

Peninsula Art Association
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025
Recorded by Diane Garner

Board Meeting 12:00pm – Board members present: Diane Garner, Renee Matter and Diana Vinzant. We were later joined by Renee Olson, Julie Bowman and Marcy Libellule. Other board members arrived for the general meeting.

There was no board meeting planned, however board members did want to discuss the fallout from a recent email seeking clarity on the difference between fine art and craft. With a members-only art show on the horizon, there are questions about what kinds of works are acceptable to display.

The board members believe that for a members-only, non-jury show PAA can be more expansive and inclusive of all forms of creativity. However, for juried shows in the future would have more restrictive parameters.

Marcy Libellule brought a poster and affixed it to the wall. The poster stated the following:

Portion of PAA Statement:

“We wish to contribute to the motivation and recognition of our members while providing opportunities for education and instruction.

Board is adamant about our members-only show to be inclusive. Non-original art will be displayed as a separate category.

Connection to membership: We have hopes of growing our membership to include younger people. Many young artists start by creating non-original art. It is part of our mission to educate these young artists so they can grow towards expressing their own originality.

What is considered original?

Original artwork stems from the personal inspiration and creativity of an artist.

The Board’s determination of original: “Must be able to be copyrighted.

Future: Juried shows would require all entries to be original.

The other discussion of the board meeting that was not a board meeting was about the financials of our organization and how we need to find ways to bring more money in, both by fundraising and by growing our membership.

General meeting 1:05 PM

Annual membership dues were due in March. If you haven’t paid yet, see Sharon Brocha to renew. Every member needs to fill out a membership form every year to help keep our records up to date.

Our Members only show is coming up. New member Nick Altieri is the show chairman. There will be three categories of prizes: 1. Mayor's choice 2. People's choice 3. Members choice.

Art show dates to remember:

May 23 – contact Marcy Libellule with your notification of entry. She will be printing cards to display with your artwork.

Please include:

Photos of the artwork

Artist's name

Title of the piece

Art medium

Price of artwork if it is for sale.

Editor's note: PAA will not sell artwork at the show. They can connect potential buyers with the artist's information and sales will be the artist's responsibility.

Marcy can be reached at (206) 596-6660, email: 2007.marcy@gmail.com

Friday May 30 – 10:00AM-2:00 PM All entries must be delivered to the civic center. They will be stored securely there over the weekend.

Monday June 2 – 8:00AM art show setup. We will need volunteers to help hang the show.

Monday June 2-Friday June 6 – The art show will be up during the civic center's business hours. We need volunteers to take a shift as show docents, as well as a **volunteer coordinator** to manage them.

Thursday June 5 – 5:00-7:00 PM Artist's reception and awards ceremony.

Friday June 6 – All artworks must be picked up before the end of business day.

Our Show chairman is **Nick Altieri**, he can be reached at nick.altieri55@gmail.com.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around the meeting.

This art show is an all-hands-on-deck event. If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet, please contact Nick.

Becky Schuyten has our display panels, Nick will make sure they get a fresh coat of paint before the event. Becky and Pat Denney will paint sandwich boards to put up in town advertising the show.

A motion was passed to change our meeting times from the current ones to the original times – **The second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM**. Members felt that to expand our membership we need to have evening meetings to accommodate those who have other obligations during the day. Julie suggested carpooling for those members who no longer wish to drive at night.

A second motion was passed to wait until our July meeting, after the art show, to start the new meeting times.

It was announced that board member Glenhelen Smither has decided to step down. Renee Olson was appointed to take her place.

Julie Bowman shared with membership that we need a group historian, to keep a record of PAA events. After the meeting, board member Diana Vinzant volunteered for the job.

Marcy Libellule shared the information on the posters she brought (see text box above) indicating the board's position on who is qualified to enter the members only show. She reiterated that for a members-only show we need to be more inclusive, but for juried shows we need to be more restrictive. She suggested we consider two annual shows, one juried, one for full participation.

Julie emphasized that we need to support each other in all art. We need to be inclusive.

Next year's annual art show will be coordinated around Arts Walk and will be a juried show.

Julie also reminded us that we need to raise money to be able to do what we want to do as a group.

Nick Altieri brought up the idea that we need to include students in the area as arts programs in the schools are facing budget cutbacks. Pat Denney reminded us that the Timberland Library is interested in showing student artwork and suggested that PAA might be able to work with the library to facilitate it. There was no further discussion at this time.

Janette Stiles will create a flyer and digital advertising for the show.

Show and Tell

Greg and Louise Bartol shared a collage of calligraphy tags they have created and saved over the years.

Delores Brown brought in a painting of a gnome, and a wool roving (felted) piece of a landscape.

Pam Kennedy brought in two photos, one of the Tree of Life at Kalaloch beach, and the other of a bridge on the Panama Canal.

Diane Garner brought two illustrations of dandelions, one in ink and watercolor, the other in colored pencil.

Annie Jones brought in a still life she created in a painting class.

Renee Matter brought in an oil painting in progress. It was a seascape, and she was looking for input on how to improve her waves. The consensus of the group was it looks pretty good the way it is.

Doug Meade brought in two amazing bear sculptures – one in soapstone, the other in alabaster.

Becky Schuyten brought a mosaic. It showed a variety of methods for affixing the pieces as well as a variety of materials used.

Program: Our program was cancelled after unexpected technical difficulties with the videos.

We need a program coordinator. Please contact Julie if you are interested.