

KEN CARYL ART GUILD

Minutes of the Business & General Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2023

MEETING DETAILS:

- Location: In-person at Alexis McDowell's home, with remote video conference portal via Zoom
- Call to Order: 7:34 PM
- Board Members in Attendance: Cindy Marshall, Bruce Nall (via Zoom), Judy Ahlborn, Steve McCall, Steve Begej
- KCAG Members Present: Alexis McDowell, Karen Morjig, Hari Uttley, Sally Searns, and Lise Neer (via Zoom)
- Approval of Minutes:
- Financial Report from Bruce Nall: Bank balance - \$1,165.28

OLD BUSINESS:

- **New KCAG website development:**
 - **Judy Ahlborn** recently completed the lengthy design and reconstruction of KCAG's website at **kencarylartguild.org**
 - The new version rests on a much-improved editing platform, allowing easier content updates, site maintenance, and the future incorporation of advanced features and capabilities
 - New features include
 - Cleaner visitor interface and menu layout
 - Events Calendar
 - Exhibits Page showing the latest information about our current exhibits and calls for future ones
 - Updated KCAG artist Gallery
 - Planned future additions to site capability will include
 - Online new member application submission
 - An electronic payment system for member dues, show participation fees, sale commissions, and other financial transactions
 - The need or feasibility of a KCAG Gallery Store will also be explored
 - Judy requested that KCAG member artists submit up to six updated images of their artwork for inclusion in the website Gallery, including other information such as an artist bio, website address and social media presence, if available.

- **Jeffco High School Art Show** at the Arvada Center:
 - Cindy Marshall and Bruce Nall acted as Judges on behalf of KCAG on April 5
 - Annika Bender, a 12th grade student in Chatfield High School, was given the KCAG Student Special Award of \$100 and Ribbon for her ceramic piece titled “Alien Abduction Drawer”
 - Additionally, KCAG contributed \$100 as a general donation to support this event.

- **Status of the KCAG Show at St. Andrews Church**
 - The response to the show call has been very good, with 51 pieces submitted by KCAG members so far
 - Intake will be on Friday, May 5, from 8am – noon
 - Hanging will be done during this period
 - Grouping will probably be done simply by artist
 - Artists’ Reception is Sunday, May 7, from 10am – noon
 - St. Andrews will provide coffee and water
 - Participating KCAG members should bring cookies or snacks for visitors
 - Show dates are Friday, May 5 thru Wednesday, June 14
 - Takedown is on Wednesday, June 14, from 4:30 - 6:30pm
 - If feasible, a notice of the show will be placed in the Life at Ken Caryl newspaper

- **Plein Aire Event**
 - Karen Morjig reported that the last Paint-Out event on Saturday, 4th, was cancelled due to cold weather
 - The event will continue to be held on the first Saturday of every month from 9am – noon, with the next meeting on May 6.
 - Additional information is available on the KCAG Facebook – Neighbors page

- **Informal morning get-togethers at Atlas Coffee** will continue to be held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00am, the next opportunity being May 13.

- **Ken Caryl Ranch Art Festival (KCRAF)**
 - The KCR Art Festival will be held Saturday, August 5, at times to be announced later
 - This is strictly a KCR event, and the extent of KCAG’s participation is limited to
 - Offering information and suggestions to KCR staff regarding organization and management of the event
 - Providing Judges for the various KCRAF categories

- Setting up a pop-up booth or table inside the Ranch House featuring one or two artworks from KCAG members, and offer information and membership forms to interested visitors and artists
- Organizing and staffing a Kid's Art Activity Station at the event
- In appreciation of KCAG's help with the event, KC Ranch will provide free use of the Dakota Lodge facility for our art show in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fall KCAG Art Show at Dakota Lodge**
 - The Fall Art Show at Dakota Lodge was tentatively scheduled for November 11, 2023
 - Fliers for the show will be distributed at the KCR Art Festival in August, in addition to the usual announcement through The Life at Ken Caryl newspaper, KCAG website and Facebook postings, and NextDoor.
- It was proposed that **past KCAG meeting activities** be reintroduced into future meetings, such as
 - Invited special speakers (for which a Director of Programs would be needed, and greater confidence that sufficient members would participate in the event)
 - "Show and Tell" events in which KCAG members demonstrate their process and techniques, discuss new artistic directions, or solicit general comments
 - "Mini studio tours" either at the meeting host's home studio, or as a separate special event.
- **Need for Mail PO Box and Street Address**
 - A post office box will be needed to receive physical mail addressed to KCAG. Cindy will investigate the availability of a suitable box and/or place KCAG on a waiting list.
 - A person/street address is also needed for KCAG Registration and tax purposes ... To Be Found.

NEXT MEETING:

The next KCAG Board and General meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, at 7:30pm at the home of Hari Uttley, 7626 S. Bear Mt.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting ended at 8:34pm.

MINUTES: Recorded and submitted by S. Begej.