

Northern Eastern CT Art Guild Inc
Members Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023, 6-8pm
Putnam Town Hall, Putnam, CT

5:30pm, Social Half Hour, Meeting at 6pm

Greeters: Paula Pauley

Refreshments: Angela Kasper, Jen Atwood

Attendance: Jennifer Atwood, Anne Causey, Nancy Dougherty, Bruce Fitzback, Renee Gagnon, Cecelia Giella, Beth Johnston, Angela Kasper, Pam Lee, Anna Mancini, Karen Mcfarlin, Kathy Mulford, Paula Pauley, Jeffrey Payette, Louise Pigott, Lori Smolin, Elaine Theriault, Elaine Turner, Steve Veilleux, Alla Markelova, Luci Palmieri, Molly Harrington, Kimberly Pendleton.

I. Call to Order: Julie Caprera called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. II. Approval of minutes from April 13, 2023 meeting: Motion to accept the April minutes was made by Anna Mancini, and was seconded by Paula Pauley. III. Open Business

- A) Treasurer's Report—Renee Gagnon: Checking account has \$7,287.29, and paypal has \$185.24. We currently have 77 members.
- B) Marketing Report—Renee Gagnon: We are boosting our social media accounts, posting about all of our Guild's events, and sharing members' art events. A weekly ad has been placed in the Shoppers Guide along with our website. Two neighboring Senior Centers in R.I. have agreed to post our events.
- C) Member Report—Julie Caprera for Elaine Turner: Our Membership committee continues to welcome new and old members at meetings, provide refreshments, and call members to invite them to our meetings and events.
- D) President's Report—Julie Caprera

IV. New Business

A) Classes & Workshops

- 1) Watercolor with Alan James—pay by lesson thru May 29
- 2) Plein Air Workshop—Barbara Lussier—Moved to June 2, 2:30-5:30pm, Spots still available, (Julie Caprera)
- 3) "Supporting Each Other in a Digital World" Workshop, May 25, 5-8pm, FREE, Registration required, (Pam Lee & Gretchen Mauer) This will take place at the Putnam Town Building in room 112. Register on our website.

B) Exhibits

- 1) Jewett City—May—Jen Atwood is exhibiting
- 2) The Vanilla Bean Café—6 sales in first week, runs through the end of May
- 3) Courthouse—Our members' work is currently on display

- 4) Jorgensen Gallery—Aug/Sept, Juried (Lori Smolin Coordinator)

C) Social Events

- 1) Summer BBQ, Aug 13, (Alison Ciarlante)
- 2) Putnam First Sat.--Italian Festival Open House, Sat, June 3, 1-5pm, Art, Music, Food, Prospectus (Paula Pauley for Elaine Turner)

D) Other Opportunities

- 1) Putnam Farmers' Market—Openings Sept & Oct (Alison Ciarlante)
- 2) Putnam Fine Arts & Crafts Festival—June 17-18, (Beth Johnston)
- 3) Putnam Pluck-A-Duck Raffle—(Beth Johnston)
- 4) Art in the Park—outdoor options, apply ASAP, (Alison Ciarlante)
- 5) Woodstock Fair Opportunities for fine arts and crafts: professional section.

Paint on anything except canvas. Fairy Houses section. Cash prizes.

Volunteers needed to judge entries, and to do artist demos. Free parking and admission ticket for all volunteers.

6) Louise Pigott's paintings will be featured in a solo show at the Ruth Well's Center for the Arts during the month of June.

V. Next Members Meeting, June 8, 2022, (Jan Leitch & Jeff Payette) VI. New members welcomed: Molly Harrington-Tye Die, photography, painting. Kimberly Pendleton-A Hat Maker.

VII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Pam Lee and seconded by Karen McFarlin

VIII. Featured Speakers: Anna Mancini & Pam Lee--Sharing their Art Journey