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for the
members of
the Ohio Arts
and Crafts Guild*

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President's Corner

In last month's newsletter I listed some of the discussions that had been taking place with those utilizing the Guild's online list at www.yahogroups.com. I mentioned some of the topics discussed with the hope that we could get a significant number of our members involved in this "brainstorming." As I write this column it has been about three weeks since my request so maybe it's too early to expect responses, but so far, very few have taken advantage of this invitation to share your thoughts.

Specifically, we are looking for your ideas on how to increase the guild's importance in the lives of our members.

We are in the process of preparing a member survey with the hopes of gathering information to help us with this endeavor, however, don't hesitate to pass along your thoughts before the survey is distributed. This can easily be done by phone, letter, or e-mail to Linda at the office, or to any one of our board members. I'll try to get the comments out to all of you to see what others think. If you're not taking advantage of the online list, and you have a computer, I recommend that you look into it. It can be a wonderful vehicle for two way communication with a rather large number of your fellow members.

We are slowly making progress with adding board members. However, we are still looking for five or six more. We would like to get a better cross section from around the state. Some have told me that they are too far away to attend meetings, or that they would like to help, but don't feel they would have the time.

In today's world of electronic communications, we have no need for face to face meetings. We essentially conduct all of our "meetings" online. Thus, no travel time is involved and scheduled "meetings" are a thing of the past. We can communicate guild business as the need arises.

Time involved? That depends on the individual. You decide how much you want to take on. Your responsibility as a board member is mainly to express your thoughts, and then your vote, as we develop a project. If you decide you want to take on a heavier load, that will be up to you.

If you would like to talk to me first, and have some questions, send me a message or give me a call. If you're interested, then the next step is to send me a "bio" about yourself, tell us why you would like to be on the board, and we will go from there.

Finally, I would like to say how pleased I am with the response that we are getting to my plea for some voluntary financial help with getting us through the first half of this year. While it's too early to say we're out of the woods, if we continue with the response we have been getting over the last few weeks, we may soon see the light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you.

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Dear Editor

It seems as though the gloves have really come off lately on the guild's online list! Although personal attacks are regrettable, I think the views of all are relevant and important. I think that you did a good job, John, in helping us see the value of both Don and Grace's views regarding scholarships.

My own view is this. I tend to be a quiet Guild member, because I am not someone whose art/craft is a career. It is not a hobby, either, because it is a bigger part of me than just something I do for fun. It is something that I do because I am compelled to do it by some artistic impulse that cannot be denied. I am truly an artist who does her art for the sake of the artistic expression, with the idealistic hope that some day someone will buy it and give me some extra cash to pay for my supplies. I play with the idea of maybe making a career of it someday, but I realize that this pattern does not make for a good business plan. I have benefitted from reading the words of people who have a smarter business plan, and I am getting wiser. I have to remain true to my artistic impulse, however.

Although I am not a crafter in the truest sense of the word, I feel a kinship with those of you who are. I admire your work and your ability to make a living from your craft. I think that there is room for both artists and crafters in the Guild, and room for persons who make a living from their work as well as those who do it on the side.

All of us have an artistic impulse that drives us to make things with our creative spirits. However, in my opinion, people who sell buy/sell do not share that kinship. Buy/sell is strictly business, and it is surreptitiously posing as selling something uniquely handmade by the seller, which it is not. That does not seem truthful in an artistic sense or a business sense, which is why so many of us are offended by the notion of it undercutting the true artisan's sales.

When you join a "guild", it suggests that there is a higher standard of integrity for what you do than

simply the business of making money, therefore it seems to me that the Guild should stand for true artisans and crafters and not buy/sellers. Although the business is important, it is not the only reason we do what we do. Otherwise, we would all be selling things that were easier to make and sell.

When I joined the Guild, I had no idea of the time and energy investment that other Guild members were putting into it. When the messages about the need for other Guild members to do their part came out, I was surprised and dismayed. This was a group that I joined not thinking that I had to give more than my dues to. I apologize for my selfish thinking! I decided not to re-up, because I truly had no time to give, and I felt guilty for selfishly taking. However, after reading Don's passion about the guild's scholarships I am reconsidering. I work with disadvantaged youth (in my other career) who could really benefit from someone championing their talents through a scholarship for artistic endeavors. Although I knew that the Guild offered scholarships, I really didn't know their power until I read Don's words.

I agree that personal attacks are regrettable, but not unforgivable. I hope that John and Grace will forgive Don for his remarks, because they came from the heart about something he truly cares about. It piqued the interest of this member who was about to slip away, and now would like more information on what these scholarships are all about.

My membership dues will be in the mail!

Vicki Boatright - Dellroy, Ohio



Vicki's painting (left) "Love Is All There Is" You can see more of Vicki's paintings on artadventuresstudios.com

Editor's Note: Not only did Vicki renew her membership - she also "volunteered" to take on the responsibilities of the guild's online list.

Thank you, Vicki !



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WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS

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Welcome! and Thank you!

to two new board members -

Vicki Boatright

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Diane Bruckner has volunteered to be the Guild's new WebMaster.

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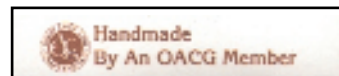
The continuation of the guild as a viable service to the arts and craft arena in Ohio depends on our ability to find folks willing to step forward and continue the dream of our founders.

Our search for new board members is going well, and we thank those that have stepped forward - but we need quite a few more volunteers. If you're interested, but concerned that you don't know what you might be getting into, let me assure you that you will be given adequate time to "learn the ropes" before those of us that want to retire leave. You will not be asked to take on responsibilities that you don't feel you have time for. Once you've had a chance to acquaint yourself with the guild's board activities, you can select the position that you are most interested in.

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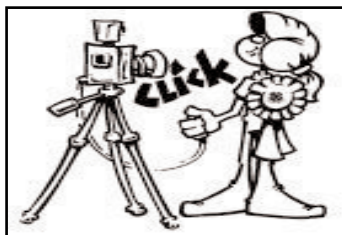
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