

Hedgehog Lacers
March Business Meeting
March 24, 2007

Location: Speech and Language Development Center
8699 Holder Street
Buena Park, CA 90620

Attendees: Kathy Lowe, Betty Ward, Mariella Alves, Carole Lewellyn, Belinda Belisle, Marilyn Block,
Janet Agranowitz, Patricia Hernandez, Audrey Yingling, Karen Calhoun, Illene Corbett

Topics

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Kathy Lowe.

Winter Lace Conference
2007 Report

Kathy applauded Betty Ward and Belinda Belisle for a very successful event. Kathy reminded the group the Winter Lace Conference was not a Hedgehog event. The 2007 Winter Lace Conference was run by Belinda and Betty and was conceived as a conference that would involve guild from the West Coast—rather than be one guild's event.

Kathy reported that in 2007 the Hedgehogs' support of the event was publicity on the website and a loan of the \$500 seed money, which has been paid back. Other guilds involved in 2007 were

- ▶ Silvergate (raffle)
- ▶ Freeway (banquet decorations)
- ▶ Moonlight (favors)

2008 Involvement

Kathy posed the question as to how much involvement Hedgehogs would like to do for the 2008 conference.

Discussion

Freeway has proposed the option of Freeway and Hedgehog joining to co-sponsor breakfast Sunday morning. Financial commitment would be approximately \$750 per guild. The group thought this was a good ideal.

Action Item

Because there were so few people in attendance, the issue was tabled until the April meeting.

2007 Retreat

Kathy addressed the issue of a Hedgehog retreat. Since the Winter Lace Conference is being held in the months traditionally used for the retreat, Kathy posed the following questions:

- ▶ Do the Hedgehogs want to hold a yearly retreat?
- ▶ Who will volunteer to coordinate the event?
- ▶ Where will the retreat be held?
- ▶ What time of year should the retreat be held?
- ▶ How much would the participants be willing to spend to attend a retreat?

Discussion

There was discussion about the interest in holding a retreat. Betty Ward, treasurer, reported the retreat has always lost money for the guild. It is definitely not seen as a money maker.

Kathy reported she has looked into holding a retreat this year in Catalina. The timeframe of September/October is still high season for Catalina and prices are still very high. A double room would run approximately \$250.

Since the cost of a retreat has gone so high, Marilyn Block suggested we explore the possibility of holding a second weekend-long Lace In each year instead of the retreat. Since the Winter Lace Conference meets the groups desire to provide a place where one can "get away" and do lace, a second Lace-In would be an economical alternative.

Action Item

Kathy will poll the membership regarding interest in having a retreat via an email survey. Lily will send information to those not accessible via email.

Hedgehog Scholarship

Kathy reminded the group about the Hedgehog scholarship. The guidelines allow for person to apply for a need scholarship to pay one-half of class fees. Scholarship is not to pay lodging, food, supplies, etc.

Those interested in applying for a scholarship should contact a member of the committee directly.

Under the guidelines, the members of the committee are:

- ▶ The current president, Kathy Lowe
- ▶ The treasurer, Betty Ward
- ▶ The immediate past president, Belinda Belisle

Elections

Belinda Belisle, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced elections will be held at the April meeting. Installation will be held in June. The terms are for two years of service.

The following slate was announced:

- ▶ President: Kathy Lowe
- ▶ Vice President: Sallie Licata
- ▶ Treasurer: Betty Ward
- ▶ Secretary: Colette Kingsley

If anyone else is interested in serving, please contact Belinda Belisle.

Fairs

Kathy reported on our opportunities for involvement with the fairs:

Fair Entry

Orange County Fair

Orange County fair is open only to residents of Orange County. Entry deadline is May 23. Information can be obtained at www.ocfair.com/2007

San Diego (Del Mar) Fair

San Diego fair is an open fair—anyone may enter. Entry deadline is May 2. Kathy will be placing an item in the fair and has volunteered to take items down for those interested in entering.

*Demonstration
Opportunities*

Orange County Fair

Kathy has requested three days. All weekend are full. She is hoping we will get Fridays and Wednesdays, since these days seem to be the best for our volunteers. The fair has requested we provide coverage from fair opening to closing on the days we demo.

Discussion/Action

Since our demo opportunities have been so limited, there was discussion around returning to the barn to demo. Belinda Belisle will contact the fair and see if the opportunity still exists.

Southern California Fair

Kathy Lowe reported on the fair held in Paris, California immediately following the LA County fair. She will inquire about the possibility of us demoing there.

Other Demonstration
Requests

June 2—Collectors' Conference

Belinda Belisle reported she had a special request for volunteers to demonstrate at the Collectors' Conference held June 2, 2007, at Loyola Marymount College and sponsored by the College for Appraisers. There is a need for lacers, spinners, weavers. In exchange for demonstrating, volunteers will be extended the opportunity to attend that day of the conference free. If enough volunteers sign up, coverage should be in 2 hour increments from noon to 7 p.m.—leaving the volunteer the rest of the day to attend sessions. This is the day of the Textile Mega Session. Contact Belinda Belisle, if you are interested.

May 19 Stitches of the Heart

Illene Corbett reported she will be demonstrating tatting at Stitches of the Heart. She will inquire to see if they would like more demonstrations.

Discussion/Action

Illene inquired about promotional material about the guild and lacing to distribute at demonstrations. Kathy will get wording to Janet, who will design a flyer.

Belinda will contact JoDee Kane about getting information on her class to Illene.

Library

Illene Corbett announced that Marilyn Block and Kathy Lowe had each donated two books to the library. She will make a formal "thank you" announcement in the newsletter.

Other Announcements

In Maria's absence, Belinda reminded the group Maria had commemorative bobbins of the Winter Lace Conference. She sold out of her original order and will be making another order. If you would like one, please contact Maria.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 28, 2007.

Lynn English's Clubhouse
East Recreation Building
6906 Grand Manan
Cypress, California 90630
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Program will be Tamari balls by Vibbs Clausen. Kits will run \$10 ea.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. followed by lunch and program by Karen Calhoun.

Respectfully Submitted By
Belinda Belisle in Colette Kingsley's absence.