



November 3, 2025

General Art Meeting Minutes

Welcome Guests: Kim Lyttle, Abbey Browning, Gail Jones, Pam Zaller-Farrington

Karen Falcon motioned to approve October minutes; Dee Knapp seconded.

Good News: Five artists had donated art for the LGA's St. Jude fundraiser, which raised \$50,000. Kathy Walters has a show at The Depot in Orange on November 22 and 23.

Announcements by Karen O'Donnell, President

- The bylaws will be revised (and voted on) to allow members who move away from LOW to continue their club membership if they continue to pay dues.
- The club's new fiscal year begins in May. This was voted on in October. Dues paid to date will continue through April 2026.
- Jim Funk wishes to step away as vice-president; he will stay in his current role until May.
- The December 1 meeting will be a potluck. Karen Falcon will lead a paper flower-making exercise.
- The art "show did good." Total exhibitor sales equaled \$33,464 (compared to \$30,350 last year). Giving Table sales totaled \$882 (\$700 last year); silent auction brought in \$1,100 (\$860 last year); raffle after payout totaled \$1,922 (\$2,500 last year), for a total of \$3,904 (\$4,060 last year). Additional donation for schools from the sale of Sigrid Wares' art was \$750, giving each classroom an additional \$75. The budget allocated \$4,000 to the schools.
- Fun Facts: There were 508 attendees (83 on Friday, 295 on Saturday, 207 on Sunday). Sunday was the biggest sales day (over \$7,500, \$13,000, \$16,000). Patty Bell sold the most items (141), while Daria Bessom sold 107 items and the Freelands sold 80. Of 1,000 raffle tickets, 949 were sold. We had 90 new signups for email, bringing us to 831 total on our Patron's list.
- Karen O. outlined suggestions for next year by category: setup and breakdown, Friday reception, food and beverage, checkout, volunteers' jobs, and promotion. Below are the suggestions by category.

Setup and Breakdown

- Take pictures of the Game Room and Meeting Rooms before the setup to make sure we put them back as we found them.
- From Peggy: can the tablecloths go on Thursday night? We had the volunteer help available.
- Pete is amazing.
- The signs pointing to MR 1 and 2 seemed kind of small.
- Happy to see a bunch of our newer folks staying around to help out with the breakdown (yay, photo club members!).

Friday reception

- Ask food donors to provide food on 2 smaller trays versus 1 big one. The pool table was overcrowded with food for the first hour with people trying to circle the pool table to get at things in the back, which was an issue for wine pouring.
- Music was too loud for some people - particularly noted by the cashiers trying to converse with customers. However, it was a wonderful addition and made for a "party" atmosphere, but should be more background music and less a performance to react to.

Food and beverage

- In past years there was a cooler of water bottles for vendors and those working cashier. Just a cooler behind the cashiers or in the craft room with water bottles would be good to have. Not everyone remembers to bring their own water bottle.
- How can we get more people on Sunday morning? Maybe advertise coffee and donuts/danish from 10-12?
- Could artists be asked to donate food for vendors on Saturday and Sunday instead of keeping leftovers from Friday? Uncovered food in the craft room at the end of the day on Saturday had flies buzzing around it. Karen bought food for Sunday sandwiches and I know that was being eaten, so there is a demand. Alternatively, just plan on providing pizza or something and pay for it out of the treasury.

Checkout

- A roll of craft paper on a cutter and a weighted masking tape dispenser for it.
- Add bubble wrap.
- The paper bags were great.
- Wrap all purchased items should be bagged or wrapped when purchased so we know it was actually paid for.
- More sales-oriented 50-50 raffle spiel at the cashier.

Volunteers' jobs

- Add a floor-walker to the volunteer list to keep an eye on things, help with line control, answer questions, offer to take things up to the cashier for customers, and give exhibitors a break if needed.
- Designating one person on each shift as the "captain" to be responsible for checking that everyone scheduled showed up and calling anyone who didn't show up.
- Need only 2 cashiers on Sunday morning.

Promotion

- Can we put a sign up on rt 3?
- November dates seem to be better?
- Encourage exhibitors to "share" our FB posts and forward email blasts to friends.
- We need more images of artwork for promotion.
- Can we ask LOW groups to advertise our show during their event (like Shutzenfest?).
- T-shirts or golf shirts as advertising.
- Can/do the schools advertise the show beyond telling the parents of kids whose artwork is displayed?
- Greeter - how did you hear about the show (tick off sheet).
- Is there a better way to display the giving table stuff that is on the pool table?

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	Darlene Agsten
	Joanne Algera
	Aura Aten
	Janice Barker
✓	Patty Bell
✓	Daria Bessom
	Elizabeth Brewer
✓	Pete Brown
	Claire Cleveland
✓	Gary Close
✓	Mariana Concha
	Melissa Daly
	Marilyn Davis
✓	Eve DeVito
	Marco DeVito
✓	BJ Elvgren
✓	Isabel Emmert
	Karen Espinosa
✓	Karen Falcon
	Leslie Farley
	Dawn Lee Faulkner
	Teri Fitzpatrick
✓	Elaine Freeland
✓	Joe Freeland
	Cheryl Funk
	Christina Funk
✓	Jim Funk
	Michelle Funk
	Joy Granados
✓	Jennifer Heinz
	Catherine Hillis
✓	Jill Iglehart
	Allita Irby
	Tracy Jacobson
	Linda Kadar
✓	Dee Knapp
✓	Lynne Kovach
✓	Debbie Davis Lamb
✓	Nan Lamb
✓	Kim Lytle
✓	Abbey Downing

	Susan Latta
✓	Tom Latta
	Maribeth Logan
✓	Barry Lotenberg
	Elaine Machelor
	Toni Maltagliati
✓	William Mann
	Kate Martinez
✓	Ginny McCluskey
	Barbara Minor
	Carol Monroe
	Edward Murray
	Jane Neubig
	Lillian Newton
✓	Karen O'Donnell
	Jeanne Porter
	Elena Pratt
	Ellen Raguette
✓	Christy Rappoport
	Rick Rappoport
	Maria Revetta
	Toni Ruther
	Dave Shull
✓	Peggy Shull
	Nate Smith
	Gaylen Smoak
✓	Lisa Spencer-Ballard
✓	Janet Stockman
	Linda Sutphin
✓	Kathleen Walters
	Sue Weber
	Frank Weingartner
✓	Karen Weingartner
	Doris Williams
	Lew Wills
✓	Cynthia A Wingo
	BAIL JONES
	Pam Zaller - Farrington