



LOW Arts General Meeting Minutes - Draft

September 7, 2022

1:30 Critique – Karen Falcon – Mixed media Eagle revisited, Bill Mann – Silo and field, Janice Barker – Pickleball Grinch with questions about copyright issues.

2:00 General Membership Meeting

In attendance: New – Jim Funk and Vicki Tarallo Other members: Karen Falcon, Sigrid Wares, Karen O'Donnell, Linda Shaw, Cyndi Steele, Patty Bell, Karen Weingartner, Ellen Raguette, Tom Northam, Bill Mann, Daria Bessom, Dee Knapp, Janice Barker, Christy Rappoport, Linda Kadar, Joe Freeland, Maribeth Logan, Sallie Wallace, Nan Lamb, Judy Cain, Toni Ruther, Jen Heinz, Jennifer Hennesey, Jill Iglehart.

President's Report – Karen Falcon

Good News!

Karen Weingartner has 3 pieces on display at Community Bank of the Chesapeake in Fredericksburg through December.

Bill Man has artwork at Art at the Mill in Millwood Virginia – show opens October 1.

Catherine Hillis – studio has opened in Fredericksburg with an open house first Friday in September.

Elena Pratt has her work at Possombilities in Fredericksburg. They are looking for artists to rent space from them if anyone is interested.

Don't forget to check our website for "Calls for Artists" information!

An Artist's Plea – Jim Hatch

When you buy something from an artist, you're buying more than an object. You're buying hundreds of hours of errors and experimentation. You're buying years of frustration and moments of pure joy. You're not buying just one thing, you are buying a piece of a heart, a piece of a soul ... a small piece of someone else's life.

Insurance update – LOWA is moving toward requiring event insurance in the future. We will insure our show and fundraising events. No need to insure Fareways receptions as it is an LOWA sponsored event.

Next Month – Origami Boxes with Sigrid - Meeting Date: October 3rd

Going Forward – November 7th meeting will be show debrief, December 5th meeting will be our yearly business meeting and potluck luncheon. No January meeting.

Member Input

Joe Freeland offered to do a collaborative project for club profit. He will donate a large bowl, the material to paint with, and will fire and finish as needed. The bowl will then be donated to the club for raffle, auction, or sale with all profits going to the club. Lisa Spencer-Ballard will do the artwork.

Linda Shaw suggested we video more artists and their workshop for our website. We started this during COVID lock down and it give our artists more exposure.

In addition, we discussed having newer members provide Jen Heinz with information so they can be added to the “our artists” section of the website. Send a picture of yourself, a blurb about you and your work, and some pictures of your work to Jen and she will add you to the website.

SEC report – Sigrid Wares

Our first “Do Art” fundraiser was a big success. Big thanks go out to Karen Weingartner and Jen Heinz for their work on this. We had 34 participants and netted \$450 in profit. In addition, thanks go out to all the volunteers who were there to help: Jill, Nan, Karen Falcon, Linda Kadar, Toni M, Peggy Schull, Eve DeVito, Kathy Walters, and Sigrid Wares.

Collaboration projects for the show are done and beautiful. Donations for the raffle have been (mostly) collected. Sigrid and Karen F. will kick off the raffle sales at the clubhouse on September 15th. Sigrid circulated a sign up for clubhouse dates not yet covered.

An additional fundraiser is being considered as part of the show. Looking for 10 artists to donate cards to be packaged together as a set and sold from the Market Place table. All profit to go to the club. Contact Lisa Spencer-Ballard if interested in contributing.

Plein Air club event at Ramsey Beach on September 21st at 10:30. Join other club members and try your hand at Plein Air painting. Rain date – September 23rd.

Library display case for December was approved for our use.

Tip, Tricks, and Tools

These and many others were discussed: plastic coated hanging wire vs. just wire; clean lines on back of frames with craft paper or even wallpaper to look professional – hit up paint store for free retired wallpaper books; cheap frames can be found at Goodwill, Lions yard sale, Gabes, Ikea, Etsy, Home Goods; try Rustoleum for repainting frames – it’s meant to help cover defects and comes in metallic colors as well; check out Painterly apps for your phone; and check out Fine Art America for a place to sell your work.

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Karen ODonnell, Secretary

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