



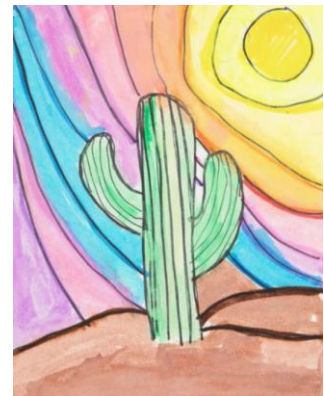
May 6, 2024

General Art Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Quote of the day: "Creative people are curious, flexible, persistent, and independent with a tremendous spirit of adventure, and love of play." by Henry Matisse

Kitty MacFadden stopped by to tell us the LOW Ladie's Golf Association is raising money for St Jude Children's Hospital. Last year, the Ladie's Golf group raised \$32,000 through their golf tournament and silent auction. This year's auction will be held on 17 Sept 24. They are looking for about three pieces of art to be donated from our group for the auction. Attached are three pieces of art done by children at St Jude's and will serve as inspiration for artwork for this year's auction. **If you are interested in helping the children, please look at the pictures below and create your own piece for donation. Art is due 1 September** to Kitty McFadden kittymacfadden@gmail.com. Please contact her if you have any questions.



In August, we plan on having a session where we get together and create something artistic on glass or ceramic. They will make great personalized gifts. We will

provide paints and brushes, etc. We just ask members to bring the objects that they would want to paint. For instance, clear or solid-colored glassware, vases, dishes, ceramics, etc. The items will be painted individually but as a group together. Individuals then take the work home and bake it in their ovens to solidify the paint. The painted glassware will be hand-washable but not dishwasher safe. More to come on this one. Start looking for your base!

Eve DeVito gave a quick summation of the Treasurer's report by Joe Freeland. We had \$120 come in and had over \$1000 in expenses but overall, we have \$6372 remaining. This will be very helpful to support upcoming shows and events.

Minutes of last month's meeting were approved. They are also posted on our website on the Member Page.

We performed a creative exercise where each member was given access to 6 paints and 6 different "tools" to use in the exercise. Karen Falcon rolled three dice. Each dice represented a color of paint, a shape to paint, and an object to paint with (like cotton ball, stick, cork, sponge, foam wrap, and Q-tip). She rolled the dice, and we painted a picture using the corresponding color, tool, and shape that went with the number on the dice. It was a fun exercise.

Some good news:

- Linda Kadar cleaned up in bowling this month - as noted in the Lake Currents.
- FCCA - a new show started on Friday called "Landscapes Near and Far." Pete Brown, Eve DeVito, Bill Mann, Karen O'Donnell, and Sigrid Wares participated.
- Art At The Mill just wrapped up a two week juried Spring show and Eve, Bill, and Sigrid all participated and sold pieces that were in the show.
- Karen Weingartner donated a Cricut machine that someone had given her. Those interested in getting it put their name in a bowl. Jen Heinz's name was picked! It was quite a gift.
- Lisa reported that the Plein Air event at Gary Melcher's pavilion was a success. Eight participating artists painted nine paintings and were given \$100 for each piece of artwork if they donated it. That artwork was then auctioned off and \$3550 was raised.

The Artist Tour was a success:

- We think we got everybody to sign in at each location and it looks like 110 distinct people signed in.
- Of the 110 visitors, we had 350 studio visits, which was an average of 3.5 studios per person. Four people were able to make it to all the studios.
- Perhaps we should try this again next year but do it over two days.
- No parking issues were reported.
- We added 25 people to our Patrons email List.
- Over \$4000 of art was sold by our artists during the Tour.
- Only two planning meetings had been held prior to arranging this event.
- Patty Bell had the most visitors. She was also number 1 on the map and she had people waiting in line at the start. It appeared people started at number 1 on our map.

The Orange Art Show concluded. Seven pieces were sold - all during the reception. Just like our first show there in April. Anna (the Director of the center) says that that is common and that most sales (if not all sales) are made during the reception. The Orange show was judged by Anna Pillow (the Art Center Director) and she awarded prizes for first, second, and third place. First went to Lisa Spencer-Ballard (watercolor), second place went to Toni Ruther (stained glass) and third place went to Karen O'Donnell (photography). Each winner received a ribbon and a check paid for by our dues. A ribbon and Honorable Mention went to Elaine Freeland (pottery).

Karen O'Donnell announced that our first "free to Members" event - which is a collage-making event is full. We have 25 people on the list. She will create a Waiting List - so contact her odonnellake@gmail.com (only two "l"s in the address) if interested. The event is for Members ONLY and will be held May 22 at 6 PM at the Wilderness Winery. You can bring snacks - and share if you want. If you have signed up and cannot attend, please, please, please, please, please let Karen know so that she can fill that slot. This is an event put on by our Art Group and paid for with our Art Group dues, so we want to make sure that those that were interested were able to attend and we leave no empty seats.

The LOW Fine Art show in November will be here sooner than we think. Karen O'Donnell can reserve one of the large conference rooms in the Community Center on the third Friday of every month for meetings. If you want to help - or can help in any way - please contact Karen and let her know. Also, if you have a particular time on Friday that works best for the meetings - let her know that too and she will try to secure the room for that time (if it works for all). If you have any ideas

for the show, please share them with Karen and the group.

Member Introductions - This short segment is where members introduce themselves to the group and let them know their name, medium, and what inspires them. Karen Falcon and Patty Bell were this month's speakers.

Christy reminded us about the Charlottesville Art Walk on May 10. Twelve people signed up. She will send out a note Wednesday night to let us know if we will still be going. (Rain is expected on Thursday and there will be a good portion of this where we will be walking outside. It is an Art WALK...)

Elena Pratt was "Artist in the Spotlight" and did a phenomenal job. She went over the history of Pop Art and showed us many examples of the leaders in this art genre. She showed us what inspires her today and provided pictures of many of her pieces in her collection by the well-known pop artists of our time. It was a very well-thought-out presentation and the group seemed to learn a lot and hopefully gained more of an appreciation for Pop Art.