

Yakima Valley Artists Association
General Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024 – Harman Center

5:30 p.m. – Social Time

6:00 p.m. – Welcome. Jack Cannon, Membership chair, welcomed new and first attending members. He thanked Stephen Stokesberry and Kate Bowditch for providing refreshments for this meeting.

6:10 p.m. – Presentation: Darcie Roberts, Pastels

7:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

BUSINESS MEETING:

Board members present: Kate Bowditch, vice-president; Mary Jepsen, secretary; Kathy Birdwell, treasurer; Board Members Jack Cannon, Kris Knight, Gary Hughes, and Stephen Stokesberry. Absent: Meldra Driscoll, president.

Kate called the meeting to order. She thanked Darcie for the presentation.

Secretary Report: Kate announced that the minutes of the meetings can be found on the YVAA website.

Treasury Report: The balance as of Feb. 1, 2024, was \$2,293.09 with \$476.00 income from dues and \$21.00 expenses, leaving a balance on Feb 29, 2024, of \$2,790.09.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fresh Air Committee: Kate reported on the February fresh air activity held at Glenwood Square and stated that this month's event would also be held there on March 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Presentations Committee: Kathy announced that Paul Henderson has agreed to talk on composition for all types of art, including abstract. Members with information that they would like to provide as a presentation are asked to contact Kris Knight or Kathy Birdwell.

Live Shows Committee:

- Mary reminded members of the upcoming deadline of April 8 for the Earth Day Yakima/YVAA Art Competition. A Call to Artists flier is available on the YVAA website for further information about the competition, which doubles as the first virtual show for YVAA in 2024.
- Doug Lewis stated that the "Inspired! Poetry and Art" show, set for Jan. 11, 2025, at the Larson Gallery, has had 63 poets submit over 144 poems. The poetry judging committee will select the poems to be used for artwork inspiration and post them on the YVAA website by the end of March. He is hoping that there will be 3-4 pieces of art illustrating each poem. The formal Call to Artists will be issued in the Fall.

Social Media & Website Committee: Five members have submitted information and photos of their work to be placed on the YVAA website, announcing that they are interested in teaching. Mary reminded members that, if they also want to provide classes, to contact Mike Mullen, webmaster, and submit their information. His email address: mullenbothell@yahoo.com

Tour of Studios: Kate announced that Linda Kirkpatrick has signed up as a studio location with the Tour of Studios for the Labor Day weekend. Those interested in joining her at her farm may contact her through one of the board members. Stephen Stokesberry has also offered his property in town as a studio site for YVAA. The decision on the location is yet to be made.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Fair Benches: This topic will be tabled until late Summer, 2024 with no new information to pass on to members at this time.

Habitat Fundraiser: Mary asked for a show of hands for those who had taken home to paint, chairs and benches last month. Deadline for the entries is April 15. The fundraiser will be held in June.

501c3 Status: The topic of becoming a non-profit organization has been tabled indefinitely by the Board until membership has increased substantially to provide the manpower needed to support the change.

Historian: Kate reminded members to send her photos, taken of meetings and other YVAA events, as she is gathering these to archive digitally and to place on the YVAA website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Promoting YVAA: Kate announced that several ideas to promote YVAA have been introduced by Doug Lewis and asked members to think of additional methods of informing the public about the club. These ideas will be discussed at a later meeting yet this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Displaying Artwork at Department of Ecology: Jo-Anne Carlson spoke to members about an opportunity to show their work on the walls of the Department of Ecology building in Union Gap. The building is secured at night and labels will be placed next to the 2D artwork giving the artist's contact information for those artists wishing to sell the piece. Placement can be up to 6 months.

Cat Rescue Fundraiser: Leslie Yamada announced the sip-and-paint event on Sunday, Feb. 18 to raise funds for vet bills was a success. Kate provided the instruction at the event. Leslie thanked all who participated.

Paying Dues: Kathy stated that beginning in April, non-paying former members will be charged \$5 at the door in order to benefit from the presentations. She urged those who have not yet paid their dues to do so before April

ADJOURNMENT:

Without further business, Kate adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary S. Jepsen, Secretary