followed by thorough rinsing, he demonstrated how to put the pulp in a water bath and place it on a screen and add wild grass clippings, bamboo husks, banana leaves, wild flowers, etc. At that point he drained the screen as much as possible and turned the pulp out to dry face down on some white cotton pieces and carefully peeled off the paper from the screen and voila! Beautiful paper to be packaged or framed! He had a number of samples of his paper creations for members to check out. Robert does workshops, and a sign-up sheet was provided for interested members.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

June Shelnutt, Guild Secretary