

October 16, 2024, Guild Monthly Meeting

Call to Order – Shelley Mowry, President of the Heard Museum Guild.

Approval of the Minutes – Dale Baker. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Newton Linebaugh. The fiscal year begins in October, and we are financially sound. Sixty ribbons for Best of Show are still available. See Adriana if you wish to purchase ribbons. Approximately 880 artists have applied for 600 slots at the 2025 Indian Fair and Market.

We now are using an Amazon account for all purchases. Large purchases (over \$1,000.00) must be approved by the Museum; all other purchases, regardless of size, must also be pre-approved. If you need to make a Costco run Newton will meet you and use the Museum's Visa card. This process prevents members from being out of pocket and reduces the need for reimbursement. The process is the same for all departments of the Museum and aligns the Guild with 501C procedures.

Heard Museum Updates – Kim Alexis Adversario. Kim presented the October, November, and December events. "Meryl McMaster: Bloodlines" is now open. Highlighted events include Moondance (October 26), shop opening for members (October 27) and to the public (October 28). November events include first Friday with IAIA (November 1), the opening of "Space Makers: Indigenous Expression and a New American Art" (November 7), and the Veterans Day celebration (November 11). December events include First Friday (December 6), the Holiday Brunch (December 4), and Holidays at the Heard (December 27-30). The Hoop Dance Exhibition opening date will be announced in the future. Kim said that if anyone was not receiving emails about events, to contact her. Events are also announced in Happening Now. The Annual Meeting is on YouTube and Kim will send a link since the meeting was virtual.

Indian Fair and Market – Jane Sanford. Jane announced that there is a volunteer sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium. There is a new position called Fair Ambassadors who will roam on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to help artists and attendees. Chuck Starns is in charge. Individuals who wish to purchase ribbons can split the cost. Adrianna can tell you the cost of the ribbons. Jane reminded everyone that Frank Vickory is Fair co-chair.

Heard Guild Explores – Kurt Kahlenbeck. Kurt reported that the next event is a visit to the Huhugam Cultural Center and a lunch after visiting the Center. Details are in Happening Now. The Cultural Center has no admission fee, but Kurt suggested a \$10.00 donation.

Membership Update – Shelley Mowry for Carol Seidberg. Shelley reported that the new member orientation was October 8. There was a tour of the Museum and Guild room and lunch together. Carol Seidberg sent out an evaluation of the event and is awaiting data. Another new member orientation will be held on October 31.

Heard Guild Presents Marquee Artist Series – JoAnne and Michael Mandracchia. Michael announced that Venancio Aragon will be speaking about textiles on October 23. November will feature Mavasta Honyouti and December will feature Jason Garcia. Tickets are being sold today and single event tickets may be purchased today, online, or at the door.

Holiday Luncheon – Jackie Stubbs. The Holiday Brunch will be held December 4 in Steele Auditorium. The Brunch recognizes lifetime achievement. Jackie asked that members sign up at the back of the auditorium for dishes to bring, or donations as well as volunteering for the Brunch.

Shop Volunteers – Shelley Mowry announced that each Guild meeting will be showcasing volunteer opportunities. Today focused on the shop volunteers, presented by Stephanie Madsen. Stephanie presented the benefits of volunteering in the shop. Individuals who wish to volunteer in the shop must have a passion for Native American art, good people skills, be familiar with Indigenous art and the culture of tribes of the Southwest, and fabrication methods. Retail experience is a plus but not necessary. There is a weekly schedule of 3-hour shifts, so volunteers must be able to stand and walk through the shop for that period of time and be comfortable with computers. Volunteers must participate in a training program that is 2 hours each week for 4 weeks. The shop provides member discounts, holds, layaways, repairs, gift cards, and polishing cloths. The shop participates in special events such as Moon Dance and the Ornament Market.

Break – during the break there was a hearing device training session.

Featured speaker – Dr. Krystal Tsosie (Diné), spoke about “Protecting Indigenous DNA from Data Theft”. She holds a PhD, MPH, and MA and is a faculty member at ASU. Dr. Tsosie acknowledged the land of tribes of Arizona and ASU. She noted that ASU has the largest number of Indigenous faculty and students at any university and her lab has representatives of many Indigenous cultures. Her research areas are biodiversity, ancestral DNA, and genomics and health. She spoke about natural history museums’ collections and the museums’ lack of acknowledgement of the contributions of Indigenous science to the collections. She described how the Bayh-Dole act of 1980 gave universities ownership of intellectual property for federally funded research without acknowledgement of Indigenous contributions. She noted that less than 1% of Indigenous people are research participants for genomic research and asked who benefit from this research. She went on to present the cultural, political, power dynamics, and trust issues that influence participation in genomic research.