

Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc
Members Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2023

Putnam Town Hall, Putnam, CT

Attendance: Alison Ciarlante, Cheryl Neumann, Anna Mancini,
Alla Markelova, Jen Atwood, Jeff Payette, Carmine Angeloni,
Steve Veilleux, Jen Buka, Renee Gagnon, Elaine Turner, Bruce
Fitzback, Mariah Plantier, Angela Kasper, Julie Caprera, Kathy
Mulford

5:30pm, Social Half Hour with Refreshments, Meeting at 6pm
Greeting & Refreshments by the Hospitality Committee
Art Swap During Social Hour and Breaks

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:05 by president Julie Caprera.
- II. Approval of minutes from October 12, 2023 meeting: Motion to approve made by Elaine Turner and seconded by Alison Ciarlante.
- III. Open Business
 - A) Treasurer's Report—Renee Gagnon: Checking account has \$14,976.61. Paypal has \$641.37. Membership is at 92.
 - B) Marketing Report—Renee Gagnon: Nothing new to report.
 - C) Member Report—Elaine Turner: New members introduced.
 - D) Community Liaison Report—Elaine Turner: The Box Car Mural is completed. It may be the longest mural in new England! Up to 200 people were involved in this project. Lead artist Elaine Turner, along with Renee Gagnon, and Jen Atwood from the Art Guild, collaborated with students, teachers, and members of the Putnam community. Monday December 4th at 4:30 is the dedication. This will be followed by the Putnam Business Association Christmas party, 5:30 at The Courthouse restaurant. Art Guild works will be on the Courthouse walls through February.
 - E) President's Report—Julie Caprera: She summarized the report which has been emailed to members.
 - F) Exhibits—Recognition of Sales by Members: Jen Atwood sold 2 pieces at Articles, and Beth Johnston and Anna Mancini sold pieces at the Heirloom Cafe. All information about exhibits is on our website, and weekly updates about changeouts, etc. can be found in the Monday email.
Jewett City—Nov-Jeff Payette, Dec-Karen McFarlan
 - G) Events & Other Opportunities:
 - 1) Putnam Farmers Market—Alison Ciarlante: Last market was Oct. 7th.
 - 2) Social—Halloween Lunch @ Golden Greek—Paula Pauley: Six enjoyed!

3) Dazzle Light Parade on Nov, 26th at 5p.m., raindate Dec. 3rd, is being organized by Beth Johnston. Volunteers wanted to help decorate her car as an Art Guild “float”, or to walk alongside.

4) Art Festival at the Taylor Brook Winery in May is being organized by Alison Ciarlante. This would be on the grounds of the winery and have a fee of \$30. It would take place possibly on the Saturday of Memorial Day wee

IV. New Business

A) Classes & Workshops—Info/Registration on Website; Updates weekly in AG News
Charcoal w/ Jen Atwood Nov 8 & 15; How to Draw w/Karen DeLoach Zoom Nov 14;
Alan James Watercolor 4 wk series

2024--Beginning Weaving w/ Ramona Savolis; Intro to Hat Making w/ Kimberly Pendleton; Intro to Pastel w/ Judy Doyle; Zentangle w/ Pam Lee

B) Exhibits –info for all Exhibits is on Website; Changeout dates are in AG News

C) Events

1) Dazzle Light Parade, 11/26/23 5pm Beth Johnston -Raindate: 12/3/23

2) April Art Festival at Taylor Brook Winery—Alison Ciarlante

D) Other Opportunities

1) Vendors—Hale YMCA Annual Holiday Bazaar, Dec 2, 11-3

2) Artist Open Studios—Recognize Members : 15 are participating.

IV. Next Members Meeting—Thursday, Mar 14, 2024, Putnam Town Hall V.

Adjournment : Motion to adjourn was made by Renee Gagnon, and seconded by Bruce Fitzback.

VI. Featured Speakers: Elaine Turner—Community Arts Journey

Renee Gagnon—Art Guild NE Online Gallery Info & How To's