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Craft Beat

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President's Message

What a great way to start the new year! Thirty artisans of every description came for our open forum meeting which took on a lively discussion on many subjects. One in particular was insurance for crafters and a show of hands revealed that only a few have it. As promised, put the March meeting on your list, because G&L Insurance will be coming to provide valuable information on insurance for crafters.

As a surprise, we were treated to a presentation by Diana Burdett, Executive Director of the Providence Intown Churches Association (PICA), on what her organization provides for the homeless in the Providence and outlying areas. They serve over 10,000 meals per year and supply toiletries, clothing, crisis intervention and counseling. The need is growing! According to her statistics, there are approximately 6,000 homeless in RI - about half of that number are children! PICA is one of the recipients of our charitable donations & we thank them for doing all they do.

As we move into the new year, we are all hoping for a better return. Our open meeting brought the disappointing news of consignment shops closing.

Our February meeting will be hosted by Mike & Eileen Ferrance. It will be a hands-on project (Kaleidoscopes 101). Don't forget to bring your colored pencil or pen & picture!

Our raffle winner of \$30 was Earl Smith... again. Thanks to Tiff & Sam for baking in January & advanced thanks to Eileen Ferrance & Bill MacGregor for supplying goodies for the February meeting!

See you on February 9th!

Thanks for all your support,
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