

Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc.

Members Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

5:30pm Social Half Hour, Meeting and Workshop 6-8

- I. In Attendance: Jean Arcand, Alison Ciarlante, Julie Caprera, Nancy Dougherty, Kadie Fellows, Liz Fecteau, Dorothy Ford-King, Renee Gagnon, Beth Johnston, Angela Kasper, Pam Lee, Jan Leitch, Gretchen Maurer, Karen McFarlin, Cheryl Neumann, Paula & Syl Pauley, Anne Marie Poblocki, Emida Roller, Karen St. Jean, Elaine Theriault, Brian Tracy, Elaine Turner, Visitor -Joann Strmiska
- II. Call to order by Julie Caprera at 6:08
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Nancy Dougherty motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Brian Tracy. All were in favor.
- IV. Open Business
 - a) Treasurer Report – Judy Doyle, Current bank balance is \$4,051.25. We currently have 60 members. Karen McFarlin motioned to accept the treasure’s report, seconded by Nancy Dougherty. All were in favor.
 - b) Marketing & Publicity Report – Nothing to report at this time.
 - c) Exhibits

Ruth Wells Recap, Julie – Ruth Wells is a beautiful building that made for a great exhibit. Although we did not make any sales, it was good practice for hanging an exhibit and due to having to man the exhibit ourselves, members got time to get to know each other as they were gallery sitting.

Chase Building Supply, Alison – Drop off/pick up will be April 29th from 2pm-4pm. If you would like to exhibit at Chase and are not already, fill out the prospectus and send to Alison with your \$10 hanging fee. See other attachment in email.
 - d) Workshops - Alan James – Elaine Turner – We are currently on the third class of a 6-class series. We have 10 participants and are creating a great relationship with Alan James.

- e) Community Report – Elaine – Elaine will continue to collect donations of greeting cards for the PBA welcome baskets. 2-3 cards, include your business card!

The Art Guild is a sponsor of the First Fridays. There will be 2 featured artists at each First Friday. Each artist will have a featured page in the brochure, and the Guild will have its own ad as a sponsor in the brochure. Artists can also sign up as a vendor on their own.

Garden Tour, July 9th. There are 8 gardens featured in the tour. The Garden Club is looking for artist to paint/sculpt, musicians, etc. to entertain in the gardens for a 3-hour session. There are plenty of shady spots. If you are interested, contact Elaine Turner.

V. New Business

- a) Upcoming Exhibits

Vanilla Bean in May, Julie Caprera – Hanging Tuesday, May 3rd, 2pm-3pm. Strike Date is Memorial Day at 4pm.

ARTicles in Danielson, Alison – We are looking to make this an ongoing exhibit, switching out artwork every 2 months. The shop is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Open on Sundays during holiday season. Drop off will be June 1st. Acceptable items due to the size of the shop: smaller items, 11x14 and under. 30% commission. Prospectus to follow.

- b) Upcoming Workshops – There is interest in a plein air half day workshop taught by Barbara Lussier in June or July. There is additional interest in other classes and series through the summer, but no new suggestions.
- c) Upcoming Events – there was no interest in the Thompson Maker Fair, May 7th

First Friday Featured Artists, see community report above.

- d) Putnam Area Foundation Grant– Elaine – Last year we were granted \$2,500 to develop our online gallery. Looking to apply again to continue work on the online gallery (add more artists), or perhaps for a bigger project. There are also federal grants that require a Sami account which Elaine is setting up. In order to apply for any federal grants, **we must have all our Board of Directors biographies updated.**

- e) Pam Lee will be setting up a phone tree for members to each other to remind them of the upcoming members meetings. Let Pam Lee know if you would like to participate or not.

VI. Other Business

- a) Mandala Rock Painting Class taught by Alison at Silver Circle Gallery, \$35, April 30th
- b) Congratulations to Frietha Lawrence on her book signing!
- c) Dorothy Ford-King to follow up on exhibiting at the Spirol Gallery at QVCC
- d) Other Opportunities – Garden Bridge in Willimantic, May 7th. No charge or commission for artist to set up and sell for the day. Can set up as early as 7am. Art should have a flower/garden theme. Pam Lee is participating, if you have any questions, contact her.

- VII. Adjournment, Brian Tracy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Nancy Dougherty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Beth Johnston presented a workshop on how to crop pictures of your artwork.