

Membership Committee Report

Annual Meeting 2026

Julie Calhoun-Roepnack, Chair

Committee Members: Rachel Aughtry, Ed Coleman, David Alberts, Suzanne Farran-Hrytzik, Gail Haney, Board liaison: Lee Entrekin

New Member Orientation, March 5, 2026:

New Member Orientation was from 9:30- noon, with 9:30-10 being "Meet and Greet". It was the smallest group we've had in a while so with approximately a dozen new members, we held orientation in the board room at the FAC

Annual Awards:

The committee reviewed nominees for awards and made recommendations to the board. We decided to give 1 Honorary Award this year, recommended by Laura Lanier: Marilyn Campbell, a faithful guild volunteer for many years.

By a unanimous vote, the Life Award to Jim Sockwell, member since 1969...and so much more.

First Year Advisors:

Membership committee members continue to be assigned to the new members. We tried to match the media with experienced members from the committee, but in some cases could not. The committee welcomes the new members to the guild and provides the new members with a contact person should they have questions as they learn to navigate the guild during their first year of membership.

Social Gatherings:

1. The Folk Arts Center Auditorium, Combination Social: Tour our permanent collection with Valerie Berlage and Troubleshoot Technology with Millie Davis. Post your technology questions ahead of this event on our Facebook forum or email Millie Davis directly. Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 1:00-3:00p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the auditorium. You are welcome to bring a favorite snack to share with the group.
2. Tunnel Studios and the Guild's Tunnel Rd. Shop, Combination Social: Tour the new studios where former guild member Stuart Nye once worked, with host: Jude Stucker, then walk a few steps over to the Guild's Tunnel Rd. Shop where Manager Laura Spreitzer will give you a tour of the building that we purchased a while back. Remember to bring your business cards for networking! This will be a potluck, so feel free to bring some light snacks to share with the group. Thursday, September 10 from 4-6:00p.m.
3. The Folk Arts Center Auditorium, Julie Calhoun-Roepnack and the membership committee's 3rd Annual Holiday Potluck lunch. Like last year's event, but with a couple of improvements and surprises. Sunday, December 13, 2026, from noon-2:00p.m.

Workshop:

The committee has not decided on a workshop theme currently.