



September 8, 2026

General Art Meeting Minutes

Welcome Guests: Laura Wright, Becky Salustri

Pattee Brown and Charlie Weiss, writers for *The Orange County Voice*, observed the meeting to write an article about the club and its efforts to support the arts in schools. Send pictures of art to pattee@storykeepersmedia.com.

Good News and Announcements:

- Mariana Concha had a successful field trip to the Arts Center in Orange with youth from Childhelp. She won third place at FCCA.
- Catherine Hillis has an exhibit in Floyd, VA, and will be showing at a juried exhibition in Pennsylvania.
- Cyndi Steele is looking for donations of art for the holiday bazaar (Nov. 6-7) at LOW Church. Contact Cyndi at 540-920-9000.
- Claire Cleveland announced that a few seats were still available for classes taught by Asya Baldwin at Creative Gatherings Studio. Contact Claire at fossilstories@gmail.com.
- Bill Wares still has some of Sigrid's art and wants to know where to donate it.
- Karen Falcon is stepping away from producing the electronic newsletter. Someone is needed to take over. Newsletter functions can be split among several individuals.
- Eve DeVito reported the club still has \$11K in the bank, and expects expenses and income associated with the show.
- Several sign-up sheets were passed around:
 - (1) To attend "A Christmas Carol" at Riverside Theater on December 2. Tickets cost \$86; the club will pay half for members. Guests pay full price. Members must pay \$43 by the end of September to secure their reservation. So far, 22 people have signed up. Jen Heinz will set up online payment. An email will be sent with information.
 - (2) To help with the children's art activity at the Fall Festival on October 3. Contact Jill Iglehart to volunteer (jilligle@gmail.com). Jill still needs more volunteers.
 - (3) To go on a field trip on October 8 to see Catherine Hillis and the watercolor exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art in Richmond. Leave by 8:30 a.m. from

the lower level parking lot at Clubhouse. Carpool drivers are wanted.

(4) To provide food items for the art show reception. Jane Neubig is coordinating the reception's food and beverage.

- Art exploration workshops are planned at the Creative Gatherings Studio:
(1) October 1: Mini-canvas Halloween painting led by Maribeth Logan.
(2) November 19: Vintage jewelry ornament creation led by Rachel Abbassi.
- Painting of the soccer rebound wall will probably occur in October.
- Items are still needed for the Giving Table at the show. Proceeds from sale go to the schools. Give items to Linda Kadar (crafter4ever49@gmail.com).
- Pete Brown needs help to set up for the show on Thursday, September 24. He needs trucks to move displays from the storage shed to the Community Center. He also needs assistance to set up the display framework and tables and to place tablecloths on tables. The plan is to meet at 3 to pick up materials. Setup will continue on Friday morning. Artists should be able to begin their installations at 11 a.m. Friday and be done by 3 p.m.
- Karen O'Donnell gave updates on pre-show raffle sales. Two more evening sales are planned: September 11 at the Clubhouse and September 17 at Fareways.
- The silent auction will run during the entire show, not just during the reception, and can be advertised. Four packages are planned: a bourbon package with bourbon bottles, glasses, wood tray, cigars and ashtray, and a drink smoker; dinner for four and tasting menu at Fawn Lake; a midweek stay in Culpeper with dinner and a bottle of Brunello wine; and a golf package at Fawn Lake combined with other items (TBD). The auction will close at 2 p.m. on Sunday, with a "buy it now" offer starting on Saturday.
- Joe Freeland demonstrated how the updated data entry process works. Drop-down menus on the screen simplify data entry.
- Ginny McCluskey introduced Edward Murray as the artist in the spotlight. Ed spoke on the history of stereoscopes and brought pictures and scopes to demonstrate how lenses affect the images.
- The next meeting will take place on October 5.

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	Rachel Abbassi
✓	Aura Aten
	Janice Barker
	Patty Bell
✓	Marietta Beougher
✓	Daria Bessom
	Kelci Bischof
	Elizabeth Brewer
✓	Pete Brown
	Judy Cain
	Madelyn Chappell
✓	Claire Cleveland
	Gary Close
✓	Mariana Concha
	Stephanie Cordner
	Melissa Daly
✓	Marilyn Davis
	Debbie Davis-Lamb
✓	Eve DeVito
	Marco DeVlto
✓	BJ Elvgren
	Isabel Emmert
✓	Diane C. Engel
✓	Karen Espinosa
	Deborah Everett
✓	Karen Falcon
	Dawn Lee Faulkner
	Kit Filbey
✓	Elaine Freeland
✓	Joe Freeland
	Cheryl Funk
	Christina Funk
	Jim Funk
	Michelle Funk
✓	Jennifer Heinz
	Jennifer Hennessey
	Catherine Hillis
✓	Jill Iglehart
	Allita Irby
	Gail Jones
✓	Linda Kadar
	Dee Knapp
✓	Tara Koslov
✓	Lynne Kovach

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