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THE ONTARIO
CLAY AND GLASS
ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT

April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

FUSION Board 2013-2014

Current Board of Directors

PRESIDENT	Vickie Salinas
PAST PRESIDENT	Derek Chung
SECRETARY	Gene Timpany
TREASURER	Cynthia Dron
GUILD ENGAGEMENT & MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS	Barb Banfield
MEMBERSHIP	–
PUBLICATIONS/MARKETING	Derek Chung
PROGRAMMING & EDUCATION	Chris Snedden
POTTERY & GLASS SHOW	–
EXHIBITIONS	–
GLASS PROGRAMMING	–
DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Noel Keag
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOOKKEEPER	Deborah Freeman
FUSION OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	Jenanne Longman



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Front Cover: FUSION 2014 Bursary Awards recipients: Debra Sloan (clay) and Cheryl Wilson Smith (glass)

President's Report

Vickie Salinas, President

I would like to thank the FUSION Board and staff for another great year.

Our programs, website, magazine, enews and Facebook page have continued to provide out members, as well as others interested in clay and glass, with information, advice, education and opportunities to sell and exhibit work.

In June of 2013, our annual conference was held at Sheridan College in Oakville. Gay Smith and Laurie Rolland gave wonderful informative demonstrations. These two talented individuals shared their knowledge and experience with us.

It was also at Sheridan that the 2013 Fireworks Exhibition opened. This impressive exhibition is presently traveling to various public galleries throughout the province of Ontario.

The Pottery and Glass Show was once again held at the Wynchwood Barns in Toronto. This is an interesting location for our annual sale and was well liked by those who participated in the show.

At our 2013 Annual General Meeting, we updated our bylaws to keep in line with present practice and meet legal requirements.

Looking to the future, we are organizing another exciting mentorship program for 2014, planning the 2015 Fireworks Exhibition, the 2015 conference and winter workshop and exploring the ideas of northern Ontario workshops, and webinars.

All of these programs have required the work of a dedicated, hardworking board and staff. The FUSION Board includes: Andrea Vuletin was responsible for the Exhibition; Barb Banfield is responsible for the mentorship program and who has designed our FUSION merchandise; Derek Chung is responsible for marketing, publications, awards, bursaries and nominations; Cindy Dron is our treasurer; Noel Keag is a director at large responsible for the Winter Workshop; Chis Snedden is responsible for educational programs; and our newest board member is Gene Timpany who is our secretary.

Our staff: Jenanne Longman is our office administrator and the person we all talk to when we call the office. Deborah Freeman is our bookkeeper and executive director. Helen Rudin is our magazine editor.

FUSION's board and staff look forward to another year of continuing and expanding programs for our members. ■

Secretary's Report

Gene Timpany, Secretary

At the 2013 conference, I was elected to the FUSION Board and have subsequently assumed the Secretary's position. This year has been a great experience and I look forward to this coming year. I have had the opportunity to work with some very dedicated and experienced people.

With our major educational institutions moving away from teaching the arts to pursue more technology and business degrees, it falls to grass

roots organizations like ours to take up the slack. Exciting times are ahead as we adapt to this new environment and tailor new programs and services to further ceramic and glass arts education and appreciation.

The Board has met five times at the FUSION office in Toronto over the past twelve months. The Board has also met four times via the internet to discuss and vote on time sensitive issues and opportunities. ■

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Dron, Director

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014, FUSION faced some significant financial challenges. As this was an "off" year for the Mentorship program, we did not receive the associated funding and revenue. The Pottery and Glass Sale was not able to contract for its usual weekend, resulting in weaker sales.

