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**Message from Co-President Tamara Prudhomme**

Wow! I just have to say "Wow" to the fantastic display by FSG members at Gallery Night March 19th. You all did a great job - Clap! Clap! Clap! - BRAVO! We have just outdone ourselves again!

My heartfelt thanks goes out to Rose and Kristina for their last-minute details and to Diana for making the inspiration cards and helping to set up the jewelry on the displays. Many thanks to all of our FSG members who participated by joining the challenge, working behind the scenes and attending Gallery Night. Everything looked great and it was truly a group effort by enthusiastic and imaginative people I'm so proud!

Dollarhide's Music has been great to welcome us into their store for the 2nd year during the March Gallery Night. Mr. Dollarhide has even been receptive to us coming back in November 2010 for the last Gallery Night of the year. Anyone interested? Diana Keenan has already called dibs on coming up with the next theme!

See you Wednesday, April 14th at the members meeting,

**Jim Miller will Demonstrate Chain Maille**

Chain Maille is an ancient technique that dates back to the original Celts and Picts. This art form has evolved from personal protection to personal adornment. This demonstration will cover the basic European Weave that can produce 4-in-1, 6-in-1, 8-in-1, 8-in-2, box, round, and many others. This weave can produce jewelry, as well as clothing.

**FSG ~ GP MEETINGS**

Are held 6:30 PM to 8 PM the 2nd Wednesday of each Month at City of Pensacola's Sanders Beach ~ Corinne Jones Community Center, 913 South I Street (out Main St.) ~ come at 6 P.M. for socializing. Bring snacks, etc. to share.

**Chain Maille with Jim Miller ~ April 14th**

# ... and ALL THAT JAZZ

BY DEB LYONS

...was the theme for this year's exhibition by the FSG—Greater Pensacola Chapter for Gallery Night held March 19th in downtown Pensacola. This year's gallery night proved once again that our local FSG Chapter has some very talented members. The individual ideas on the theme were very diverse and quite creative. Of the nine participants, four were from new members. **Way to go Newbies!** Entries ranged from fabulous clocks, wired and crocheted concoctions of beauty, to inspired puzzle pieces, notes of a song, gorgeous pendants made with Etching, Prisma colors, cold-connections, and even rag paper! The participants were: Vela Beckwith, Trinka Gilstrap, Valerie Harmon-Curtis, Debbie Lyons, Sandra Takaro-Miller, Hilda Myrick, Tamara Prudhomme, Steve Robinson, and Kristina Weick. Hundreds of people came out for the affair as many of the business's along South Palafox were participating.



**From left: Larry Odell, Margaret Odell, Vela Beckwith, Tamara Prudhomme, Deb Lyons, Kristina Weick, Valerie Harmon-Curtis, Steve Robinson, Diana Keenan, and Hilda Myrick. Missing are Trinka Gilstrap and Sandra Takaro-Miller**

The air was filled with laughter and music as there were many bands playing in front of venues who stayed open late for the event. As stated, Dollarhides Music Center is where FSG was setup. We had a nice spot in the back of the store, but unfortunately the action was more on the street. As our purpose was to show who we are, what we do and to get the word out about our classes and the wonderful world of metalworking, visibility is key. We did sign some of the people up who came through for classes, but had we known to be outside the traffic would have been incredible! Now we are in the know, so members, please consider participating next year. This year was lot's of fun and next year will prove to be even better with all of our new found knowledge! A BIG Thanks to all who made the effort and took the time out of their busy lives to create their works of art! Special thanks also to everyone who donated their time to make the display area so nice and professional looking and especially Dollarhides for allowing us to be there.

## Don't forget to feed our Treasure Jug

Bring your donations to add to it and when it is full we will raffle it off.

We also have a 50/50 drawing at each of our meetings. The winner will get half the money at the end of the meeting.

Monies raised will go into FSG-GP bank account for operating expenses, new tools and supplies for our studio and students.

## Many Thanks ....

to Sandra Takaro-Miller for her wonderful demonstration of Wire-Wrapping at our March General Meeting. If you missed Sandra's bold style of wrapping a stone you truly missed a new and innovating way of wrapping that the wire becomes as much a part of the design as the stone. And the many different colors of wire enhance the whole piece.

## London Display Case Needs Work

Hello FSG Members,

The display case needs new work! Please send in your artwork by April 21, 2010 to be included. The work will be on display until June 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will need to complete the attached display agreement indicating if the work is for sale or display only. The Morean Arts Center will charge a 45% commission of the retail price if the work is sold and you are not also a member of the Morean. Works need to be mailed to the office at Florida Society of Goldsmiths, 719 Central Ave. ,St. Petersburg, FL 33701. There is a receptionist available to accept hand delivered items as well. If you bring it in, you will be responsible for picking it up. If you would like the work to be insured when it is returned to you, please include a check to cover the additional costs. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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50/50

Karyn Spirson won the 50/50 drawing at our March meeting and donated the \$16.00 to our Greater Pensacola Chapter.

Thank you Karyn for your generous donation

**Many Thanks to Tamara Prudhomme, Kristina Weick, Vela Beckwith, Deb Lyons for their suggestions, Gallery Night Photos and input for the April Newsletter.**

### Websites and Local Shops You Might Want to Check Out for Supplies, Tools and Instructions

<http://wire-sculpture.com/index.php>

Hobby Town USA 2620 Creighton near 9th

Bobo Hobby House on W south of Airport

Pensacola Hardware 20 E Gregory, Pensacola (copper and brass tubing)

<http://digital-photography-school.com/how-to-make-a-inexpensive-light-tent> (Step by step w/ Photos)

<http://www.studiolighting.net/homemade-light-box-for-product-photography/> (Same as above in addition responses from 67 folks asking and answering pertinent questions).

[www.firemountian.com](http://www.firemountian.com) (\$5.00 shipping) Do you have a website or a local place where you go to find supplies?

## Open Studio Time!

We have what we all wanted - Starting March 1, we have had an open studio at Sanders Beach on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We have all this great equipment and we are disappointed that members and guests have not taken advantage of it now that it is available. There is a small \$5 charge per person to cover the fee to Sanders Beach and cost of consumables (gas, paper towels, etc.) that is supplied by FSG-GP. Tamara Prudhomme drove all the way to Jacksonville to pick up our newly purchased Polisher so our studio is coming together, BUT we need people! People to Proctor and people to use the Facility.

If you have wanted to volunteer and also have a place to work on your own stuff, this is it! No prior proctor experience necessary - we train! It is planned that this would be a small 2-3 hour shift once or twice a month and someone is needed to schedule the proctors.

E-mail [TamaraDP@aol.com](mailto:TamaraDP@aol.com) and let her know if you want to proctor and/or do the scheduling.

**All help is greatly needed and much appreciated!**



# Gallery Night

