

**Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc  
Annual Members' Meeting Agenda  
March 12, 2026**

**Attendance: Carmine Angeloni, Jay Bartholomew, Beth Johnston, Angela Kasper, Tom Thornton, Mindy Delp, Elaine Turner, Anna Mancini, Alison Ciarlante, Steve Veilleux, Adele Karbowski, Scott Robinson, Julie Caprera, Caryl Crouse, Alla Markelovich, Jen Atwood, Laura Tedeschi**

**Putnam Municipal Complex, 200 School St, Putnam CT 06260 – Room 112  
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm, Social Time. 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm meeting and presentations**

1. Call to Order: Beth Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of November 13<sup>th</sup> 2025: A motion was made by Jay Bartholomew to approve the minutes from November 13, 2025. The motion was seconded by Julie Caprera.
3. Treasurer's Report & Membership – Steve Veilleux: Steve reported that membership is at 59. The checking account has \$8243.39. The 7 month CD has \$7,000.
4. Hospitality – Thank you Alison Ciarlante, Alla Markelova, Scott Robinson and Anna Mancini for tonight's refreshments. See Jen Atwood to sign up for our next meeting.
5. Open Business
  - a. Art Guild Home committee update – Angela Kasper, Jen Atwood, Jay Bartholomew, Bruce Fitzback.: Beth reported that the "Home" committee has looked at the many expenses having a physical site for the art guild would incur. Angela read to the group, the ad that was placed in the Turnpike Buyer, and Shoppers' Guide for the month of January 2026, asking if anyone knew of a vacant home, building, church available for rent or donation. No responses were received. The committee will continue following all possible options.
  - b. Scholarship Committee – Lisa Andrews and Jean Arcand (see sign-up sheet) They are the only ones to volunteer so far.

- i. A committee is needed to create an application, identify schools and appropriate contact, evaluate applications when they are submitted, and choose the scholarship recipient.
  - c. Exhibits – See updates in Monday’s Newsletter
    - i. The Courthouse Exhibit – New exhibit hung. Julie Caprera will let artists know when to pick up, probably in June. ARTicles Gallery – Pick up May 16th
    - ii. Jewett City – March Artist, Jennifer Atwood. See website to register.
  - d. Classes – See updates in Monday Newsletter
    - i. Alison Ciarlante – Mandala Rock painting, March 14<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Elaine Turner - Alan James Watercolor
    - iii. Anna Mancini – Beading and wire wrapping classes
    - iv. Charcoal Drawing- Jen Atwood.
  - e. Events – See updates in Monday Newsletter
    - i. Colonial Health & Rehab – Opening for January – Jen Atwood
- 6. New Business
  - a. Monday Newsletter Support – Need someone to compile and send out emails while Kendra is on Maternity Leave.
  - b. Exhibits
    - i. May – Details TBD, Vanilla Bean: April 28th for hanging. [Pick.up](#) May 26th. Articles gallery: May 6th., Jewett City will be Jen Atwood in March. Heirloom Cafe drop’off on April 6th.
    - ii. June 13, 14 - Putnam Fine Arts & Crafts Festival –
    - iii. July - Juried Member Exhibit - Silver Circle Gallery
      - 1. Supported by a grant awarded by the Putnam Arts Council
      - 2. Details to be finalized, but the exhibit will include cash awards (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) and honorable mentions.
      - 3. Need volunteers to help with
        - a. Receiving work to be juried (check membership, check quality hanging)
        - b. Hanging accepted work
        - c. Set up and clean up at open reception
    - iv. September - Woodstock Fair
    - v. January 2027 -Poetry and Art Exhibit, Spirol Gallery
      - 1. Members will submit images of artwork to be shown in January
      - 2. Poets will select images and create poems inspired by the artwork.

Vi. Liz Fecteau's new gallery space in Middletown CT. 18 Johnson ST. Liz has room for several artists to display in her gallery. Email Alison at [sasapeacerocks@gmail.com](mailto:sasapeacerocks@gmail.com) if interested.

c. Events –

- i. Social Media Growth – Jay Bartholomew: Please share pictures of Guild events, or your personal art exhibits. Send to [Marketing@ArtGuildNE.org](mailto:Marketing@ArtGuildNE.org)

7. Nominations and Vote: Officers
  - a. President: Beth Johnston, VP: Renee Gagnon
  - b. Treasurer: Steve Veilleux, Secretary: Angela Kasper
8. Nominations and Vote: Board of Directors (2025-2028)
  - a. Caryl Crouse. All the officers, and board member were unanimously approved by the members present at the meeting. There were no other nominations. A motion to accept was made by Carmine Angeloni, and seconded by Anna Mancini. All were in favor.
9. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie Caprera at 7:01p,m. The motion was seconded by Steve Veilleux.
10. Poet Laureate – Carmine Angeloni introducing Aubrey Waz-Grant
11. 10 Things in Common – group activity to get to know your fellow members

Respectfully submitted: Angela Kasper