



June 2, 2025

General Art Meeting Minutes

Quote: "Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has ever know." —Oscar Wilde

Welcome Guests:

Terry Fitzpatrick and Claire Cleveland

Jen Heinz motioned to approve last month's minutes; Dee Knapp seconded.

Good News:

Catherine Hillis is featured in the Community Gallery at The Art Center in Orange this month, "Chasing Light"; there is a reception June 5 at 5:30 pm.

Bill Mann is the featured artist this month at Art First in Fredericksburg—"Art That Makes You Smile." The opening reception is on June 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. Gary Close will be the featured artist in July.

Jen Heinz and Karen O'Donnell have pieces juried into Liberty Town Art's "Black and White Perspective" show this month; it is an all-photography B&W exhibition.

Pete Brown and Karen O'Donnell have pieces juried into FCCA's June show "Artist Choice." Pete has two pieces.

Check out the First Friday events in Fredericksburg. The galleries (and some shops) are open late.

Jim Funk sold two pieces at Culpeper's Peapod, a co-op.

Upcoming Events:

The America Connects mural mosaic "Bloom" will be unveiled June 18 in Minburn, Iowa. LOW artists participated last year in this project. Information about this mural can be found at <https://www.muralmosaic.com/bloom/>. August 31 is the deadline for submissions for the upcoming mural mosaic, "Gift." The club will order about 20 tiles for those wishing to participate this year. Instructions for the tiles and color palette will be provided.

Check out the contemporary "Material/Mater/Mother" exhibit by Michelle Gagliano at the Les Yeux du Monde gallery in Charlottesville (until June 29).

Colleen Real, who worked in the framing department at Michael's, may conduct a matting and framing workshop in July or August. A sheet for indicating interest was passed around. Maribeth Logan's Creative Gatherings studio may host a workshop on aspects of framing specifically for LOW Arts members.

For its St. Jude's Fundraiser, the Ladies' Golf Association is looking for volunteers to create and donate artwork for the silent auction. The artwork is to be inspired by art created by St. Jude's children. Four inspirational drawings were available to the volunteer artists. The LGA tournament will occur September 17, and artwork should be completed by the end of August. Sue Flores is the contact for the silent auction.

Art Show Planning Update:

Committees are falling into place. Thanks to Linda Kadar for stepping up to take care of the raffle; Dawn Faulkner for stepping up to the kids' (and adult) art activity; Marilyn Davis and Maribeth Logan for taking care of the signage; and Dee Knapp for handling the Giving Table. Still needed is someone to oversee the silent auction on Friday night. Also needed are ideas for the kids' art activity. The auction will be in conjunction with the raffle; as donations are received, determinations will be made as to what goes where. The planning committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 in meeting room 1 of the Community Center. Begging for donations begins next month so keep in mind how you might help. Silent auction items are of a higher value; 2D and 3D pieces would be appreciated. The raffle will consist of baskets or larger items; themes for baskets will be announced. The Giving Table is for smaller items.

Special Events Committee (SEC) - Jill Iglehart/Dee Knapp

The Zentangle event is scheduled for June 11 at 6:30. Don't delay in signing up. Link to register was included in the reminder email sent last week. Under consideration are a painting workshop in the style of Frida Kahlo and a field trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond to an exhibit of Frida's artwork.

Dee Knapp stated that group rate tickets will be available to the LOW Players' performance of "White Christmas" in November. The club will pay for members' tickets, but guests will have to pay for theirs.

Publicity - Lisa Spencer-Ballard/Toni Maltagliati

Lisa Spencer-Ballard has graphics ready for the art show. Save the date cards are available. Toni Maltagliati reported that Bill Mann's next article for *Lake Currents*

will highlight the successful Fareways reception. Lisa won the first-place award, and Mariana Concha placed second and third. She also sold a painting.

Remember that July 30 is the deadline for submitting photographs and paperwork for the Orange Arts Center exhibit. Artists' bios are also due then. Last year's bios can be used again. Contact Eve DeVito if you need help creating a new one.

Jen Heinz said the club's website includes artist pages, so provide information about yourself to Jen. She also reported that attendance at the Studio Tour doubled since last year's tour and sales netted \$11,000. See workshopweek.co for the schedule of one-hour art workshops. New names were added to the mailing list, which now has 750 names.

Treasurer - Eve DeVito

Eve DeVito reported four new members and a membership renewal. Income was \$240.80 and expenses were \$176.50 for a bank balance of \$9,104.

Vice President - Jim Funk

Jim Funk had Mariana Concha and Dawn Faulkner tell a little bit about themselves. He reported Gary Close will be the artist in the spotlight in July and Catherine Hillis will do critiques in August. In September John Lentine, an art teacher from Orange County schools, will present on art through the eyes of children.

Jim's creative exercise focused on idea development, whereby groups talked about tools and products to make art easier and more productive and projects to conduct.

The next meeting will be held July 7 at 10:00.

LOW ARTS Meeting Attendees, June 2, 2025

	Darlene Agsten	X	Karen O'Donnell
	Joanne Algera		Andrew Pittman
X	Aura Aten		Jeanne Porter
X	Janice Barker		Elena Pratt
	Patty Bell		Ellen Raguette
X	Daria Bessom	✓	Christy Rappoport
	William (Buck) Best		Rick Rappoport
	Pete Brown		Toni Ruther
	Gary Close		Dave Shull
X	Mariana Concha	X	Peggy Shull
	Melissa Daly		Gaylen Smoak
X	Marilyn Davis	+	Lisa Spencer-Ballard
X	Eve Devito	X	Janet Stockman
	Marco DeVito		Linda Sutphin
	BJ Elvgren		Kathleen Walters
X	Isabel Emmert		Karen Weingartner
X	Karen Espinoza		Doris Williams
X	Karen Falcon		Lew Wills
	Leslie Farley		Cynthia A Wingo
X	Dawn Lee Faulkner		
X	Elaine Freeland		
X	Joe Freeland		
X	Cheryl Funk		
	Christine Funk		
X	Jim Funk		
	Michelle Funk		
	Joy Granados		
X	Jennifer Heinz		
	Catherine Hillis		
X	Jill Iglehart		
	Allita Irby		
	Tracy Jacobson		
X	Linda Kadar		
✓	Dee Knapp		
✓	Lynne Kovach		
	Debbie Davis Lamb		
	Nan Lamb		
	Susan Latta		
	Tom Latta		
X	Maribeth Logan		
X	Elaine Machelor		
X	Toni Maltagliati		
	William Mann		
	Ginny McCluskey		
	Carol Monroe		
	Edward Murray		
X	Jane Neubig		
	Lillian Newton		

Guest

Terry Fitzpatrick
sp?

Claire Cleveland
new to group

Sue Flores - contact
for St Jude
Donations for
belf.