

Heard Museum Guild Member Meeting January 17, 2024

The meeting was held in the Steele Auditorium, Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by John Miller, President.

President's Remark: John Miller

We will have a change in our program today. Steve LaRance, whose brother passed away, is unable to make it. World Champion Hoop Dancer Derrick Suwaima Davis, Hopi/Choctaw, will demonstrate and give us an understanding of the Hoop Dance.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes for the Guild Meeting of November 15, 2023 were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Newton Linebaugh, Treasurer

As of Saturday, January 14, 2024 our balance in the bank was \$462,000. Expenses are in-line with what we expected them to be at this point. Payments are coming in from artists for the Indian Fair and Market.

Guest Speaker: David Roche, Dickey Family Director and CEO, Heard Museum

David Roche explained the 5-Year Strategic Plan for the Heard Museum, 2024-2029. The focus is "Connecting the World to Indigenous Creativity". Stephanie Small of Synergy Consulting spent 200 hours interviewing, discussions and writing to help craft the plan.

Mission: The Heard Museum connects Indigenous creativity to the world by presenting the voice and vision of American Indian artists.

Vision: We envision a world where Indigenous creativity thrives and fosters mutual respect and understanding.

Core Values: Integrity, Excellence, Innovation & Creativity and Service

Our core values define who we are as an organization, aids in our decision-making, and guides how we treat each other and all we serve.

Strategic Goals 2024 – 2029

Program Excellence, Financial Stability, Visitor Experience, People and Culture, Data and Planning, Fund Development and Infrastructure.

President's Remarks: John Miller

John thanked David for a wonderful talk.

The Guild will be getting involved with the new Strategic Plan. We're just getting started with this plan. We're working towards our 100th anniversary.

Indigenous Visions: Marquee Artists Series featuring Jessa Rae Growing Thunder, Ph.D.,
Wednesday, January 31, 10:00 am -12:00 pm.

Guild Explores: are going to S'edav Va'aki Museum (formerly Pueblo Grande) Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00 am with optional lunch afterwards at the Stockyard Restaurant. Please see Kurt Kahlenbeck, kurt_dipont@hotmail.com.

John thanked the Fair Committee Chairs for bringing the treats.

At the Guild February meeting we will be voting on by-laws changes for officers' titles and removing the past-president position.

Tables in the back with YASS notecards, Fair sign-ups (all Guild members should volunteer at the Fair).

Membership Chair: Carol Seidberg

Carol welcomed new members.

There will be a New Member gathering, after the Guild meeting on Wednesday, February 21 in the foyer for new members or any members. You will be given lots of information and a tour through the different galleries and the Guild Room.

If you change your email address, please let Carol know.

Docent Exchange at the Phoenix Art Museum, Monday February 26, at 10:00 am. 26 Guild members signed up so far.

Indian Fair and Market Chair: Frank Vickory

Fair meeting today at 1:00 pm

Fair Chairs are doing great job and it's a pleasure working with them.

Frank and Jane would like to Chair the Fair again next year.

Volunteers are needed, there are positions that don't require standing that are fun.

Fundraising for ribbons. It is a direct payment to the artist. The goal is \$110,000 for ribbons.

They range from \$500-\$700 per ribbon. Please see Jack Schwimmer or Giving@Heard.org.

Kim Alexis Adversario: Heard Museum Membership

Jan – March is the busiest time at the Heard Museum.

February 2 is the opening of Hearts of the Community, Baskets from the Basha Family Collection.

February 2 is First Friday, O'odham Willa @ The Heard: Celebrating the Basha Family Collection, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

February 17-18 World Championship Hoop Dance Contest

February 23, members only Maria & Modernism in the Grand Gallery with the curators, Diana Pardue and Roshi Montano, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

February 23, Opening of Maria & Modernism in the Grand Gallery at 12:00 pm

Kim thanked the Guild members for their continued support.

Break for refreshments

Program: Derrick Suwaima Davis from Old Oraibi, AZ

Derrick won 7 World Hoop Dance Championships plus 1 Senior Hoop Dance.

He is the founder and artistic director of The Living Traditions Dance Group.

He explained it is a circle of life dance, stories and renewing balance.

The dance lasts 7 minutes and they use 5 or more hoops. He uses 5 because the dance is judged on time and with 5 hoops he can quickly move and tell his story.

Ryon Polequaptewa is from the village of Shungopavi, born to the Sun clan of the Hopi people.

He is considered to be one of the best Katsina Doll carvers. Ryon is a terrific singer, drummer and writer for Blu Thunder, a group of Hopi city dwellers.

Singers are very important to telling the stories that are acted out by the dancer.

Ryon shared his rich history of the Hopi culture and his awareness and stewardship of the lands.

Derrick and Ryon completed their program with a dazzling hoop dance demonstration.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Sinclair