

Foothills Craft Guild News

January 2010

Update on Two Foothills Artists

As reported in last month's news, jeweler Nancy Briggs Jansen was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. President Molly Durr writes about her visit with Nancy:

"As you know, Karen Noggle and I went to see Nancy Briggs Jansen just before the Christmas holidays and found her in wonderful spirits. She is still somewhat weak from her brain surgery but has such a positive attitude and outlook that it renewed Karen's and my own outlook on life...how short it is and how we should live it to the fullest. Nancy has a good support system in her husband and three children and will probably start chemotherapy and radiation either this month or in February. She was so pleased with the basket that we delivered to her with goodies from you, our members. Thank you for your contributions and Nancy has promised to keep us up-to-date on her progress."---Fondly, Molly

And news of potter David Grant came last week. David had open heart surgery on January 12 to repair a faulty valve. Prior to surgery, he had a stress test which revealed that his heart was good and that there was no blockage in the arteries. Following the surgery, Melanie Grant called Dolores Wells, who wrote:

"Melanie Grant called me after David's surgery today, and said the doctor was very pleased. He repaired the valve and there were no other problems. His heart is beating on its on and he will spend the night in cardiac ICU, before having a private room tomorrow at the University of Tennessee Hospital in Knoxville. Lets keep him and his family in our hearts and prayers for a full recovery. and back throwing pots before too many weeks."---Dolores Wells

Opportunities

Tennessee Craft Fair: Applications are available on Zapplication for the TACA 2010 Tennessee Craft Fair. The outdoor fair will be held on May 7, 8, and 9 in Nashville's Centennial Park. Visit <http://www.zapplication.org/shows.phtml> for an alphabetical listing of shows--scroll down to "TACA Tennessee Craft Fair 2010". The application deadline is **February 15, 2010**.

Gatlinburg Fine Arts Festival: Application instructions and forms are available at www.gfaf.net for the 6th annual Gatlinburg Fine Arts Festival. This outdoor festival will be held on May 15 and 16. The application deadline is **January 31, 2010**.

Juryfest Coming Up!

The next Foothills Juryfest is scheduled for February 6 (craft items must be submitted **January 29 or 30**; application forms should be mailed in a week prior to the craft item submission). If you'd like to apply in another medium, or if you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Guild, information and application forms are available on the Foothills website, <http://foothillscraftguild.org/jury-info.pdf>.