



January 6, 2025

General Art Meeting Minutes

Because of inclement weather, the meeting was held via Zoom. There were 29 participants in the virtual meeting.

There was no critique session today.

Quote: "To practice any art, no matter how well or how badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake. So do it." —Kurt Vonnegut

President's Report

With the start of a new year and a new board, some things will change and some will not. President Karen O'Donnell reported that the meeting structure will remain basically the same. She introduced the new board members and committee chairs and described their duties.

Jim Funk, as vice president, will cover for Karen O. in her absence, conduct creative exercises, and coordinate Artist in the Spotlight sessions.

Daria Bessom is secretary, responsible for meeting minutes, sending meeting reminders, and posting schedule reminders on the whiteboard in the meeting room.

Eve DeVito is the treasurer.

Lisa Spencer-Ballard and Toni Maltagliati are Publicity cochairs.

Jill Iglehart and Dee Knapp are Special Events Committee cochairs.

Karen Weingartner handles the Fareways exhibits and the critique sessions at the start of the general meeting.

Peggy Shull is Fareways Committee member and cochair of the annual show.

Jen Heinz manages the website, social media, MailChimp, and the new Instagram (@lowartsva) account in conjunction with Publicity.

Bill Mann writes articles for *Lake Currents* in conjunction with Publicity.

Karen Falcon is taking over the newsletter.

There were two new members: Lynne Kovach, an aspiring watercolor artist, and Edward Murray, a photographer, film maker, magic lanternist, and poet.

The member-only page on the website contains contact information:
lakeofthewoodsarts.com/member-page.

What we want to accomplish this year: More involvement by members and more fun.

Good News

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation (T2T.org) reported \$2,520 in donations in Sigrid Wares' memory from art club members through direct donations or purchases of her work at the art show.

Elena Pratt was interviewed by Margaret Smith for the Last Call piece in this week's *Worcester Magazine*. Elena also has an exhibit at the Town Center Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, with a reception on Jan. 11 from 2:00 to 4:30.

Members are encouraged to share their good news and successes with Karen O'Donnell and Karen Falcon.

Announcements

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

- SEC meets the second Monday of each month in the Trophy Room at Fareways at 2:00. SEC welcomes new members, new ideas, and help with activities. The next meeting is Jan. 13. Consider joining the committee.
- Under consideration is the Van Gogh Immersion experience in Richmond, Feb. 24. Group rate is \$29. For an additional \$5 there is an additional activity at the end of the show. If interested in going, let Jill Iglehart know.

Vice President — Jim Funk

- Jim is in charge of creative exercises at the meetings, as well as Artist in the Spotlight. These are ways to get to know members and what they are doing and how they do it.
- Jim is looking for volunteers to make presentations, which can range from technical presentations (for example, framing or how to photograph art) to art history (for example, a presentation on Van Gogh before going to the Immersion event).

Treasurer — Eve DeVito

- Eve is working on a draft budget, which will be discussed at the Board meeting on Jan. 20.
- There should be funds available for member development (e.g., SEC activities).
- Eve has a mailbox on her porch for members to drop off dues payments if they prefer not to mail or to pay online.
- Members are encouraged to visit the website for resources.

Publicity — Lisa Spencer-Ballard/Toni Maltagliani

- There are sub-activities within Publicity: Lisa is responsible for graphics; Jen Heinz is in charge of the website, social media, and the patrons list; Karen Falcon generates the newsletter; Bill Mann writes articles for *Lake Currents*; Toni M. proofreads and double-checks content of ads and articles.
- Karen F. needs information on activities and successes, along with photographs, for the online newsletter.

The next meeting is Feb. 3 at 10:00 at the Community Center, room 2, with an optional critique session at 9:30.

Following the general meeting, Jen Heinz and Pete Brown discussed the studio tour. Participants expressed their interest and selected May 3 and 4 as possible dates for the tour. There will be another meeting to discuss the tour after the general meeting on Feb. 3. See the attachment for highlights of the studio tour meeting.