

Yakima Valley Artists Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2023

5:45 p.m. – Social Time

6:00 p.m. – Presentation: AnaLi Gresham “Paper Making”

6:45 p.m. – Business Meeting

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

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

Meldra called the meeting to order and thanked Bobby Halpenny and Jack and Linda Cannon for providing refreshments.

Secretary Report: Mary reported that the September general meeting minutes are available on the YVAA website to read.

Treasury Report: The beginning balance for September was \$1,977.57. Income for the month included dues of \$28.00. Expenses were \$120.21 for bookmarks. The ending balance was \$1,885.36.

**NOVEMBER POTLUCK:**

Meldra outlined plans for the potluck November 13 at 5:45 p.m. at the Harman Center. She pointed out that the potluck will be held on the second Monday of the month in November to avoid Thanksgiving week. Members have been requested to bring a dish depending on the first letter of their last names: A-D - bring an entrée; E-K - bring a dessert; L-M - bring a salad; N-P - bring chips/dip or rolls/butter; Q-Z - bring veggies. Members were also asked to bring an item that can be added to a table centerpiece, along with other donated items, to create a Fall theme. Baskets, wire, and hot glue guns will be supplied by the organization. One person at each table will win the centerpiece to take home.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership & Hospitality Committee:** Jack reported on the activities at the Central Washington Central Fair art booth. Meldra thanked Jack for being at the booth each day of the fair and thanked Kris and Kathy and their spouses for helping to set up the fine arts show. Autumn Britt thanked YVAA members who provided 268 volunteer hours to the fair.

**Fresh Air Committee:** Kate stated that a plein air experience will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Arboretum. Those participating are to bring their own art supplies and lunch, and meet at the shop.

**Live Shows Committee:** Meldra announced that the Board was working on a different location for the organization’s participation in the Tour of Studios for September 2024. Members were asked to volunteer any ideas for re-locating the “studio.”

Doug Lewis reported that he is still working with the Yakima Coffeehouse Poets regarding a possible live show in the future that depicts YVAA members’ work illustrating some of the poems written by the YCP poets. YCP is in the process of publishing a book of their poetry and has asked Darcie Roberts to provide an illustration for the cover. The poetry group meets the second Wednesday of each month

at the Larson Gallery and welcomes all interested in hearing the work presented. Kate and volunteered to call YVAA members to match them up with poetry they are interested in.

**Virtual Shows:** Mike outlined the last virtual show of the year on the YVAA website, to be entitled, "A Piece of Work." Those entering the show are to send a jpeg photo of their work to Mike by Dec. 11. The show will be open to the public starting Dec. 19. Mike also reminded members that they may need to update their work on display in the Artists' Gallery section of the website. Mary is collecting the names and jpeg photos of those who have or will be participating in: Boxx Gallery Images of the Shrub-Steppe Show; Boxx Gallery Cornucopia show; Larson Gallery NW Pastel Society show; Larson Gallery Central Washington Artists Exhibition; award winners at the Central Washington State Fair; those participating in Window Alive. She requests that members contact her with any other accomplishments by YVAA members if they wish to be posted on the YVAA website.

**Social Media Committee:** Meldra stated that there are 168 followers of the YVAA Facebook page, and she is adding to it the names of members showing in the Boxx Gallery Cornucopia show. Ana Li reported that there are 340 followers of YVAA on Instagram and is also posting information about members participating in the Boxx Gallery show.

**Presentation Committee:** Meldra stated that there would not be a presentation in November at the potluck. Plans are not finalized for the December meeting.

**By-Laws Committee:** Mary Jepsen stated that the committee had now met two times and would be meeting once more to complete the last three pages of the current by-laws. Suggested changes will be sent to the Board and then to the general membership for a vote.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Larson Gallery Christmas Fundraiser:** Stephen Stokesberry has created a cylinder of 140# archival paper that all artists, including YVAA members, may pick up at the Larson Gallery, create a Christmas or Winter scene on and return to the Gallery by Nov. 22 to be made into a Christmas ornament. The ornaments will be displayed on a tree at The Yakima Valley Museum, then returned to the Larson Gallery to be sold. Stephen cautioned those planning to paint the ornaments to realize the paper will be taken home flat, but after decorated will be rolled into a cylinder so the medium used will need to accommodate the bending.

**Name Cards for Artwork on Display:** Cindy Frudd suggested that name tags accompany pieces brought to the social time/show 'tell at each meeting so that those looking at the pieces know who the artists are. The idea will be adopted at future meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Without further business, Meldra adjourned the meeting at 7:40.

Report submitted by:  
Mary S. Jepsen, Secretary