



May 4, 2026

General Art Meeting Minutes

Welcome Guests: Angie Neelely, Kelci Bischof (new member), Tara Koslov (new member), Elizabeth Bruns

Good News:

Jen Heinz, Pete Brown, and Karen O'Donnell are exhibiting at FCCA. Bill Mann and Pete Brown are featured at Art First in June and July, respectively. BJ Elvgren is showing at a gallery in Norfolk. Catherine Hillis won another award. It is Isabel Emmert's birthday.

Reminder: Memorial service for Allita Irby's husband Tim will take place May 16 at LOW Church from 1 to 3 p.m. The reception at Fareways is scheduled that day from 2 to 4 p.m.

Bill Mann is moving to northern Virginia. We thank him for the articles he wrote for *Lake Currents*. Claire Cleveland has volunteered to take over the writing task. She is also the liaison to the Creative Gatherings studio. Toni Maltagliati reported the next article in *Lake Currents* will cover the Fareways reception and give credit to the exhibitors.

Jim Funk has stepped down as vice president. Ginny McCluskey, the new vice president, is looking for volunteers for Artist in the Spotlight, as well as ideas for creative exercises.

Eve DeVito reminded the group to renew their memberships. Mariana Concha posts the calendar of upcoming events on the whiteboard in the meeting room. The calendar is available on the website, lakeofthewoodsarts.com.

Karen Falcon would like pictures of members' art for the electronic newsletter. Pictures of art for the Fareways exhibits help advertise the reception and promote sales too.

Mariana Concha teaches art to the children at Childhelp. She needs art supplies such as watercolor paper and canvases. Please bring whatever you have to donate to the next meeting.

Dee Knapp introduced David Kent, the new director of the Arts Center in Orange. He said the improvements in the exhibit rooms at the Arts Center include track lighting and picture rails.

Karen Falcon passed around a signup sheet for the June 4 Yupo paper workshop that will take place in the lower level of the Clubhouse. See <https://doodlewash.com/yupo-synthetic-paper-pads-review> for information about Yupo paper.

Coming up is a collage workshop on July 9 at the Community Center. "A Christmas Carol" at Riverside Theater is planned for December 2. Tickets cost \$85.20; the club will subsidize a portion of that cost.

The exhibit at the Arts Center in Orange will occur in August, with the reception on August 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We have to provide the food and beverages. Deadline for registration is June 26. The theme is "The Heat Is On." Lynne Kovach is coordinating registration.

Planning Committee for the September 26-27 art show will begin meeting at 10 a.m. the fourth Friday of the month, starting in May. Someone to organize and lead the kids' project is needed for two hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Jen Heinz reported on the success of the Studio Tour. Participating were 8 studios and 12 artists. Sales totaled \$9,234. There were 135 distinct visitors and 29 names were added to the patron list. New artists and their studios are needed for future tours. Jen will host a gel plate printing session at Creative Gatherings on May 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

In advance of the plein air event at the Market at Grelen on May 6, Lisa Spencer-Ballard offered tips on plein air: prepare and have fun. Lisa provided examples of the supplies she brings, mostly lightweight and compact in size and easy to carry.

Ginny McCluskey, as Artist in the Spotlight, spoke about her art journey that included fashion design, office cubicle experience, entrepreneurship and fleece clothing design, and the transition from watercolor to acrylic to oil painting.

The next meeting will be June 1.

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✓	Rachel Abbassi
	Joanne Algera
✓	Aura Aten
	Janice Barker
✓	Patty Bell
✓	Daria Bessom
✓	Kelci Bischof
	Elizabeth Brewer
	Pete Brown
✓	Claire Cleveland
	Gary Close
✓	Mariana Concha
	Melissa Daly
✓	Marilyn Davis
✓	Eve DeVito
	Marco DeVito
✓	BJ Elvgren
✓	Isabel Emmert
	Diane C. Engel
✓	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
✓	Jennifer Hennessey
	Catherine Hillis
	Jill Iglehart
	Allita Irby
	Tracy Jacobson
✓	Gail Jones
	Linda Kadar
✓	Dee Knapp
✓	Lynne Kovach

✓ Angie Neeley
✓ Lizzyman Bruns

	Jacob Kuhn
✓	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
	Carrie Neeley
	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