

Yakima Valley Artists Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023

5:45 p.m. – Social Time

6:00 p.m. – Presentation: Kate Bowditch, “Photographing Your Work for a Show.”

BUSINESS MEETING:

Board members present: Meldra Driscoll, president; Kate Bowditch, vice-president; Mary Jepsen, treasurer and acting secretary; Kris Knight, Jack Cannon, Kathy Birdwell. Absent: Linda Kirkpatrick.

Meldra called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and introduced guests: Bobbie Halpenny, Eugenia Petty, and Stephen Stokesberry.

Secretary Report: To be accessed on the YVAA website.

Treasurer Report: As of 5/15/2023 there is a balance of \$1,405.35. Written record of expenses and deposits were made available to all members present. Pamela Searcy provided a brief description of the Labor Day Tour of Studios following an introduction to the topic by Mary Jepsen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Shows & Sales Committee:

Virtual Show: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to start the next YVAA website virtual show, “Altered Perceptions,” on Monday, May 22, 2023, to coordinate with the second month of the Oak Hollow show with the same name.

Oak Hollow Show: The two-month show began with a reception May 5, 2023, and will continue until the end of June. Month Two will begin June 4. All YVAA members are invited to submit work to the second month showing. The closing reception will be held June 23, 2023.

Mother’s Day Art Fair: Meldra thanked Jack Cannon, families of those who participated and all artists participating in the show held May 13 at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church. A collection was made and provided to the church for expenses and effort in their part to host the fair. Flowers for the altar were also donated to the church.

Moses Lake Show: Geri Ham was presented with a gift card to compensate for expenses to drive to Moses Lake at the end of the YVAA show and bring back artwork. A gift card has also been purchased to compensate Lorie Morris.

Fair Committee:

Volunteers Needed: Autumn reported on the Central Washington State Fair Plein Air contest and its changed date (Sept. 23, 2023) and Meldra encouraged members to volunteer to spend some time in the fine arts department of the fair. More information about volunteer work will be made available this summer.

Bench Painting: Autumn discussed the bench painting activity created by the Fair board which will include all artists in the Yakima Valley submitting designs to be approved by the Fair committee and then painted June 17. YVAA will submit a drawing that will represent the club and all club members

are invited to work on the bench or submit their own designs to be approved and painted. Deadline for submitting designs is May 30, 2023. Each artists whose design is approved will be provided with a \$200 stipend to compensate for time and materials. More information is available by contacting Autumn Britt at 509-248-7160, ext. 112.

Plein Air Committee: Meldra and Kate discussed the difference between Slice of Art and the YVAA Plein Air Committee. The YVAA Plein Air group will meet at Randall Park on May 17 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Slice of Art will hold its next gathering at Bonair Winery on May 23.

Presentation Committee: Kris Knight reported that Meldra will provide tips on watercolor before the June meeting. David Lyon, director of the Larson Gallery, will speak before the group at the July meeting and Carole Huls, Davis High School art teacher, will speak at the August meeting. Kris also informed members about the Davis High School Art Show which will be held May 17 with a reception from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Davis Kiva. She urged members to attend the show, which will continue until May 25 and support the young artists.

Membership Committee: Jack Cannon welcomed any members interested in working on the committee and asked the committee to meet after the general meeting to plan the next committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: Following an explanation of the current by-laws and how elections might proceed, Meldra asked for a motion to allow the current board members, all but the secretary position, to continue until July 31, 2024. Officers until July 31, 2024, are Meldra Driscoll, president; Kate Bowditch, vice-president; Kathy Birdwell, treasurer; and secretary to be determined by July 31, 2023. The motion carried. There were no nominations from the floor to fill the secretary position and the issue was tabled until the June meeting.

Refreshments: Discussion was held regarding the desire of the membership to continue with refreshments in light of the annual cost of nearly \$300. A motion was made and seconded to circulate a sign-up sheet for volunteers to provide refreshments at their own expense. The motion carried and a sign-up sheet was circulated.

Harman Center Books to Borrow: Lyn Lewis showed members art books in an unlocked cabinet that were available to all to check out and return. These books belong to the Harman Center and are not part of the YVAA collection. She emphasized that, since the books can be borrowed, it is important for borrowers to return the books so others can learn from them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without further business, Meldra adjourned the meeting at 7:43.

Report submitted by:
Mary S. Jepsen, Acting Secretary