The conference at Sheridan College was a critical success, but not as well attended as anticipated. As this was an inaugural year for the biannual

Fireworks Exhibition 2013, additional expenses were incurred for the opening exhibition. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Winter Workshop due to lack of registration. The timing of the Mentorship and Fireworks programs, along with the Winter Workshop cancellation had a significant impact on membership which decreased of approximately 12%. Despite careful management of our resources by the board and staff, FUSION is reporting a deficit again this year. ■

Programming and Education Report

Chris Snedden, Director

Last year the annual FUSION Conference was held at Sheridan College in Oakville, and was hosted by the Mississauga Potters Guild. We had the great pleasure of having Gay Smith, from North Carolina, and Laurie Rolland, from British Columbia as main presenters at the 2013 Conference. Both presenters charmed and inspired the audience with bits of wisdom garnered from their extensive experience as potters. Gay Smith threw and altered clay on the potters wheel, while Laurie Rolland hand built some incredible teapots on the other end of the stage. Thank you goes to the Mississauga Potters Guild for suggesting the presenters, and for their assistance in running the event. Thank you as well to the staff and faculty of the Design School for their assistance and the generous use of their facilities for the smaller workshops and the Fireworks Exhibition.

Over the last number of years we have been providing more glass programming. FUSION hosted a Glass Panel Discussion held at the conference, moderated by Koen Vanderstukken. We also organized a glass workshop with Andrew Kuntz on glass sandblasting.

Thank you to Anne Pederson, of the Waterloo Potters Workshop, who spent many hours seeking out a suitable venue for our Winter Workshop. Unfortunately the workshop in Waterloo had to be cancelled, but we wish to thank the Thunder Bay Potters Guild for hosting the workshop with Cathi Jefferson from British Columbia.

The future is bright for FUSION. The organization has attracted some very talented and capable people to help make a positive change for the clay and glass workers across Ontario. Noel Keag from Thunder Bay has jumped on board to help create valuable programming for the Northern guilds. I look forward to working with her in developing workshops and exhibitions that will showcase the talents of all the makers across Ontario.

If you, or someone you know, would like to help with this type of programming in your area, or if you have suggestions for future programs, if you wish to make a difference for the next generation of makers, and for your own practice, please feel free to get in touch with any of the board members. ■

Nominations Report

Derek Chung, Past President

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Current Board of Directors

President

Vickie Salinas 2013-2014

Past President/Nominations

Derek Chung 2012-2014

Publications/Marketing

Derek Chung 2012-2014

Treasurer

Cynthia Dron 2013-2015

Secretary

Gene Timpany 2013-2015

Programming & Education

Chris Snedden 2013-2015

Mentorship

Barb Banfield 2013-2015

Membership

Vacant

Glass Programming

Vacant

Fireworks

Vacant

Director At Large

Noel Keag 2013-2015

2014 Slate of Nominees

Vickie Salinas

Ann Allen

Jen Leis

Valerie Dennis

We welcome those new members joining the board and look forward to their contributions.

AWARDS

FUSION presented the FUSION DESIGN AWARDS to the following member organizations:

Ottawa Guild of Potters
Burlington Potters' Guild

Waterloo Potters' Workshop
Potter's Guild of Hamilton and Region

The 2013 FUSION Scholarship Award was presented to the following recipient:

Colleen O'Reilly

FUSION also presented Awards to graduating students in both the Ceramics and Glass programs at Sheridan College. Frieda Pereira (ceramics) and Paul Van Den Bijgaart (glass) – FUSION Technical Achievement Award; Andrea Poorter (ceramics) and Chris Laskey (glass) – FUSION Community Involvement Award; and the FUSION Award of Merit to Lyne Reid (ceramics) and Nicole Nasvytis (glass), and to Lakehead University graduating student Jordan Allen (ceramics) – FUSION Technical Achievement Award program.

Recognition was given to FUSION volunteers at the Annual Conference, May 2013 in Oakville.

