

Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc
Members Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2023
Putnam Town Hall, Putnam, CT

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

Greeter: Elaine Turner

Refreshments: Alison Ciarlante, Elaine Turner, Paula Pauley, and Anna Mancini

Attendance: Julie Caprera, Gloria Arnold, Jennifer Atwood, Chelsea Baum, Sandra Blanchard, Janice Borodezt, Anne Causey, Alison Ciarlante, Bruce Fitzback, Beth Gentile, Cecelia Giella, Beth Johnston, Angela Kasper, Anna Mancini, Alla Markelova, Paula Pauley, Syl Pauley, Brian Tracy, Jeanne Vataour, Steve Veilleux, Darlyne Wolfburg, Jay Bartholomew, Elaine Turner.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Julie Caprera, President
- II. II. Approval of minutes from June 8, 2023 meeting : Motion to approve the minutes was made by Paula Pauley, and seconded by Sandra Blanchard.
- III. III. Open Business
 - A) Treasurer's Report—Renee Gagnon: The checking account has \$5,349.36, and \$588.52 is in Paypal.
 - B) Marketing Report—Renee Gagnon—New Facebook Group
 - C) Member Report—Elaine Turner : We currently have 90 members.
 - D) President's Report—Julie Caprera—BOD Resignations, Barbara L, Gretchen M, Emida
 - E) Community Liaison Report—Elaine Turner-Many great opportunities are in the works, through the State of the Arts Business Association, of which Elaine is a member. These include painting the traffic boxes in Putnam, and painting of a mural on the wall outside the Box Car Childrens' Museum. The mayor has asked the Art Guild to create a mural. There are 10 sponsors so far, and at least 9 more are needed. Each sponsor will donate \$300. and we will work with high school students. Artist sponsors will each choose a book from the Box Car series, to illustrate, with characters from the books in-between, and will do training with art teachers. Installation day is when the paintings done on the mylar polytech material, will be adhered to the wall. Adoption and painting of the traffic boxes in Putnam was jump-started by Emida Roller. Sponsors are on board for this project. Two of the boxes will be memorials. Other partnerships with the guild are forming with The Complex, and Bradley Playhouse.
 - F) Classes: Summer—Beg. Watercolor—Pam Lee; Charcoal—Jen Atwood; Social Media Workshop—Pam Lee & Gretchen Mauer
 - G) Events & Other Opportunities:
 - 1) Putnam Fine Arts & Crafts Festival—AG Sponsor, 7 AG Members—Beth/Elaine: This was a huge success in spite of the rain. The Art Guild was a \$1000. sponsor. Seven members showed and sold items at the festival.
 - 2) Palmer Arboretum: Barbara Lussier will hold a workshop here in October with plein air painting, to raise money for the Arboretum.
 - 3) Putnam Superhero Saturday—Renee Gagnon
 - 4) AG Picnic—Alison Ciarlante: Both Alison, and Liz Fecteau sold paintings.

5) Pluck-A-Duck—Beth Johnston: By having our members sell tickets to this event, we raised money for the Art Guild.

6) Woodstock Fair—Pam Lee: At least 20 people from the Art Guild and Garden Club participated, as judges, sitters, and demonstrators. Alla Markelova, Anna Mancini, Alison Ciarlante, and Jen Atwood entered items in the Arts and Crafts category.

IV. New Business

A) Classes & Workshops—Info/Registration on Website; Updates weekly in AG News
Digital Photography with Steve Veilleux; Watercolor Series with Alan James
Pending: Charcoal with Jen Atwood; Beginning Weaving with Ramona Savolis; Intro to hat making with Kimberly Pendleton; Zentangle with Pam Lee

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

1) Jewett City—Sept—Trish Dehls; Oct—Julie Caprera

2) Heirloom Café in Danielson—NEW ! October-Jan; Liz Fecteau

3] Court House—Change out is Tues. Sept. 19th. Plenty of room for big or small paintings.

4] Arts and Framing—May change to one person shows. Large pieces needed.

5] Chase—contemporary style pieces may suit new displays there.

C) Events

1) Fall Event—Nov?: Details TBD

2) Social Outing —Golden Greek Restaurant—Details TBD

D) Other Opportunities

1) Putnam Farmers Market—Full Oct, Alison C.

2) Art in the Park—Alison C: The event is full with 30 artists, including Guild members. It takes place on Sun. Sept. 24th, rain or shine. at Roseland Park in Woodstock.

IV. Next Members Meeting—Thursday, October 12th, Putnam Town Hall. Kimberly Pemberton is presenting, and another artist presenter is still needed.

V. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Pam Lee, and seconded by Brian Tracy. 6:58 p.m.

VI. Featured Speakers: Steve Veilleux & Jen Atwood—Their Art Journey