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Rosewood Arts Guild Meeting Report September 20, 2006

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Next RAG meeting: Wed October 18, 6:30 PM.
The Art Shack
2701-A Rosewood Drive
(small mall across from Pizzaman)

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September 20 Meeting.

Present: Paula Bowers, Kendra Matheny, Melissa Crook, Richard Glover, Nick Oleszizuk, Pelei, Jeff Weese, Gay Vogt, Dick Vogt

The September 20 meeting was held at The Art Shack, hosted by Paula Bowers...

Old Business:

- **RAG Portfolio** – To encourage the production of a RAG portfolio, Dick Vogt will create a mockup using images from several members. Jeff Weese and Richard Glover provided content. It is hoped that copy will be available at the October meeting (and posted on the Web site) so that others can comment and be guided in the production of their own copy (images and text). Once the format is settled, pages will be assembled in digital format suitable for printing a paper copy, for CD and for WEB display. It is hoped that this Portfolio will be useful for promoting RAG members to display and sell works at various venues in the Columbia area. In general, members have been asked to provide 4 digital images of recent work, a brief artist's statement and a artist's bio, and (optionally) an image of the artist. These will be formatted into a one or two page layout as seems appropriate and suitable.
- **Membership** – Collection of dues will be expected by or at the October 18 meeting. Chief incentive will be to qualify for the All Member Show to be held Dec 1 (see below). At the October 18 meeting a provisional Treasurer will be appointed, to act until board members are elected at the November meeting (see below). A RAG bank account will also be established..
- **RAG – All Member Show – Dec 1 – 4, 2006 at The Artists Basement.
Opening reception December 1 from 6 – 9 PM.**

Members in good standing will be encouraged to submit up to 10 works. Sales will be handled by The Artists' Basement. 10% of sales will go to Harvest Hope Food Bank, 20% of sales will go to The Artists' Basement, 70% of sales will go to the Artist. Visitors to the gallery who donate 3+ cans of food will be given a \$5 gift certificate towards the purchase of art in the show.

Specific dates of submission to be finalized, but perhaps the Wednesday before at The Artists' Basement or the weekend before at The Art Shack (dates will be

finalized later and posted on the Web Site). Unsold works will be picked up as soon as possible following the show. Works will be hung or displayed under the supervision of Laura Brown.

Members showing work should bring food to the Opening.

- A page will be established on the RAG web site for latest information
- Participants will need to be paid in full members of RAG, paid before or at the October 18 meeting..
- Each member is invited to submit up to pieces for display and sale. The Artists Basement will reserve the right to display as many of each members work as space allows (members are encouraged to rank their pieces if space is limited). Submittals that require pedestals or display cases should be submitted with such materials suitable for display.
- Art is to be delivered (on date to be determined) the week of the show and picked up in a timely manner after the show closes. More details to follow (and posted on the web site).
- Members participating should bring a food item for the Opening.
- Show Chairpersons were elected as follows:
 - Charity Coordinator – Melissa Crook
 - Advertising Coordinator – Dick Vogt
 - Food Coordinator – Paula Bowers (Laura Brown to assist w/ contacts for reasonably priced beverages.)

Advertising...

- Free Times – Weekly Events section in late November
- Star Newspaper
- Columbia City Paper
- Columbia Metropolitan Magazine
- The State Newspaper – Press Releases – Wileashia Lakin
- Carolina Arts – October 12 submittal date for November Publication (This is distributed on the 1st of the month so it is important to be in the November issue.)

New Business: The need to elect a RAG officers was discussed.

When we formed RAG, we formed a provisional board that was to serve for approximately 6 months to get things organized. We also drew up bylaws regarding how to convene RAG business and especially how to elect or re-elect a board. We have never collected dues, so in some respect, RAG remains a virtual entity until we actually have dues paying members. That aside, we need to elect a governing board. The bylaws are posted on the RAG web site:

http://www.rosewoodartsguild.org/pdf/RAG_ByLaws_3-18-06.pdf

But the bylaws do not actually spell out what we should do in this transitional period.

