



February 3, 2025

## General Art Meeting Minutes

### Welcome

Karen O'Donnell opened the meeting by summarizing last month's Zoom meeting and by introducing board members and committee chairs. She welcomed new members/guests: Clive Loudon, Lynne Kovach, Edward Murray.

**Quotes:** "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together" — Vincent Van Gogh

"I am always doing what I cannot do yet, in order to learn how to do it." — Vincent Van Gogh

### Good News

The Fareways exhibit is successful, with excellent attendance at the opening reception and several sales. Several club members have won awards, had sales, and are exhibiting their work at galleries and art centers. Elena Pratt will have an exhibit and opening reception at the Orange Arts Center on March 6.

### Announcements

Karen O'Donnell encouraged members to view the LOW Arts web page and the members-only page ([lakeofthewoodsarts.com/member-page](http://lakeofthewoodsarts.com/member-page)), which contains the membership roster, calendar, and resources. These sites can be bookmarked. The club now has an Instagram account linked to Facebook.

Jim Funk led a creative exercise called 30 Circles. It is a lesson in ideation, for fluency and flexibility, to create an array of concepts from which to choose. Jim welcomes ideas for future creative exercises and artist in the spotlight. As part of the effort to get to know each other, Jim called on Jill Iglehart, who claims to be an art dabbler wanting to learning more art mediums.

Jill Iglehart, cochair of the Special Events Committee (SEC), passed around a sign-up sheet for the February 24 Van Gogh Immersive Experience in Richmond. Her deadline to purchase tickets is February 9. SEC welcomes new members and ideas. SEC meets the second Monday at 2:00 in the Trophy Room at Fareways.

Dee Knapp, SEC cochair, stated that the theme for the September exhibit at the Arts Center in Orange is interpretations of the lyrics to "Try To Remember (the Kind of September)" from the musical, *The Fantasticks*. The opening reception is September 4. More information will be forthcoming.

Send advertising and promotional information for *Lake Currents* to Lisa Spencer-Ballard and Toni Maltagliati, cochairs of Publicity, and to Karen Falcon for the newsletter. Their deadline is the 15th of each month. See roster for contact information ([lakeofthewoodsarts.com/member-page](http://lakeofthewoodsarts.com/member-page)).

Treasurer Eve de Vito reported that the club's money comes from dues and commissions. The club intends to support art activities for its members; for example, paying for admission tickets to the Van Gogh Immersive. At this time there are 64 members, 39 of whom have paid their dues.

Karen Weingartner reported the Fareways reception had a good crowd, generating \$1,000 in sales.

Pete Brown spoke about the Studio Tour to be held May 3-4. Contact Pete if you need display racks for your studio for the tour.

Karen Falcon's excellent presentation focused on the troubled life of Vincent Van Gogh and his artistic endeavors.

The next meeting is March 3 in room 2 of the Community Center.