'Volunteer of the Year' certificates were presented to:

Ann Armstrong
Rita Rowe
Marilyn Barbe
Gene Timpany
Janet Cox
Teresa Ainsworth
Deborah Freeman
Patty Petcovich

FUSION also nominates people for awards within the Canadian Conference of the Arts, the Order of Ontario, and the Saidye Bronfman Award. Names for future nominations of meritorious individuals are always welcomed by the Board. ■

Exhibitions Report

Deborah Freeman, Executive Director

The Fireworks 2011 touring exhibition successfully wrapped up at the Burlington Art Center.

The Fireworks 2013 exhibition opened in May at the Sheridan College Gallery in conjunction with the Conference. The reception was well attended. Many conference goers came and most of the award winners were able to attend.

The Exhibition consists of 24 pieces juried by Alan C. Elder, Curator, Canadian Crafts and Design at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, and Aaron Nelson, Artistic Director, Medalta International Artists in Residence Program in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Nine award winners were selected for prizes worth over \$3,000 in total. FUSION gratefully acknowledges the following for their generous support of Exhibition: an anonymous donor; Craft Ontario; the Potters' Guild of Hamilton and Region; Pottery Supply House; and Tucker's Pottery Supply.

After the Sheridan opening, the show travelled to the Thames Art Gallery in Chatham. It is scheduled to travel to the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton, the Timmins Art Gallery, and will wrap-up at the Burlington Art Centre in May 2015.

A catalogue for Fireworks 2013 was produced and circulated through the FUSION Magazine. ■

Publications/Marketing Report

Derek Chung, Director

The FUSION magazine is published with the assistance of Helen Rudin, editor, and Patrick Kilbourn, designer, who prepares the magazine design and layout. Thanks to both Helen and Patrick for their work. Thanks also to the magazine committee for their support.

As always, the ongoing goal for the direction of FUSION Magazine is maintaining and increasing our readership and content, along with the challenge of finding much needed advertising revenue. Thanks to those advertisers for their continued support.

This past year saw the re-introduction of the juried 'spotlight' profile columns for Student, Emerging Artist and Established Artists working in the clay and glass community. The response has been encouraging and well received.

FUSION offered online registration for the 2014 Conference. Many members now use the system,

especially to renew their memberships online, register for events, and participate in the Members Gallery section.

A new FUSION promotional brochure was designed and produced, focusing on the encouraging new membership, and highlighting the benefits for new and existing FUSION members, and the various programs that FUSION offers.

FUSION continues to broadcast information not just to current FUSION members but to a large list of contacts (past members, Arts Organizations, etc.) so everyone is aware of upcoming events, call for entries, and news. Participation continues to increase on FUSION's Facebook site and is growing steadily with the help of FUSION Administrator, Jenanne Longman. FUSION uses this social network tool as another vehicle for informing those connected FUSION members about ongoing and upcoming events, news and information. ■

Mentorship Report

Barbara Banfield, Director

It has been an exciting year for the mentorship program as we saw the completion of three mentorship groups throughout the Province; two ceramic plus our inaugural glass mentorship.

Koen Vanderstukken, Studio Head at Sheridan Collage, was our first Glass Mentor. He attracted participants from as far as Thunder Bay. The final exhibition, "PUSH," contained new and innovative work by a diverse group of artists. It was hosted by the Living Arts Center in Mississauga, a fantastic venue in which to display the work.

Keith Campbell mentored a group at Canadore College in North Bay. The program drew participants from across the north central region of Ontario. FUSION was very pleased to partner with The Kennedy Gallery in exhibiting the exciting new body of work produced by this mentorship group called "An Odyssey in Clay."

Leta Cormier spearheaded a group from the Ottawa Region. The final exhibition, titled "Transitions," held at the Shenkman Arts Centre, displayed a wonderful mix of sculptural and functional work.

I am delighted to see the excitement and the camaraderie that is generated through these mentorships. The results can be seen in the dynamic works that is created for the exhibitions.

I appreciate the dedication of the artists that work extremely hard to forge new directions. FUSION is also extremely grateful for the support of the guilds and generosity of the Potters Guild of Hamilton, the Ontario Arts Council, and our individual donors.

