



Florida Society of Goldsmiths
(founded in 1984)



Volume 3 Issue 5

GREATER PENSACOLA CHAPTER

May 2010

Board of Directors

CO—PRESIDENTS

Chris Bowen

(850) 449-1721

jewelerchris@hotmail.com

Tamara Prudhomme

(850) 712-3267

tamaradp@aol.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Joe Cunningham

(850) 974-1179

kf4th@cox.net

SECRETARY

Rose Padgett

(850) 206-8489

Rose22fred@hotmail.com

TREASURER

Steve Robinson

(850) 375-1419

Obakua@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER

Valerie Harmon-Curtis

(850) 476-5760

(850) 346-4602

vjhjcj@yahoo.com

PRESIDENT EMERITUS

Kristina Weick

(850) 484-0618

(850) 723-5619

Rubytoo1@gmail.com

Message from the Co-President

The FSG-Greater Pensacola Chapter is becoming the organization we have all worked and hoped for the past two years. We have moved from a conference room in Peoples Bank to members homes to James Carter's Studio and now we have our newest home at beautiful Sander's Beach ~ Corinne Jones Community Center. We have finally begun to educate the community in the Jewelry Arts. It has been our goal and remains our goal to share the dying art of Metals and Jewelry.

Thanks to the support of our members and FSG State for providing the support and guidance, not to mention tools, books, and DVD's on loan and all the many small items that go toward building a cohesive and creative organization.

We are looking forward to welcoming new members with new ideas and ways to further our growth.

Thanks to everyone for their support.

Chris Bowen, Co-President

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 PM for socializing. Bring snacks, etc. to share.

~ ~ ~

May 12, 2010

**Kristina Weick will demonstrate the Coil Bracelet.
You will need 12 ft of 18g wire, a ruler, round nose, side cutters, needle nose and duckbill pliers.**

FSG-GP Open Studio

We have what we all wanted - As of 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 more coming in all the time, but it is a disappointment that members and guests have not taken advantage of this wonderful space that is available to us.

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 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 shift once or twice a month and a member is needed to schedule the proctors.

E-mail Steve Robinson @ obakua@yahoo.com and let him know if you want to proctor and/or do the scheduling.

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT
TO WIN!!**

Diamond Raffle

.25 carat diamond round brilliant-cut

Retail Value \$350.00-\$400.00

Tickets \$5.00 each and may be purchased at meetings.

Sales May 12—September 8th

Drawing will be at our General Membership Meeting. September 8th at the close of the meeting

- 1) One free ticket for each signed-up and paid 5 week session
- 2) If a member gets 3 people to join FSG-GP, that member gets one free ticket.
- 3) Any new member who joins and pays their dues by September 8th gets one free ticket.

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT
TO WIN!!**

By Rose Padgett

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.

Valerie Harmon-Curtis won the 59/50 drawing at our April General Meeting.

Opportunity is Knocking!

There's nothing like teaching others and finding out how much you learn in the process. And we just happen to need teachers to teach FSG-GP classes at SB/CJ Community Center. We would like to offer our members the opportunity to teach and learn at FSG-GP classes at the Center. Share your ideas and talent. Introduce new students to the endless possibilities afforded by metal smithing and other jewelry techniques. It is truly a WIN-WIN situation!

FSG Newsletter Editor



Valerie Harmon-Curtis

FSG-GP Newsletter Editor volunteered and has been accepted as Editor of the Florida Society of Goldsmiths (STATE) quarterly newsletter.

Former Editor Joe Cunningham, FSG-GP has resigned due to health issues.

Our First Saturday Class!

Will be held May 15th from 9-12 Noon.

It will be an 'Intro to Metalsmithing' session.

FSG-GP held a drawing at the Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones Block Party and four(4) lucky people won their place in this class.

Steve Robinson will be the instructor.

The students will learn basic jewelry tool uses, sawing, riveting, hammering, soldering and will go home with one completed item, such as a pendant.

FSG members may take the class for \$30.00

By Rose Padgett

April Demonstration

Jim Miller was unable to be with us to do his demonstration of Viking Knit at our April general meeting.

FSG-GP Co-President Tamara Prudhomme and Treasurer Steve Robinson filled in and gave us two very informative demo's.

We all got to watch as Steve did a demonstration of coloring Titanium with a torch and coming up with some beautiful blues.

Tamara gave a mini class in making a Fibula, a very versatile decorative pin made of wire.

Thanks to Steve and Tamara for stepping up and filling in on such short notice.

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

www.fusionbeads.com has, in addition to beads, some tools, wire, books, etc. and best of all no minimums OR shipping charges.

