

Pot Luck Lunch was served.

**Introductions and those present:**

President, Wendy Chadbourne; Nancy Minnegerode; Frances Topping; Natalie Renier; Tony Gerardi; Susan Sward; Tricia Cassady; and Elise LaDuc.

Frances asked about where the traveling sketchbook is. Wendy said that she thinks it is with Susan Breault (sp?).

**Announcements:**

Laurie Bebick is handling any announcements that members have about exhibits they are in, classes they are teaching etc... announcements can be sent to Laurie via email: [lauriebebick@gmail.com](mailto:lauriebebick@gmail.com)

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tony will send Wendy the membership list. The account currently has \$2,981.63. October 1st is the deadline for applying for the Education Fund Grant.

December 8th is the Holiday Party, which will also host Pyrographer Cate McCauley. We may want to apply for funding for this.

**Membership Report:**

Wendy will also talk to Laurie Bebick to put the membership list in Google Docs to update. Membership to the New England Chapter is still \$10.00 per year from January to December. Wendy also suggested that we have a membership chair instead of the Treasurer doing it. Tony thought that the Treasurer should still do as part of their position but he will be stepping down in January.

**Old Business:**

GNSI National Conference 2018:

Tricia & Natalie gave their reports on the Conference this past year. It was from July 15th - July 21st in Washington D.C. There were many great speakers, events, workshops and field trips this year. Tricia showed artwork she produced from taking GNSI Founder Nancy Halliday's Watercolor Layering workshop.

Next year's conference will be in Brisbane, Australia from June 29th - July 6th, 2019. Wendy and Tricia are planning to attend.

June Workshop/Lecture:

Susan Stranz had 6 to 7 people attend the workshop/lecture on composition. Wendy asked Laurie to send a Thank-you to Susan. Wendy will ask Laurie if it was sent yet.

**Exhibit:**

Will be this fall - Mass Migrations from November 17th to December 28th, 2018 at the Lakeville, Ma Public Library  
Wendy needs entry forms \*\*\* ASAP \*\*\*

This is themed exhibit that will focus on animal species that migrate through or to New England. Susan Sward said she will send Wendy her entry form today. Frances would like to submit a third piece. Wendy said there is plenty of room in the gallery.

September 30th is the deadline to submit digital photos of art pieces being submitted. The specifications are on the entry form but the image should be 300dpi and the piece cannot be smaller than 8"x10. There is no size limit otherwise.

Need the pieces by November 5th - November 9th to get hung. This is if they are shipped. Artwork can be hand delivered but artists will need to contact Wendy ahead of time.

The hanging is on November 11th and 12th. Wendy, Tricia and the Gallery Coordinator will do the hanging.

Saturday, November 17th from 10:00 - 2:00 is the opening reception. The Library has coffee urns, table cloths and dishes. No alcohol is allowed, bring coffee and food. The reception is open to the public.

Technique Boutiques table will be set up if people want to share technique. Wendy will have name badges for the artists made. Frances said she will do a watercolor for her technique.

There is a volunteer sign-up sheet.

Wendy looked into doing pocket guides to be handed out but it was going to cost more than \$500.00. She will do a binder instead with species in the exhibit and a binder with the artists bios.

Wendy would like to have a map at the entrance to the gallery. Tony was going to maybe help with. The map would have routes with the names or numbers for each species. Discussion on how detailed the map needs to be ensued. The map would be 3-ft by 4-ft. Elise said she can make a map through the GIS Arc Map program with maybe call outs just for the New England area.

Wendy said that member Joan Pierce said that the Massasoit College Canton Campus is interested in having the exhibit "Migrate" there after the Lakeville show. They would like at least 30 pieces.

#### Need:

Postcard designed would be to send out via email. Natalie said she can create this. Wendy will send her images via Google Docs.

Price sheet for show: Wendy will create.

Pages & Layouts for Bios: Susan Sward to format

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There will be pictures of the artists (if not available then the migrations logo will be used), pictures of the artwork with information on species will also be included.

Labels: Tricia will create. Specification from the Library - 3" x 5" no larger, card stock and not a sticker, Name of artist (location), Name of piece, Species with common & scientific name, media used, small fact about species.

Need people to help set up and clean up the day of the reception. Bring refreshments. Set up at 10 am, open to public at 10:30 am, closed to public at 1:30 pm, library closes at 2 pm.

Items for Reception:

Paper goods: Susan & Tricia

Cheese platter: Susan

Cookies, coffee cake: Wendy C.

Veggie platter: Frances

Sodas & chips: Tony

Maybe include fall items for set up: Pumpkins, mums, leaves etc...

Taking down the show: Wendy, Tricia and/or others.

Wendy will send the migrations logo to Susan. Susan will also put dates of exhibit, about GNSI, about exhibit in binders.

Frances asked who has the GNSI poster - about GNSI?

**Website:**

Wendy would like to reinvent the member page. She would like to have mini portfolios 6-8 pieces per artist. Also include information on classes if members are teaching, link to personal website. This will showcase who we are as a group. She still needs some old guild photos if anyone has some.

**Day Trips:**

New Bedford Whaling Museum - 1,275-ft. x 8.5-ft historical painting called The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage on display with limited showing through October 8th. Museum is open everyday from 9-5.

Ramon Y. Cajal - The Beautiful Brain exhibit at MIT through December 31st. Pen & Ink work. Nancy, Wendy and Tricia would like to go.

Gretchen Halpert - Will be presenting her GNSI Conference lecture: "Models for Drawings and Drawings for Models - including the botanical and invertebrate glass models of Rudolf and Leopold Blaschka" at the Harvard University Herbaria, 22 Divinity Avenue Cambridge, MA on Tuesday, October 23rd from noon to 1PM. Wendy is planning to attend this as well.

**Future Plans:**

October - Boston/Cambridge trip - Harvard Natural History Museum outing on Sunday, October 21st. Meet at 10 am at HNHM. Also, will try and go see the Cajal exhibit at MIT.

November - Exhibit

December - Holiday party on Saturday, December 8th at 10 am. Pyrography Program with Cate McCauley then party. Cate will be bringing equipment for people to try out. We will also be voting new officers in.

Announcements:

June 2019 Exhibit at the Newport Flower Show - John James Audubon Theme

Focus on Nature exhibit - submissions due on October 1st. Tricia to forward the information to Laurie Bebick.

Respectfully submitted by  
Tricia Cassidy, member