



## April 17, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes

### In attendance were:

Linda Lee Kirkpatrick  
\*Larry Kirkpatrick  
Doug Lewis  
Lyn Lewis  
Sheri Martin  
Sheila Phelps  
Tracy Walters  
Kathleen Carson  
Gary Hughes  
Kate Bowditch  
Larissa Bjurlin  
\*Kevin Vargas  
Cheryl Bush  
Jack Cannon  
Kathy Birdwell  
Judy Wells  
Tami Grant  
Kris Knight

Rosalyn McWatters  
Meldra Driscoll  
\*Angie Waddle  
\*Meghan McCarthy  
Summer Cannon  
Linda Cannon  
Grace Clark  
Cindy Frudd  
Laura Siebol  
Lori Blanchard  
Leslie Yamada  
Mike Mullen  
Pamela Searcy  
\*Suzi Bundy  
\*Jean Demmer  
Ana Li Gresham  
Wendy Billings  
Debby Stanard

\* Guests

5:45 PM - Sharing of member artwork, socializing, connection with other artists

6:00 PM - The business portion of our meeting began with Meldra **welcoming** guests and members. Then we heard several Board member and Committee Chair reports.

**Treasurer:** (Rosalyn reporting for Mary) Our account balance is approximately \$1600 in the kitty, minus April's rent.

**Secretary:** (Rosalyn) The Board has reviewed the **surveys** and, for the most part, the members are mostly interested in the opportunities to **learn from and connect with other artists**. Second focus seems to be **virtual and in-person shows**.

**Vice President:** (Kate) We donated a beautiful basket to the Yakima Symphony Orchestra fund-raising auction and hope to continue this partnership/support in the future.

**Membership:** (Jack) YVAA is growing. We are now about fifty artists strong and working on a new membership packet. Thanks to this wonderful committee and to Mary who has already drafted up a brochure/pr piece for us.

**Library:** (Lyn) The art books do not actually belong to us, but we sort of steward them. Lyn brings them to each monthly meeting, and Jack is at the Harman Center, 9-11, Thursday and Friday, and available for checkout.

**The Fair:** (Meldra for Linda) For the month of May, the Fair people are accepting sketches/proposals for painted benches at the Fairgrounds. Contact them directly if you are interested in having your idea actualized for all to see. They will notify the winning designs. Actual painting of benches is June 17.

**Plein Air:** (Linda) The first outing of the year is going to be next **Wednesday, April 26, 10-4, at the Arboretum**. Fingers crossed the weather will cooperate. Bring your lunch and anything you need to paint outside on location. Meet up at the Office. All are welcome!!!

**Shows:** (Ana Li) The Oak Hollow show "**Altered Perceptions**" opens **Friday, May 5**. Reception is from 5 - 7 pm. Nearly 20 YVAA members have entered this exciting group show.

**Mother's Day Art Fair:** (Meldra) Our first ever spring art fair is **Saturday, May 13, 10-4, St. Timothy's Church on 40th Avenue and Richey Road**. Twenty or so members will be selling their artwork, so it is bound to be a fun day. A donation to (St. Timothy's) of \$10-15 is suggested in lieu of a booth fee. We have a few more spots, so reach out to anyone on the Board if you are interested.

**Elections** for new Board members is to be held in **July**. This is a great opportunity to serve your art community, make friends, and have fun, too. If you are interested in learning more, please contact any YVAA Board member for more information. In the meantime, Rosalyn is stepping down from her position as **Secretary** at the end of May and Mary will be taking her place temporarily until the elections. Kathy has been kind enough to cover for Mary as **Treasurer** until August. Lastly, Jack has agreed to take on the Board **Membership** slot. Thank you and best of luck!

After the business meeting, we hosted a presentation by **Kayo Nakamura**, an Art teacher over at Yakima Valley College. She gave a brief talk about her own work and spoke to the group a bit about the problem of getting one's arms around **color theory**. Lastly, she shared her portfolio of drawings and mixed-media art.