The next Mentorship Program, to be lead by Linda Sormin, will begin September 2014. Linda's personal work is exhibited through object and site specific installations. She has exhibited both nationally and internationally. She has taught for more than ten years and brings a wide knowledge of the clay world to her students. Her enthusiasm and dedication promises to create a powerful mentorship program that will culminate in an exhibition at Craft Ontario in the fall of 2015. ■

FUSION: THE ONTARIO CLAY AND GLASS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sheridan College, Oakville, ON
June 1, 2013

The AGM was called to order at 1:05 pm by the President.

1. WELCOME

President Vickie Salinas welcomed conference delegates and thanked Chris Snedden and FUSION board members for all their hard work this year.

Board members who were present and introduced:

PRESIDENT: Vickie Salinas

TREASURER: Cynthia Dron

DIRECTOR of Education and Programs: Chris Snedden

PAST PRESIDENT and Director of Marketing and Publications: Derek Chung

DIRECTOR of Membership: Carol Holmes Kerr

DIRECTOR of Fireworks: Andrea Vuletin

Employees present and introduced:

Executive Director: Deborah Freeman

Office Administrator: Jenanne Longman

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING:

MAY 27, 2012, Fanshawe College, London, ON.

Vickie asked for additions or correction of last year's minutes.

MOTION: Carol Holmes Kerr moved and Gene Timpany seconded that the minutes for the Annual General Meeting of May 27, 2012, as circulated, be accepted. Motion carried.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Reports of Directors were presented and circulated in "FUSION ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013."

4. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Cindy Dron presented the audited financial statements that show a small deficit due to increased operational costs last year.

MOTION: Carol Holmes Kerr moved and Wendy Vervoort seconded that the financial statement as presented by the

firm Grant Thornton LLP be accepted.

Motion carried

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

MOTION: Deborah Freeman moved and Wendy Vervoort seconded that the firm of Grant Thornton LLP be appointed to audit the accounts of the Association for fiscal 2014.

Motion carried.

6. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Current Board of Directors

President Vickie Salinas

2012-2013

Vice-President Vacant

Programming & Education Chris Snedden

2011-2013

Past President/Nominations Derek Chung

2012-2014

Publications/Marketing Derek Chung

2012-2014

Treasurer Cynthia Dron

2011-2013

Secretary Carol Holmes Kerr

2010-2012

Guild Relations Barb Banfield

2011-2013

Membership Carol Holmes Kerr

2010-2012

Glass Programming Jen van Herten

2012-2014

Fireworks Andrea Vuletin

2012-2013

2013 Slate of Nominees

Vickie Salinas – re-election for one year

Ann Allen

Gene Timpany

Noel Keag

Barbara Banfield

Chris Snedden

Cynthia Dron

Andrea Vuletin

Motion:

That Vickie Salinas be elected to the FUSION Board of Directors for a one-year term, and that the following slate of nominees be elected to the FUSION Board of Directors for a two-year term:

Gene Timpany
Noel Keag
Barbara Banfield
Chris Snedden
Cynthia Dron
Andrea Vuletin

Derek Chung moved and Judy Donaldson seconded.
Motion carried.

7. BY-LAWS

Deborah Freeman presented an overview of the proposed updates of the by-laws as approved and recommended by the Board of Directors.

Andrea Vuletin motioned and Cindy Dron seconded to accept the changes to the by-laws.
Motion carried.

8. VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Vickie Salinas presented awards to Janet Cox and Deborah Freeman for their contributions this past year and Chris Snedden presented awards to Anne Armstrong, Rita Rowe, Marilyn Barbe, Gene Timpany, Teresa Ainsworth and Patti Pecovich for their assistance.

9. Adjournment

Judy Donaldson moved and Gene Timpany seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

The President declared that the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jenanne Longman.

Minutes of the 2013 AGM respectfully submitted by Gene Timpany, Secretary. ■