

Peninsula Art Association

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2025

Recorded by Diane Garner

Board meeting 12:00

Board members present: Glenhelen Smither, Diane Garner, Marcy Libellule, Julie Bowman, Renee Matter, Becky Schuyten, Kathy Jacobson.

Absent: Sharon Brocha, Renee Olson

- Treasurer's report: **Sharon Brocha** sent in a report, our current balance is \$2686.29.
- Phone tree: It will be established once we get 2025 applications turned in. Applications and dues are due from now until our March meeting.
- Shelton Creative district: Things are not always going in a direction we like, but we do need to have a seat at that table. **Julie Bowman** volunteered.
- Youth Connection scholarships – things are in flux at Youth Connection currently due to a building remodel. We will revisit this offer when things are more settled on their end.
- YMCA Family Art Day, Saturday February 15, from 1:00-3:00 pm
 - Becky** has plastic tablecloths. Presenters will need to bring their own tarps if they have an activity that could damage the floor.
 - Becky** will also distribute advertising flyers to schools.
 - Kathy** will take flyers to the YMCA for them to use in their publicity.
 - We also need to get a copy of the flyer to the school district. Betty Uriostegua at the district can put them in their upcoming newsletter. This needs to happen asap as newsletters will be published soon.
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 - Becky** and new member **Milan Franklin** plan to bring display panels for artists who wish to display their work at the event.
 - Diane** will make signs for different tables. **Renee M and Julie** will bring mat board for her to use.
 - We need to stay in contact with Steve at the YMCA to make sure we have publicity arranged and the space ready.
 - Diane** will print coloring sheets for those who wish to do that as their activity. She can still use some black-line drawings from members for this.
 - Kathy** has ordered some supplies for the Y event, her total is \$119.40. **Marcy** will order additional supplies.
- Calendar of events – we are looking into how to make a shareable calendar of upcoming events for PAA.
- Arts Walk 2025 – **Julie** will follow up on dates. We need to get this nailed down asap so we can reserve the space at the civic center for our annual arts show. Elinor Lindquist says it will be offered to us exclusively and free of charge. Thank you to the City of Shelton for supporting us in this way!

General meeting 1:00 pm

- Call to order & introduction by Julie Bowman
- Minutes for the November meeting were accepted as printed.
- Annual dues are due from now until March. Applications are available on our website. They can also be mailed to our PO box: PO Box 11, Shelton WA 98584. (*We need to have print applications available at meetings too*). Once membership lists are complete, work will begin on a phone tree, to keep all members in the loop.
- Shelton Creative District – The city and other interested parties are creating the district to improve downtown, to encourage locals and visitors to visit and enjoy what downtown has to offer. There are specific boundaries to the district in downtown Shelton. Coming soon, an arts & performance space in the former Bank of America building. The district also includes Maggie's, which is becoming an arts and performance space. It was suggested by several folks that we create music-themed artwork to display at the new performance spaces. **Craig "Bob Wahr" Gurney** will get in touch with the folks in charge of the new venue and report back. There is a survey at <https://sheltoncreativedistrict.com/creative-district> to obtain information on what folks would like to see in our creative district. There was also a lively discussion on the reconfiguration of Cota street to accommodate the creative district and the consensus was that the traffic improvements do not actually improve traffic.
- Arts Walk 2025 – we do not know the exact date yet, but it is tentatively set for the end of July. We need to get the dates nailed down so we can reserve the civic center for our art show.
- **Pat Denney** reminded us to get in touch with the artists currently showing their work at the Civic Center rotating gallery. Several of the featured artists are not currently members of PAA and should get an invitation to join us. Additionally, member **Larry Harbaugh** has carvings on display in the upstairs display case. We were encouraged to go see his amazing work.
- **Dave Pierik** said we should send a news release to the Journal to invite them to take photos during our Family Art Day at the YMCA.
- **Diane** is creating a list of volunteers for the YMCA event. Volunteers are still needed, including those who help with set-up, clean-up and general help. We would also encourage any members who wish to demonstrate without having hands-on experiences. For instance, Larry H plans to demonstrate carving, but will not provide carving instruction to the kids. Becky and Milan will bring display panels for members to show finished artworks.
- **Marcy Libellule** told us to be prepared for upcoming creative ideas to enliven PAA and increase membership.
- **Milan Franklin** is planning to teach a still-life drawing class at Marmo. Dates TBA. Please see Isa at Marmo to put your name on the list.

Show and Tell

- **Renee Matter** brought in two colored pencil pieces of little girls.

- **Pat Denney** brought in a painting in progress of two cows, showing the color blocking she uses. She also brought in a 'rhino in pastel' painting.
- **Marcy Libellule** shared a long-legged ceramic horse she made for Pat.
- **Diane Garner** brought in a teddy bear illustration she made for a friend who just had her first grandchild.
- **Becky Schuyten** showed us a monochromatic still life she had done years earlier, to show us that although her medium is now mosaic, at one time she did paint.
- **Jim Dunithan** brought two pieces, one a black and white painting of 'secretaries' and a smaller painting which he called a 'doodle', with lots of colors, textures and lines.
- **Dave Pierik** shared two blocks of his Happy Tree Village. Dave uses recycled materials to create an imaginary village scale modeled to accommodate hot wheels cars. More examples and directions for projects can be found at craftytimewithdave.com.
- **Greg Bartok** brought a heavy copper turtle sculpture and shared with us some of the process of creating metal sculptures.
- **Craig "Bob Wahr" Gurney** shared a poem with us called 'Brother Raven'.

Presentation: **Julie Bowman** shared with us the many resources and calls for artists she has found. Information will be included in the next newsletter.

Next meeting Thursday Feb 13. Craig and Greg said they would be interested in presenting. Details to follow.