

## BELMONT ART ASSOCIATION - SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 MEETING NOTES

A meeting was held at Christine Chang's house. A pot luck supper was enjoyed and then the meeting was brought to order by Christine. What ensued was a long group discussion culminating in a proposed schedule for the 2017-2018 season and included BAA meetings and events. In addition, Rebecca Richards, director of the Belmont Gallery of Art, talked about the BGA schedule of upcoming shows.

### TOPICS DISCUSSED :

- A BAA meeting for every other month, interspersed with BGA sponsored events at the Belmont Gallery of Art.
- BAA sponsored events at the BGA will be scheduled on Thursday evenings or weekend afternoons in the latter part of the months and they would replace the BGA meeting for that month.
- Volunteers are needed for these events.
- The four BGA sponsored summer events held at the BGA were successful and the next event is to be scheduled on the last Thursday of October: October 26.
- The plan is to write some grant proposals for Belmont Cultural Council funds to pay for half of each of these public events. Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas has volunteered to write a grant proposal for her next beading workshop to be scheduled on November 30. Her kumihimo class held during the summer at the gallery was very well attended and there are materials saved that can be used again.

### BELMONT GALLERY OF ART NEWS :

Rebecca Richards discussed the Belmont Gallery of Art's plans for the coming season. The next show, "Home", will be open from October 19 to December 7. The "Home" exhibit is defined by a

state of mind and a sense of place. Beading is accepted for this show.

The library will do an event to complement the "Home" show. Their family event is for building bird houses: homes for birds. Check the library's schedule for the date.

Also coinciding with the BGD's "Home" exhibit is the Belmont Woman's Club's Junior League of Boston 2017 Designer Show House for the 1853 William Flagg Homer House, located across Pleasant Street from the gallery in the Homer Municipal Building. The Designer Show House is open to the public from October 7 through November 5.

After the "Home" show ends on December 7, there is a possibility of a Small Works Show at BGD. Rebecca is looking for a committee to volunteer to run this show.

In January, the Belmont Gallery will host a show curated by Kimberley Becker. This will be a textile show associated with the Surface Design Association. This show focuses on women textile artists and it will screen two films:

- "Who Does She Think She Is?"
- "Packed in a Trunk,"

and possibly a video of Kimberley's interviews with ten woman artists. Kimberley Becker, a former Belmont resident and town meeting member, now lives in Maine. This show runs from January to the end of February.

The BGD spring show, "Book Arts," scheduled from March to mid May, will be in collaboration with the Belmont Public Library. There is a call out to publishers of children's book art.

This show is open to the public to submit.

The last shows of the season, May to June, are the school shows. Belmont School art teachers will hang their classes' art in the gallery. These shows are very dense and well-attended.

BELMONT ART ASSOCIATION PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018.

October 26, Thursday 7-9 pm. Event in the Belmont Gallery. Subject to be determined. Possibly an interior decorator talking about house decorating with art.

November 7, Tuesday evening. Meeting at Irene Fairley's house.

November 30, Thursday evening. Event in the Belmont Gallery. Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas' kumihimo beading class.

No Christmas party in December because everyone's so busy.

January 16, third Tuesday. A meeting at the Loading Dock. A social opportunity and meeting.

February 11, Sunday afternoon. Event at the gallery. Subject to be determined. Possibly a live model for drawing poses.

March 3, Thursday evening, 7-9. Event in the gallery. Woman's Art Salon.

April 8 or 22, Sunday afternoon. Event in the gallery. Date and subject to be determined.

May 15, Tuesday evening 7-9. A meeting at Christine's house to plan the summer show at the gallery. We need a theme.

This is a tentative schedule. Stay tuned to local media and emails for further information.

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