

CBBAG-OV Meeting

Minutes

February 10, 2016

Theme: Slide show and movie

Chair

Two new visitors attended our meeting.

In the CBBAG e-newsletter, there are now pictures and a mention of our upcoming show and sale, in May. Our local chapter seems to be growing each year. Membership now stands at 54 paid members; four more than last year. Roxanne explained that in the case of family memberships, each individual is counted.

Workshops

Val attended Larry's workshop on illustration engraving and reported that it was very good. She brought her work from it, for the show and tell segment of the meeting.

The rounded box workshop with Spike will proceed on February 13, with 4 participants.

Bookbinding I is sold out, with 8 people registered. Roxanne described what was covered in this workshop. The chapter will consider running the workshop over 3 weekends next year, as some people find it hard to attend on Fridays. Bookbinding III might be offered next year.

Book Arts Show

Twenty-five tables are available for rental.

Events

This year, Dickinson Days in Manotick will take place, as usual, on the first weekend in June. This has always been a well-attended event. The Chapter has had a presence there for the last couple of years. On Saturday, June 4, at least 2 people are needed for our table. Spike is unable to attend this year. Lauren Shoniker expressed her interest.

Steve spoke about two book fairs this year, with the Ottawa Small Press Book Fair taking place on Saturday, June 18, from 12 to 4 pm at the Jack Purcell Community Centre. He has booked a table for CBBAG at this fair, as well as the one put on by the Ottawa Press Gang. Steve reminded those present that he and Gayle will host an open house at their home on February 28.

On February 21, there will be a paper marbling class given at the Ottawa School of Art.

Exhibits

The exhibit at the Shenkman, showing eight years of swaps, was set up on February 1. Steve and Gayle had some pictures to show of the six foot high cases in the lobby. Our tablecloth, with the CBBAG logo, is used to advantage in one of the cases. Thanks were given to Spike for helping with the installation and Josiane for translating. The show goes until February 28. Additional information is available on the website.

Facebook

Our Chapter does not have a Facebook page, although CBBAG National has one. Gayle will send Lauren the blurb, and perhaps a page can be created.

10th Anniversary

We are still accepting ideas on how to celebrate our tenth anniversary. Holly will do something for our website. The possibility of having some kind of exhibition at our Book Show was mentioned, such as a slide show of our swaps on a screen. Gayle will keep the works after the show at the Shenkman comes down for this purpose, lenders permitting.

Béatrice proposed "making a page" at our Book Show, to promote our anniversary. A few people could do pages ahead of time, to give others an idea of what to do. These single sheets could be bound later on.

Miscellaneous

Roxanne reminded the group that there will be three vacant positions on the executive in the spring: chair, workshop coordinator and program coordinator.

Swap

March 9 is the date of the next meeting, when our swap signatures are due. The program will consist of descriptions of each signature. The finished book, or container, will be due in May.

Show and Tell

Susan had postcards from an exchange with the bookbinding group in New Zealand. (A few members have previously participated in the mini book exchange.) Béatrice showed her recycled dryer sheets, which had been painted with acrylics, after having been rinsed. In addition to her two prints from Larry's class, Val showed the two books she had made using methods learned in Martha Cole's October workshop.

Paul had a sample of the book he will make in his workshop, to be given on April 9. It features wooden covers and is bound in the coptic style.

Program

Gayle and Steve had pictures of the display at the Shenkman Centre. Then they explained, with the aid of a slide show, how they produce their editions of the Christmas keepsake books. In a

process taking several months, 120-130 copies are usually made, and all are given away. Six editions have now been created. Paul and Val offered to help with the assembly of the books. The group expressed interest in hearing more about edition bindings.

The video, a BBC production, entitled "Beauty of maps", was shown. It covered historical atlas making, and featured works held by the British Library.

Next meeting: March 9, 2016

Theme: Creating swap signatures

13 in attendance