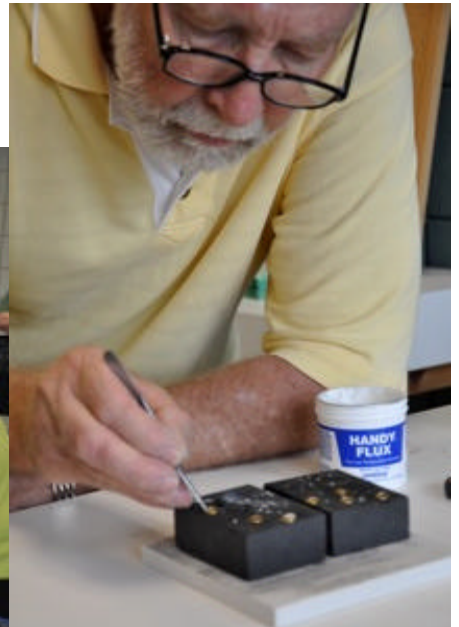
A and E Pharmacy 923 N. New Warrington Rd.

Books A Million has a wonderful selection of monthly periodicals of interest to Jewelers and Metalsmiths

Do you have a favorite website or perhaps a local place where you go to find supplies or have seen something unique? How about sharing?

SANDERS BEACH~CORINNE JONES

Block Party



Great News and Congratulations!

By Kristina Weick

Debbie Lyons, one of our newest members, was selected to receive a scholarship to attend this springs' Wild Acres Retreat in North Carolina. We are fortunate to have 4 members attend this session, along with Deb are, Diana Keenan, Tamara Prudhomme, and Karyn Spirson.

We will be looking forward to the 'show and tell' when they return from a week in the mountains.

Please see www.fsg4u.com for detailed information about Wild Acres.

March General Meeting
Wire Wrapping with

Sandra Takaro Miller



Finished Pendant



Getting To Know You...

by Deb Lyons

This month we are featuring Jim Miller. Jim is married to Sandra Takaro-Miller, also a member of FSG-GP

Jim is a retired Gunny Sgt. and served 21 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was recently deployed to Kuwait as a civilian contractor.

He and Sandra have lived in Milton, Florida for 7 years. They've also lived in Washington State, North Carolina and California.

Jim loves animals and has a lot of them! He also enjoys paintball.

Sandra is responsible for introducing metalsmithing to Jim and he has specialized in Chainmaille and is known as one of the best Celtic Jewelers in the area. He has been very generous in sharing his craft at his frequent demonstrations, classes and the Bead Retreat in Destin sponsored by the Emerald Coast Bead Society.

Jim is looking forward to learning costuming

Jim has been a member of FSG for 1 year and we are proud that he is a member of our Greater Pensacola chapter.

Successful journey Jim, come home safe!

Dear FSG Members,

FSG-SE is hosting a juried exhibit of Jewelry at The Armory Art Center
1700 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Participation in this exhibit is open to all current FSG members including all chapters and "At Large" members. Juror to be announced and will be a major name in the arts.

Dates: January 14, 2011 to Feb. 26, 2011. Reception 6 PM January 14, 2011. Intake to start on January 3rd. Hours for gallery are 9-4 Monday to Friday and Saturday 9-2 PM. The typical reception at the Armory draws 200-300 people.

All works will be fully insured while at the Armory Art Center. If materials are to be shipped back, a label along with proper postage should be provided as FSG-SE will not pay postage back to artist. It will be determined if USPS or UPS will be the recommended shipper for return of work. Participating artist will be notified of the recommendation.

The fees for entry are \$25.00 for 3 pieces and space permitting \$35.00 for 5 pieces, payable at time of entry with CD of images. Jury acceptance will be done by CD of work presented with no guarantee of acceptance into exhibit; no money will be returned if work not accepted or only a portion of presented work has been accepted in the jurying process. Work need not be for sale.

If you do wish to have items in the exhibit for sale, please know that there is a 50/50 split with the Armory, so please price accordingly. Sales tax will be charged on all sales made at The Armory. Another opportunity that will be open to participating artists is to have their work for sale at the gift shop, the split will be 70% artist and 30% Armory. Only those artists participating and juried into the show will be eligible to have work in the gift shop for the duration of the show. All cases used for display of art will be locked and there will be a gallery sitter at all times while the exhibit is open. The insurance provided is up to one million dollars of coverage.

The Armory Art Center is very aggressive about promoting their shows. They do several Art Blasts via email during the preceding month and current month of the exhibit. There are several hundred postcards sent in the mail announcing the show along with other events at the Armory. The bulletin includes all major exhibits and is sent on a timely basis to everyone on the mailing list. Armory Arts Center members and attendees to the shows are well educated and appreciate the art on display. Other shows have been very successful in generating sales.

Dates for sending in entries for the jury process will be announced on a timely basis. Entries, once juried into the show, can be hand delivered or shipped in time to meet deadlines.

Prizes will be awarded for several categories; these will be outlined in the prospectus. We are expecting a very good representation by all FSG members, but we ask you at this time to give us an indication of your interest in participating in this event as we do need to do extensive planning to make this a wonderful, successful event. Please email me at taw1117@gmail.com with your indication about participation. We look forward to having your work in the show.

Warm Regards,
Terry Walker
President SE Chapter