

VAST General Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2005, 7 p.m.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Jo Williams, President.
- 2) In the absence of Treasurer Nancy Donley, Williams gave the Treasurer's report, which showed a checking account balance of \$5033.54; CD of \$4000; and MMA of \$6003.76. The total balance for all three accounts, after a current update of an inflow of \$130.00 and outflow of \$450.00, was \$15,037.30.
- 3) Williams announced that the Gail Webb Workshop which had just been completed had yielded a small profit.
- 4) Williams announced that members can now sign up for the Joye Moon Workshop to be held this summer from July 19-22, and that a \$50 deposit will be required and can be mailed to Nancy Donley.
- 5) In the absence of Membership Chair Vidya Kagal, no membership report was made.
- 6) Executive Director Ingrid Scobie reported that the reception to be held April 1, 2005, in honor of Spring Exhibition juror Jesus Moroles was now called "A Celebration! Weaving Art, Music and Dance". She stated that invitations will be mailed next week, and will cost \$15 for a single; \$25 for couples; and \$125 for a table (eight seats). Scobie also reported that the reception was not making a profit because of the "break even" price of tickets. Members were encouraged to attend the reception and then a free lecture which will follow at 8 p.m. by Jesus Moroles entitled "Jesus Moroles and His Public Art". A book signing of his new book, Granite Sculpture will also be included.
- 7) Jo Nash, Chair of Nominating, gave a report stating that only one position on the Executive board had been filled for next year. A new slate of officers is needed, and she urged the membership to consider serving in these jobs. She passed around a sign-up sheet for people who are interested. Williams passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the spring exhibition.
- 8) Secretary Millie Johnson, Chair of the Reception for the opening of the Spring Exhibit on Sunday April 24, passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring finger foods for the buffet. She also asked for volunteers to serve on the committee needed to help serve and clean up.
- 9) First Vice-President Diane Dorn introduced guest artist Mary Anne Durnin, who is a very active watercolor artist and jewelry designer from Plano. Her presentation was entitled "Painting With Design Confetti", which she demonstrated as a unique technique to enhance her realistic paintings. Ms. Durnin explained and showed the use of "confetti" pieces, which she stated were made of paper that she had cut out of old paintings or from other sources. She demonstrated how she sprinkles these on her watercolor paper and draws lightly around them before removing them in order to incorporate them into her

design. Using several versions of the same painting in progressively finished stages (a street scene from a photograph she took in San Miguel, Mexico), she showed how the confetti pieces could be incorporated into her work. Ms. Durnin provided an interesting narrative regarding her approach to her paintings and an informative explanation of how she uses transparent watercolors to produce her colorful and expressive work. She brought several of her finished paintings so that the group could see the range of her very professional and creative work. Ms. Durnin also told the group that her jewelry and some of her collage paintings could be seen at the "Artists Showplace", a retail store in Dallas, located at Coit and Arapaho.

10) Williams introduced Robin Butt as the new VAST Historian and encouraged members to look at the impressive work she had done on the new scrapbook, which was displayed for viewing.

11) Williams expressed concern about the number of volunteers still needed for the Spring Exhibit, and urged members to sign up before they left the meeting.

12) Williams introduced Susan Bryant, who is in charge of the VAST booth at the Arts and Jazz Fest to be held April 29-May 1. Bryant announced that she needs hosts and hostesses for the event, whose job will be to offer to help artists in the show to set up and take down their exhibits, and be available for any other help they may need. She stated that the working time for volunteers will be 2-3 hour assignments. Williams suggested that members could sign up with Bryant on their way out after the meeting.

13) Williams announced that Voertman's \$50 gift certificate door prize was won by Lisa Daniels.

14) Williams announced that the winners of the mini-show were Darla Bostick , First Place, and Ernest Benton, Second Place.

15) The meeting was adjourned, 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Millie Johnson, Secretary