



February 2, 2026

General Art Meeting Minutes

Good News:

- Elena Pratt is the newest member of Art First in Fredericksburg and will be exhibiting along with Bill Mann and Gary Close. Check it out on First Friday,
- Catherine Hillis is the Grand Prize winner in the Cityscapes Art Challenge in the new issue of @internationalartistmagazine for her watercolor painting "Free Falling."
- Edward Murray's magic lantern poem chapter 1, in love, has been awarded the 2025 Magic Lantern Society of the UK's Dick Balzer Award.
- Pete Brown will have a solo exhibit at FCCC in July, with a reception July 3.

Other News:

- The LOW Lioness Club is seeking donations of artwork for its silent auction at the annual dinner dance, Shimmery Shamrock Gala, to be held March 14. Deadline is March 1 for donations of art. Contact Lynne Kovach at 540-920-8528.
- Karen Weingartner's mother has passed away. A sympathy card was sent.

Business:

- Karen Falcon motioned and Marilyn Davis seconded to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Minutes were approved.
- Two amendments to the bylaws were voted on.
 - 4.3.1 One meeting each year will be designated as the annual business meeting for club elections, reports on the position of the club and its committees, and calendar planning for the upcoming year. This meeting will take place in March ~~December~~ each year.
 - 33.1 Membership is open to any interested party within Lake of the Woods. **Exceptions are members in good standing who have moved out of Lake of the Woods but still wish to participate as active members in the club.** Members must pay yearly dues and are entitled to the first option on all rights and privileges of the Club. These rights include, but are not limited to, voting in club business decisions.

- Nan Lamb motioned and Janet Stockman seconded to approve the amendment to the bylaws changing date of the annual meeting to March. Amendment was approved.
- Joe Freeland motioned and Nan Lamb seconded to approve grandfathering in members who moved away from LOW and want to continue membership. Amendment was approved.

Survey Business:

- Thanks to those who participated in the Member Involvement Survey. Because we have reached the maximum response limit that is free on Survey Monkey, another similarly worded survey will be sent again to reach members who did not provide their names.
- Lynne Kovach has offered to be the volunteer coordinator and will be compiling the survey answers into a spreadsheet. Responses and ideas will be presented at the next meeting.
- The position of vice-president needs to be filled. At this time, Ginny McCluskey has stepped up to take the job. Voting will occur at the March meeting.

Community Service Opportunity:

- Volunteers are needed to paint a mural on both sides of a soccer return wall. Let Karen O. know if you are interested in helping.
- Flap and Dominique want to host a large-scale sip 'n paint event at Fareways. Becca Russell is willing to lead the activity. Club members may be asked to help out.

Treasurer's Report:

- Eve DeVito reported the club still has about \$10K in the bank. Don't forget to pay commission from sales at Fareways.

Publicity:

- Tom Latta photographs and videotapes events and posts them on Facebook, Google Maps, and Next Door. He has 13.5 million viewers.
- Karen Falcon wants to know what members are doing and how they create. Send articles and pictures to her for the newsletter. She collected facts about members to use in a get-to-know-you exercise at the March meeting.
- Bill Mann encouraged artists to participate in the Fredericksburg Fine Arts Show and Sale sponsored by the Woman's Club of Fredericksburg and Fredericksburg Parks Recreation and Events at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, March 20-22. Deadline to register is February 28. Register at www.FXBGparks.com. Several members indicated they are participating in the show.

Special Events Committee (SEC):

- Dee Knapp reported that 12 pieces of art sold at the Fareways reception, for \$795.
- The impressionism workshop (painting waterlilies) on February 16 has a few seats available.
- So far, 22 have signed up for the Monet Immersive exhibit in Richmond.
- The bus trip to the Smithsonian is scheduled for March 18. The bus will leave LOW at 8:30 and leave DC at 3:30 to return. So far, seven have signed up. A friend of Marilyn Davis is a docent at the Museum of American Art and is willing to guide a tour at the museum. At the March meeting, members can sign up for the docent's tour. After March 1, the bus trip will be open to non-club members.
- The Studio Tour is scheduled for April 18-19. Let Pete Brown, Tom Latta, and Jen Heinz know if you want to be part of the tour.
- In May there will be a plein air opportunity. More information will be available later.

Vice-President – Jim Funk:

- Jim introduced Impressionism with a few jokes. "I bought a Monet painting and the cat scratched it. Now I have a Clawed Monet."
- Jim listed characteristics of impressionist painting, such as brush work; no blending; bright colors; light and shadow; broken color; everyday scenes; asymmetrical perspective; unusual angles; minimal details; texture and thick paint; atmosphere or mood.
- Rachel Abbassi was introduced as new member.

Artist in the Spotlight

- "The Impressionists and Their Art" was the subject of Lisa Spencer-Ballard's excellent art history presentation. Lisa provided biographical information, described the societal conditions of the period, and highlighted techniques used by the impressionist artists: Pissarro, Manet, Renoir, Degas, Monet, Morisot, Sisley, Cezanne, and Bazille.

The next meeting will be on March 2 at 10 am in the Community Center, room 2.

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×	Rachel Abbassi
	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 DeVlto
	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
×	Gail Jones
	Linda Kadar
×	Dee Knapp
	Lynne Kovach
×	Debbie Davis Lamb
×	Nan Lamb

	Susan Latta
×	Tom Latta
	Maribeth Logan
	Barry Lotenberg
	Elaine Machelor
	Toni Maltagliati
×	Bill Mann
	Kate Martinez
×	Ginny McCluskey
	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
	Joe Warnacut
	Sue Weber
	Frank Weingartner
	Karen Weingartner
	Doris Williams
	Lew Wills
	Cynthia A Wingo
	Pam Zaller-Farrington