

**Northeastern CT Art Guild Inc
Annual Members' Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2026**

**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**

**Attendance:Angela Kasper, Tom Thornton, Sandy Blanchard, Anna
Mancini, Jen Atwood, Renee Gagnon, Alison Ciarlante, Beth Johnston,
Steve Veilleux, Elaine Turner, Tammy Knowlton, Adele Karbowski, Bruce
Fitzback, Tom Menard, Alla Markelova, David Lamontagne, Denise
Lamontagne**

- 1 Call to Order : President Beth Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes - June 10, 2026: Bruce Fitzback made a motion to accept the minutes for approval, and the motion was seconded by Renee Gagnon.
3. Treasurer's Report & Membership – Steve Veilleux ,
Treasurer, reported that the art guild currently has 62 members. There is \$15,784.68 in the treasury which includes \$7000. In a CD.
4. Hospitality – Thank you Alla Markalova, Alison Ciarlante, Jen Atwood, and Marcia Dinofrio for tonight's refreshments. See Jen Atwood to sign up for our next meetings
5. Open Business
 - a. Exhibits – See updates in Monday's Newsletter
 - i. Courthouse take down October 5th 10am . also drop-off, and the theme is "animals".No commission on sales.
 - ii. ARTicles Gallery – Pick up and drop off for next show is Oct 28th, 12- 2pm . There were five sales over the summer. The current show runs until the end of the year. There is a 25% commission.
 - b. North Star Gallery Reception – Monday's Newsletter had the wrong date. Autumn and Our Feathered Friends Artist Reception will be Saturday, **October 3rd**, 4-6pm. Gallery is located at 180 Johnson Street, Middletown, CT .
 - c. Classes – See updates in Monday Newsletter
 - d. Events – See updates in Monday Newsletter .
 - E. Taylor Brook Winery Art Show is scheduled for Sept. 26th.

F. Art in the Park at Roseland Park is scheduled for Sept. 20th. Fee is \$48. 17 Artists will be outside with tents, and 11 artists will have spaces in the Barn. There will be live music, a raffle table, manned by art guild members, and food trucks. Also free refreshments including wine.

6. New Business

a. Future Exhibits

i. October – Gladys E Kelly Library, 2 Lake Street, Webster MA

1. Dropoff, Wednesday October 14th 1-2pm, hanging 2-4pm . 11x14 and under,
No commission.

2. Reception, Tuesday October 20th 5-7pm

3. Take down, Monday, November 30th 4-6pm

4. Prospectus will be posted online closer to October.

ii. Spirol Gallery exhibit has been moved from January 2027 to

September 2027. More details to follow. Theme is :Poetry inspired by Art. Exhibit will be at Quinebaug Community College gallery, and will include poetry reading.

b. Looking for a Putnam Farmer's Market Coordinator - Alison Ciarlante would like to step down. It is free to exhibit at the market, and 10% of sales given to the art guild. A Winter market is being discussed, to be held indoors at the Putnam Town Building.

c. Potential "home" for Art Guild and follow up survey.: to be sent to members. We need a majority of members to respond. Current space we are looking at has rent of \$2200. A month, to be offset by subletting rooms.:

7. Adjourn : Elaine Turner made a motion to adjourn at 7:44. Seconded by Tom Menard.

8. Presentation: Beth Johnston will share a presentation of Artist Trading Cards and the guild members all make two ATCs; one to keep and one to trade..