Foothills Craft Guild
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2009

Meeting was held at the Emporium Building. President Molly Durr called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Molly presented the November 2008 membership meeting minutes. **Robbie Gentry** moved to accept the minutes. **Clay Thurston** seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Molly announced the winner from drawing from the 2008 fall show tally sheet for $75-off 2009 fall show booth fee was **Dennis McAvoy**. He chose to donate the money to the Friends of Foothills program instead.

Molly introduced the other members of the 2009 FCG board**: Jo Marie Brotherton**, Vice President and Director of Standards; **Dick McGee**, Treasurer; **Jessica Dockery**, Secretary; **Ann Caudill**, Scholarships; **Robbie Gentry**, Standards Co-chair; **Clay Thurston**, Membership Liason; **Kathy Seeley**, Director at Large; **Gay Bryant**, Webmaster. She also introduced **Jackie Mirzadeh**, the new Membership Director. Any questions about dues, address changes, notices to email, etc., will now be handled by **Jackie**. She can be reached by email at mirzadehj@earthlink.net.

Jo Marie Brotherton announced the results from February's Juryfest. Foothills received 19 applications, and 12 new members were accepted. The new members include **Sharron Eckert** of **Pleasant Hill**, pine needle baskets; **Peg Henderson** of Knoxville, clay sculpture; **Talle Johns**on, clay pots; **Julie Morgan** of Knoxville, felting and knitting; **Mike Naney** of Knoxville, photography; **Susan Parry** of Signal Mountain, glass; **Pat Russo** of Greeneville, beaded jewelry; **Tammy Straut** of Jacksboro, felting; **Emily Tuttle** of Hendersonville, printmaking; **Linda Kay White** of Signal Mountain, framed quilting; **Andrea Wilson** of Sevierville, copperplate etchings. Current member **Gay Bryant** juried in with knitting. **Jo Marie** asked for all members to be on the lookout for quality artists who might want to jury into FCG. The next Juryfest will be held on August 29; artists can drop off their work on August 11 and 12.

Show Director **Karen Noggle** was introduced. A Foothills Craft Guild postcard should be ready by April for distribution at the Dogwood Arts Festival and other local venues. The postcard will feature a bit of historical information about the guild, how to join, contact information and upcoming show dates.

An indoor spring show for 2010 is in the works; the dates will be April 16-18, 2010. The show could possibly be affiliated with the Dogwood Arts Festival and more than likely will be held at the Jacob Building. The show will not conflict with the DAF art show on Market Square. FCG will have a demonstration booth during the 2009 DAF on Market Square.

The fall show dates are November 13-15, 2009. New members have until June 30 to sign up at the early-bird price. **Roger Kroll**, a jeweler, is interested in sharing a booth space with someone

at the fall show. **Molly** would like to form a planning committee for the fall show Friday night pizza party.

PR Director, **Aleex Conner**, was introduced. She discussed fall show publicity for 2009. The *Knoxville News Sentinel*, Channel 6, WUOT and B97.5 will all be sponsors for this year's show. She announced that several thousand new names have been added to the mailing list from the 2008 fall show.

Treasurer **Dick McGee** discussed the FCG budget. He pointed out that the fall show performance determines whether or not the budget is in deficit or not. He explained to members that one of the best ways to support the Guild is to participate in the fall show. If the show is not completely filled by September 15, spaces will be made available to guest artists.

Dick presented some of his goals as treasurer. He would like to have a continuous daily presence in the Knoxville community. He would also like to apply for grants and would eventually like to have a staff member in the office 40 hours per week.

Dick also reminded all members that dues are due by March 15. Any member who has not paid dues by this date will have to rejury into the Guild.

Dick presented the 2009 budget to the membership. **Kitty Alcott** moved to accept the 2009 budget. **Hugh Bailey** seconded, and the motion carried.

Gay Bryant announced that the guild has a new blog site, foothills.edublogs.org.

Molly adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Dockery, Secretary