

Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc
Annual Members' Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2024

Attendance: Alison Ciarlante, Renee Gagnon, Anna Mancini, Mindy Delp, Bruce Fitzback, Jen Atwood, Angela Kasper, Alla Markelova, Jay Bartholomew, Hank Fusco, Carmine Angelone, Karen McFarlin, Deb LeBlanc, Steve Veilleux, Elaine Turner, Adele Karbowski, Laura Tedeschi, Brian Tracy, Jan Leitch, Kathy Mulford
Putnam Town Hall, 200 School St, Room #112
5:30-6 Social Half Hour; Meeting 6-8pm

- A. Call to Order: Renee Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:04. Introductions were made of new people.
- B. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2024 meeting: A motion to accept the minutes from September 12th meeting was made by Carmine Angelone and seconded by Elaine Turner.
- C. Open Business
 - a. Treasurer's Report—Renee Gagnon: We have 87 members. Checking account has \$12,882.50.
 - b. Community Liaison Report—Elaine Turner: She is working on the "Welcome to Putnam" totem, located on Kennedy Drive on the river trail. Also there is a new traffic box to be painted with the theme of nature and pollinators, sponsored by the Kettle family who have several local businesses. Goal is to finish in time for Putnams October 19th "Pumpkin Fest". Elaine also talked about Mural Fest 2030, a five year project, which will be paid for 100% by donations. A presentation about Mural Fest will be made to the Putnam Business Association in April.
 - c. Art in the Park-Alison Ciarlante: It was very well attended this year. Jen Atwood will coordinate next year. It is always held on the third Sunday in September, at Roseland Park.

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- e. Current Exhibits
 - i. ARTicles: Next drop-off is Oct. 23rd. Application is on line at Art Guild site. Two paintings can be submitted, and there is room for 6 new artists. The current exhibit has had 2 sales: Alison and Jen.
 - ii. Courthouse: This exhibit was hung 2 weeks ago. Leslie Morressey and her daughter had sales.
 - iii. Heirloom: This exhibit had 11 sales: Adele Karbowski sold 4. Theresa Rzepa sold 2. Jen Atwood sold 1. Alison Ciarlante sold 1. Jeff Payette sold 1.
 - iv. Putnam Farmers Market (June-Oct)—Alison Ciarlante: Two new Guild members participated this year.
- f. Current Classes
 - i. Charcoal Class: Jen Atwood has kept her class going very successfully!
 - ii. Alan James also has an enthusiastic following.

D. New Business

- a. Putnam Art Council Art Exhibit January - March: This show is open for Art Guild members and will be in the long hallway of the Putnam Town Building. Elaine Turner and Beth Johnston will coordinate and hang this show.
- b. 15th Annual Scarecrow Festival Contest: The Art Guild will enter a scarecrow once again. The theme this year will be “Freida Kahlo” Anyone interested in helping with this can meet at Elaine Turner’s house this Friday evening at 5 p.m.
- c. PBA--NECT Great Pumpkin Crafters & Artisans Fair, Putnam, 10/19, 10-3. Another opportunity for interested artisans!.
- d. Artist Open Studios - Nov 29-Dec 1 and Dec 7-8, 10am-5pm
- e. Raise for Event/Class Coordinators to \$60

- f. Next meeting - November 7th will be a Pot Luck!
- E. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Jen Atwood and seconded by Steve Veilleux at 6:45 p.m.

Presenter: Angela Kasper