

## **Peninsula Art Association**

*Meeting Minutes*

*February 13, 2025*

*Recorded by Diane Garner*

### **Board Meeting 12:00**

Board members present: Glenhelen Smither, Diane Garner, Julie Bowman, Renee Matter, Sharon Brocha, Renee Olson, Becky Schuyten

Absent: Marcy Libellule, Kathy Jacobson

#### **Agenda Items**

YMCA event Saturday February 15, 1-3:00pm

Set up starts at noon. You will need a valid ID to enter.

- Gift pouches are ready, Julie will pick up Friday
- Table covers – Becky has some
- Other supplies – tarps for covering floors in wet area
- Tables – the Y has some, bring your own if you have them, if needed.
- Volunteers – Renee Matter has been contacting volunteers. She and Diane have the lists
- Wipes for messy hands – Julie will bring
- Julie has air dry clay, Renee Olson will bring more.

Arts Walk – dates are still in flux, probably late July

#### **Treasurer's report**

Our current balance is \$2257.26

#### **Grants**

There are many opportunities for grants available if we can access them. Julie brought one from Kitsap Bank for community improvement. With the board's permission she will proceed with applying for it.

Glenhelen knows about more chances for funding and will share the information with membership.

#### **Social media**

Our Facebook page is up and operational.

Our website is updated too.

We are working on creating a link from one page to another.

#### **Ideas for monthly presentation**

Bring in a lawyer to discuss the legalities of showing and selling artwork.

Meet at Graffiti art space in Shelton.

Bring in a representative from Shelton Creative District.

PAA is always interested in ideas for programs for our meetings. We are also in need of a person in charge of arranging programs for us. See Julie or another board member if you are interested.

### Presence at Farmer's market

The board and membership agreed to two times during the summer, one associated with Forest Festival, to have a booth at the Farmer's market. We will display artwork, have a make-and-take table, or some Plein Air artwork at the event. More information to come. We will need volunteers to participate in the events. It was agreed that the members showing artwork could only sell it if they were present. They may leave a business card or contact information if they are not present. PAA will not take responsibility of selling artwork on member's behalf. The market occurs on Saturdays from 10:00-3:00.

### Brochure

Renee O will update our brochure to reflect the new board members and contact information.

Zoom – there was some discussion of us being able to participate in presentations of other art groups via zoom meetings. It was suggested that rather than zoom, we might want to attend some other meetings. Julie has attended a meeting at the Olympia Art League and has encouraged us to attend.

Olympia Art League  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. 6:30-8:30pm  
Lacey Community Center  
6729 Pacific Ave SE  
Olympia, WA 98503

Marcy Libellule is also working on connecting with other associations around the area, with a focus on Olympic Peninsula and Ocean Beaches.

### Spring Show

PAA has the civic center reserved for our Spring show for June 2-6. We can drop off artwork on Friday May 30. It will be stored securely over the weekend. Members discussed the option of inviting non-members to participate. Non-members would pay \$10 for each artwork displayed or could bring up to 3 pieces with a membership application. There appeared to be consensus at this suggestion, but it was not officially approved.

Membership applications are available online and will be available at drop-off.

There was discussion of the dividing line between art and craft. Some members feel like creativity in any form is allowable, others felt that there should be criteria for acceptable artworks. No action was taken at this time. We will refer to our mission statement to provide guidance.

### **General meeting 1:00pm**

We welcomed a couple of new faces – Kandie Walch and Doug Meade – welcome to the club!

New business:

Treasurer's report – we currently have \$2257.26 in our account

Dues for 2025 are due now. Find the application form on the PAA website.

Everyone, including ongoing members, needs to fill out an application form. We use it to update your contact information. Please make a note if you do not wish your information to be shared with the group.

Family art day happening Saturday Feb 15 at the YMCA. Setup starts at noon, families arrive at 1:00. This is our second annual event and it provides good exposure for the club and allows us to give back to the community.

Membership-

We are always looking for ways to expand our membership. Please see Julie or another board member if you have any ideas to encourage participation.

Some ideas currently on the table include having a booth at the annual Bite of Shelton in July. Applications are available through the Chamber of Commerce.

As already noted, we are interested in art organization exchanges. Marcy and Julie are working on contacting them.

Other news – PAA appeared in the Anniversary Edition of the Journal. Julie shared the paper with us.

Marcy Libellule had a successful showing at Museum Contempo recently.

Greg Bartol will be at Marmo on Feb 28 at 1:00pm

Renee Matter had a showing at Marmo in November

Please get any notices to Renee Olson to put in the newsletter – shows, recent artwork or other information to her by the Monday before our meeting.

Larry Harbaugh encouraged members to apply to the Civic Center rotating gallery. It is curated by the Shelton Arts Commission and features local artists.

Show and Tell

Milan Franklin brought an amazing still-life oil painting with a nautical theme.

New member Doug Meade brought an alabaster carving.

Larry Harbaugh shared some of his mallard decoys, and shared some of the criteria he works with while entering his carvings into competition.

Diana Vinzant shared a tray she was working on with a photo of wild horses. She also shared some diamond art.

Diane Garner shared a study of leaves she is working on as part of a larger project.

Jim Dunithan shared two paintings with a musical theme – one of Louis Armstrong and another of a woman playing a mandolin.

Stefanie Herman brought in some whimsical notecards she made for her grandkids. Pat Denney brought three artworks – one of an “angry” rooster, done in watercolor, guache and ink. She also had a portrait of two West highland white terriers and a watercolor and pencil painting in progress of two cows.

Renee Matter brought in a colored pencil drawing of her great grandniece Ashton.

Brian Buntain (welcome back!) shared the voluminous family history book he had been working on for the past year. He also shared some copper jewelry pieces he has been working on.

Greg Bartol shared some welded pieces. His welding group comes up with a theme and everyone welds something related to the theme. His pieces included rocks, wood, and pillows. He intends to use them as bases for future sculptures.

Presentation- Craig Gurney began a presentation on his welded works – mushrooms made of coins. His presentation was cut short when it began to snow and everyone wanted to scurry home. His presentation will continue at a later date.