What we proposed to do at the September meeting is as follows...

- (1) We will have an election at the November meeting; all members in good standing may vote.
- (2) We will present a slate of nominees at the October meeting. This slate will include (a) nominees recommended by the current board (to ensure that there is a slate) and (b) nominations from the members who attend the October meeting (members who have paid dues by or at the October meeting).

Although the bylaws include rules regarding how long board members may serve, the current board members have served provisionally and for less time than the bylaws address, and therefore it seems appropriate that the current board members be eligible to continue serving if desired.

The current Provisional Officers are...

President, Paula Bowers
Vice President, Richard Vogt
Secretary, Lendell Robinson
Treasurer, un-appointed (as there has been no money to treasure)
Director 1, Melissa Crook
Director 2, Coy Durham
Director 3, Mark Roland
Director 4, Kristina Mandell

From the Bylaws...

Section A. Powers: The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Guild, and shall have all powers necessary to conduct the business of the Guild which are consistent with these By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall nominate Directors, Officers, and appoint committees and special positions including Newsletter Editor, Website maintainer and Program Chair, as may be required. The Board of Directors shall also have the power to abolish any committee or special position.

Section B. Number and Manner of Election: The Board of Directors shall consist of an odd number of at least seven individuals, including the Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and additional Non-Officer members. The Non-Officer members must include the Immediate Past President and may also include the Newsletter Editor, Website maintainer or Program Chair. Note that the Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined in one individual and that any Guild member or Director may serve as Newsletter Editor, Website maintainer or Program Chair.

Section C. Duties of Officers: The duties and powers of the Officers of the Guild shall be as follows:

President – The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Guild; shall chair all meetings of the Board of Directors, and regular monthly meetings of the Guild; shall be authorized to make deposits and withdrawals of the Guild's funds for Guild purposes; and shall have the power to enter into and sign contracts in the name of the Guild whenever such

contracts are authorized by the Board of Directors. The President shall have the authority to make committee appointments, and will coordinate the appointment and actions of an Audit Committee, as required.

Vice President – In the case of death, or the absence of the President, or of his or her inability from any cause to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

Secretary – The Secretary shall attend and keep minutes of all meetings of the Guild, its Officers, and its Board of Directors. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence and carry into execution all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed; shall keep a list of the members of the Guild; shall notify the Officers and members of their appointment to committees; and shall maintain a list of the expiration date of each Director's term of office. In the case of absence or disability of the Secretary, the President may appoint a Secretary Pro Tem.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be responsible for handling, depositing, and accounting of all funds of the Guild, and shall provide a quarterly report to the Board of Directors of all receipts, disbursements, and monies on deposit.

Newsletter Editor – If and when the Guild membership deems it appropriate to maintain a Guild Newsletter, a Newsletter Editor will be appointed by the Board of Directors with the duty to compose a Guild newsletter to be published monthly or quarterly, the exact frequency to be determined. The purpose of the Newsletter will be to communicate Guild activities, exhibitions, shows, and fairs, and other items of interest to the membership. Newsletters will be posted and archived on the Guild's official website and distributed to members by email or mail as is appropriate.

Website Maintainer – The Website Maintainer shall maintain The Guild's official website www.rosewoodartsguild.org. This website will identify the mission of The Guild, provide contact information for those wishing to contact The Guild officers, list Guild members (including contact information and creative interests as desired), and maintain current information about upcoming events including but not excluded to Guild meetings, other Guild activities, exhibitions, shows, and fairs, and other items of interest to the membership, and current and archived copies of any Guild Newsletters.

Program Chair – If and when the Guild membership deems it appropriate to have a Program Chair, a Program Chair will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Program Chair shall seek out, propose, and organize Guild participation in exhibitions and other activities designed to increase public awareness of the Guild and its members' work. The Program Chair is also responsible for promoting Guild activities through press releases and other media contacts, in coordination with the Newsletter Editor and Website Maintainer.