



April 7, 2025

### General Art Meeting Minutes

**Quote:** "Whether you succeed or not is irrelevant—there is no such thing. Making your unknown known is the important part."—Georgia O'Keefe

#### Welcome Guests

Returning member Ginny McCluskey and guest Caroline Monroe introduced themselves.

#### Opening Comments

Eve DeVito made motion to approve last month's minutes; Linda Kadar seconded.

Karen O'Donnell identified several honorable mentions earned by members:

Liberty Town March exhibit—Coffee Culture—Elena Pratt

April exhibit—Botanical—Christy Rappoport and Jen Heinz

FCCA March exhibit—Faces and Figures—Christy Rappoport

April exhibit—Artist's choice—Karen O'Donnell and Pete Brown

Fredericksburg Fine Art Show and Sale

Catherine Hillis—Best in Show

Christy Rappoport—3rd Place, Misc.

Karen O'Donnell—3rd Place, Photography

Karen O. sold her "Orange Splash" photo.

The Garden Club is looking for someone to do a workshop on planter decorating/painting/etc. If interested, contact Janet Stockman at 703-943-9314 or [red-ryder98@hotmail.com](mailto:red-ryder98@hotmail.com).

Jim Funk passed out a sign-up sheet for Catherine Hillis' critique session at the August meeting. Jim then led an exercise on randomization of things using Lego components to make something out of nothing.

Karen Falcon is seeking articles, activities, and items of interest and creativity as input for the newsletter. Deadline is the 15th of the month.

Karen Weingartner announced that the deadline for the Fareway exhibit is May 5. Installation is on May 10; the reception is on May 18. Because of the golf simulator, less space will be available for display. 3-D artists will not be able to participate in

the May Fareway reception due to space constraints, but 3-D participation may be available again in the future once we see how the new layout works.

Jim Funk reported that the simulator will be available to everyone in the community.

Jill Iglehart had a sign-up sheet for the Cedar Mountain Battlefield plein air event on April 19, from 9 to 12. There will be battle reenactments.

Christy Rappoport distributed sign-up sheet for the art walk at the Mary Washington University campus on April 22. The walk will include galleries as well as the studio art department.

June 11 is the date for Zentangle. More information will be available next month. The Special Events Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 2 p.m. and welcomes new participants.

Dee Knapp announced that installation of the exhibit at the Orange Art Center will take place September 1-3.

Lisa Spencer-Ballard thanked everyone for the cards she received while recovering from surgery.

Eve DeVito's treasurer report indicated about \$4,500 should be left in the budget.

The Studio Tour is scheduled for May 3 and 4. Participants picked up signs. A tour map will be available on the website.

Volunteers are needed for the Art Show and Sale October 25 and 26. Peggy Shull is co-chair. The first planning meeting is April 16 from 10 to 12 in the Community Center. The rest of the planning meetings will be held from 2 to 3:30 on these dates: May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, and, if needed, October 16.

Jen Heinz, as Artist in the Spotlight, delivered a presentation on AI and the Arts. "It's All About the Prompt." The presentation included a podcast about the Studio Tour and a song that were AI generated, as well as a video about AI-DA, an artist robot. A PDF of the presentation is available on Google Drive. [Here is the link.](#) However, the podcast and the song AI created will not play from this link. If you were unable to make the meeting, check it out.

Attendees at April 7, 2025, Meeting	
	Darlene Agsten
×	Joanne Algera
×	Aura Aten
×	Janice Barker
	Elizabeth Beesley
	Patty Bell
×	Daria Bessom
	William (Buck) Best
×	Pete Brown
	Gary Close
	Arlene J Coppage
	Melissa Daly
	Marilyn Davis
×	Eve Devito
	Marco DeVito
	BJ Elvgren
×	Isabel Emmert
	Karen Espinoza
×	Karen Falcon
	Leslie Farley
×	Dawn Lee Faulkner
×	Elaine Freeland
×	Joe Freeland
	Cheryl Funk
	Christine Funk
×	Jim Funk
	Michelle Funk
×	Jennifer Heinz
	Jennifer Hennessey
	Andrew Herb
	Catherine Hillis
×	Jill Iglehart
	Allita Irby

×	Linda Kadar
×	Dee Knapp
×	Lynne Kovach
×	Nan Lamb
	Susan Latta
	Tom Latta
	Maribeth Logan
	Kim-Marie Long
	Elaine Machelor
	Toni Maltagliati
×	William Mann
×	Ginny McCluskey
×	Edward Murray
	Jane Neubig
×	Karen O'Donnell
	Andrew Pittman
	Jeanne Porter
	Elena Pratt
	Ellen Raguette
×	Christy Rappoport
	Rick Rappoport
×	Toni Ruther
×	Peggy Shull
	Diane Smith
×	Gaylen Smoak
×	Lisa Spencer-Ballard
	Janet Stockman
	Linda Sutphin
	Kathleen Walters
×	Karen Weingartner
	Doris Williams
	Lew Wills
	Cynthia A Wingo