

AGASC Meeting Details

The General Meeting of the AGASC was held Tuesday night, March 8th at the Mission Valley Community Library – a wonderful, convenient and artistically inspiring location. Newly elected President, Kathleen Mitchell, hit it right when she called the group Renewed, Revitalized, Restored and Reincarnated! The energy of the evening was extremely positive, enthusiastic and fun!



After calling the meeting to order, Kathleen introduced the Board Members, Susan Hirsch-Vice President, Bill Matulich-Secretary, Jon Simpson-Treasurer and Ilanit Shalev-Membership Chairperson. Marti Blair, who originally started the AGASC 30 years ago, gave a brief history and laid out plans for the renewed organization, now at 100+ members, and hoping to double in the next year. Many people who had not previously renewed their membership (enjoying the new ease of renewing with Paypal on our website, thanks to Susan Hirsch) took the opportunity to do so while the reduced membership fee of \$15 per year was in effect through the 15th of March. We broke into 3 committee/teams as our interests directed, and then reconnected together to discuss new ideas and concepts generated in our break outs.



A wonderful bonus for the evening was the addition of Members-at-Large, Boyce Lundstrom and Ron Carlson, both of whom have been cornerstones in the development of modern glass, with foundational history in San Diego in particular. Ron discussed his vast experience with artist run groups establishing goals and working together to achieve them. Boyce presented his newly off the press book, Kiln Fired Glass – Copper & Metal Inclusions. They put forth a vision of the AGASC as a more active and involved social organization, with an intention to have educational activities monthly. They discussed expansion possibilities that would bring the interests of the group to the general public, grow the membership, and provide very valuable, informative opportunities for glass artists.



The Technology Group is working on redesigned webpage and a new Bi-Monthly Newsletter, designed by Susan Hirsch and headed up by Carol Korfin Teri Konars and Jolinda Marshall. They are open to suggestions from the general membership and discussed making the webpage more interactive and educational. Research is being done on the best format to produce those results.



The Education Group, team chaired by Rob Morey, Boyce Lundstrom, and Ron Carlson discussed a variety of workshops, demonstrations, lectures and educational field trips. A plan for a comprehensive workshop at the UCSD Crafts Center will be designed and scheduled by Ron and Kathleen. Tamara Golden will generate a survey for all AGASC members to identify interests and skill levels.

The 2011 Show/Exhibition Group is working on nailing down an Artist's Reception evening, which now is set for Sunday Oct 9 from 4-7PM. Show dates are October 5-17, 2011 at Spanish Village Studio 21. The committee is meeting this week to set a timeline for various aspects of show planning. They are interested in ideas for potential Jurors for this year's exhibit. In addition, they are looking at other exhibit locations that will work for a prospective Spring Invitational Exhibit. They plan to report to the Board at the next meeting. Press Releases will be due to go out in May.



Despite being very productive, the meeting was a real pleasure to attend and all look forward to sharing ideas and collaborating with more of the general membership. Please feel free to contact any of the Board Members with questions and interest in participating!

