

Yakima Valley Artists Association
General Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023

5:45 p.m. – Social Time

6:00 p.m. – Presentation: Meldra Driscoll, “Tips I’ve Learned for Watercolor”

6:45 p.m. – Business Meeting

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Kate Bowditch called the meeting to order, thanked Judy Wells for providing refreshments and acknowledged Susan Murrietta for her effort to travel to Moses Lake to retrieve artwork in March. Guests were Sabin Hogue and Catherine Reed.

Viewing Current Virtual Show: Mike Mullen introduced the next virtual show, “Altered Perceptions,” which will be open to the public on June 13.

Secretary Report: Can be accessed on the YVAA website.

Treasury Report: No report was provided with the treasurer absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Election Committee:

Kate asked for nominations from the floor for the office of secretary. There being none, a motion was made and voted on to allow Mary Jepsen to continue as secretary until July 31, 2024. The motion carried.

Exhibits/Events Committee:

Oak Hollow Show: With Ana Li Gresham not present, Kate outlined the events of the two-month show

which began with a reception May 5 and continues until June 30. The closing reception will be 5:00 –

7:00 p.m., June 23 at Oak Hollow Custom Framing and Gallery. Currently 19 members are participating in the show.

Virtual Show: Kate announced that the next virtual show, entitled, “Something Fishy,” requires all entries from members to be sent to Mike Mullen by Sept. 19. The final virtual show this year, “A Piece of Work,” will require entries to be sent to Mike by Dec. 19.

Larson Gallery Members’ Show: Kate discussed the current Larson Gallery show featuring works of Larson Guild members, many of whom are also YVAA members.

Tour of Studios: Pamela Searcy discussed the Labor Day weekend show and reported that the book featuring the artists will be going to the printer this week and tickets will be provided to the YVAA members at the July meeting. YVAA will be featured on two pages in the promotion book. There will be no change in the cost of the tickets to the public. Ads have also been placed in the Yakima Magazine. A new studio participating this year will be Yakima Maker Space.

Central Washington State Fair Committee:

Volunteers Needed: Meldra discussed the duties that are required to set up the fine arts contest at the state fair and asked for volunteers. Online registration deadline for the fine arts competition is Aug. 25. Volunteers will be needed Sept. 15 and 16 to assist with taking and registering entries, and later to hang entries. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Plein Air Committee: Kate talked about the Plein Air contest, also held by the CWSF committee.

Registering for the contest is done online by Aug. 25. The contest will be held Sept. 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bench Painting: Following the announcement of the bench painting activity, also sponsored by the state fair, a sign-up sheet was passed around. Kate will contact those interested and set up plans to meet at the fairgrounds June 17 to paint a bench, the design drawn up by Meldra and accepted by the state fair fine arts committee. A stipend of \$200 will be provided for each group for time and materials.

Presentation Committee:

Kris Knight reported that David Lynx, director of Larson Gallery, will be the speaker at the July meeting and Carole Huls, art teacher at Davis High School, will speak in August. A lesson plan will be presented in October by Ana Li Gresham on paper making and sculpture.

Membership Committee:

No report was presented with Jack Cannon absent this meeting.

By-Laws Committee:

Kate announced volunteers were needed to review the current, but unused by-laws and to make suggestions regarding changes. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Email Response: Mike Mullen reported that he had switched the YVAA email from former secretary, Rosalyn McWatters, to Jack Cannon, head of the Membership Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calendar of Events: Mary directed those present to a YVAA Calendar of Events and to sign an accompanying sheet if they wanted the calendar emailed to them.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Report submitted by:
Mary S. Jepsen, Secretary