

Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc
Annual Members' Meeting Minutes
Sept 12, 2024

Putnam Town Hall, 200 School St, Room #112
5:30-6 Social Half Hour; Meeting 6-8pm

Attendance: Jen Atwood, Jay Bartholomew, Alla Markelova, Alison Ciarlante, Renee Gagnon, Julie Caprera, Angela Kasper, Steve Veilleux, Carmine Angeloni, Bruce Fitzback, Beth Gentile

- A. Call to Order: Julie Caprera called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- B. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2024 meeting: Motion to approve made by Alison Ciarlanti, and seconded by Jen Atwood. with no discussion.
- C. Open Business
 - a. Treasurer's Report—Renee Gagnon: We currently have 87 members. The checking account has \$12,775.01. Stripe and Paypal have 0.
 - b. Website Report—Gallery update—Renee Gagnon - none
 - c. Community Liaison Report—Info in Monday Updates
 - d. President's Report—Julie Caprera: Julie posed the question of "Why is it important to come to meetings? Some answers given were " The Art Guild is seen as a community of support for members' art endeavors", It is a social event with friends and fellow artists, and also considered "family" to some. Three main themes that emerged were that the Guild provides learning opportunities to teach, exhibit, and build community.
- D. Other Opportunities
 - a. Putnam Fine Arts & Crafts Fair, June 22-23, 2024—Beth Johnston: Beth was not present but those who participated felt it was very successful even though the hot weather was challenging!
 - b. Putnam Pluck-A-Duck tickets—Beth Johnston
 - c. AG Picnic, Aug 11, 2024, Roseland Park, Alison Ciarlante: Alison reported that we had great weather for the picnic, and it was a great day for the attendees with the opportunity to get to know other members, and enjoy great food! Kudos to a beautiful cake made by Alla Markelova!
 - d. Putnam Farmers Market (June-Oct)—Alison Ciarlante: A great opportunity to bring art to the Putnam community!
- E. New Business
 - a. Classes—Info in Monday Updates: Kudos given to Jen Atwood who has a very successful charcoal drawing class which is ongoing!
 - b. Exhibits—Info in Monday Updates;
 - i. Acknowledge sales; Articles Gallery in Danielson has had two sales. Heirloom Cafe has had six sales..Also JulieCaprera sold three prints at Jewett City Bank.

- ii. Courthouse restaurant in Putnam begins a new show that needs to be registered by Sat. Sept. 14th. And will be set-up on Monday Sept. 16th. Call Elaine Turner if interested.
 - iii. In October the Heirloom will host a show of work by Liz Fecteau and Alison Ciarlante. The Art Guild is welcomed back at Heirloom in January.
 - iv. Beth Johnson and Lori Smolin are working on getting the Guild a show at Jorgenson Gallery at UConn.
 - v. Loos Gallery at Woodstock Academy is another possibility for a juried show.
- c. Events
- i. 15th Annual Scarecrow Festival Contest, 10/14 application deadline: They are looking for volunteers and a coordinator for this event sponsored by the Putnam Business Association. We as a guild worked on this event last year. Oct. 14th is the application deadline.
 - ii. PBA--NECT Great Pumpkin Crafters&Artisans Fair, Putnam, 10/19, 10-3 This is another opportunity.
 - iii. Art in the Park is another opportunity that has many of us from the Art Guild involved. It is coordinated by Alison Ciarlante and is held at Roseland Park in Woodstock.
 - iv. Stonington Art Festival will be held this Saturday Sept. 14th. And has Guild members participating.
 - v. Woodstock Fair: Labor Day Weekend. Many Guild members got involved by either judging, exhibiting, or demonstrating their art skills including Jen Atwood, Alison Ciarlante, and Alla Mrkelova as demonstrators.

F. Adjourn: A motion was made by Jay Bartholomew to adjourn, and seconded by Steve Veilleux. The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

Program: Art Journeys

Angela Kasper: Oils/Teaching

Julie Caprera: Unplanned Journey

The Art Journeys were postponed until the October and November meetings respectively.

Members Introducing Members