

Georgetown County Watercolor Society
March 6, 2025 Minutes

9:30am Social time

10:00am Call to Order by Brew Hellman

1. **2025 President's Comments - Brew Hellman** - Brew thanked all who were in attendance.

2. **Introduction of new members and guests** - new member, Karen Ryland, and guest Nolan Stevenson, Assistant Manager of Arts and Craftsman of Charleston.

3. **Vice President's Report - Sharon Soulen** - Sharon announced that the Annual GCWS Annual Art Show will be held at Island Art Gallery August 1st to August 31st. Friday, August 8th from 5:00pm-7:00pm will be the reception. The cost of \$500 will be paid by GCWS. 10% of the sale of your painting will be given to Island Art. Price your entry to sell. The title of the show is Painter's Palette. The gallery will hang the 30+ paintings and will also promote show. Carolyn Upperly will be the judge. Drop off of your painting is July 24th - July 29th and pick up will be September 2nd - September 6th.

4. **Treasurer's Report - Brian Zell** - The beginning balance of the month was \$8782. Brian explained workshop fees, expense of the Bird Show, misc. credit card fees. The ending balance is \$8,376.06

5. **Secretary's Report - Kelly Gibson** - Any new and seasoned members, please see Kelly about name tags and discount cards if you don't have one.

6. **Workshop Report - Lori Wilson** - The David Rankin workshop was a great learning experience. We had 18 for the workshop, and fit well in the room. There is a possibility of having him back sometime in October.

Tony Armendariz workshop, "Architecture with Figures", will be May 19th and 20th, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Day one- a black and white study, day 2 - the color study. Fifteen have already signed up. If you are unable to attend please let Lori know, as there is a waiting list.

Lori is working on a possible Dylan Scott Pierce 2 day, quick speed workshop.

7. **Publicity Report - Jodi Hudson** - Since the Bird Show, there were 116% more views of the GCWS website. We have 169 more followers. There was a poll about an evening meeting/get together, the small amount showed some interest. We had great coverage of the Bird Show - Amanda in the Morning, Hammock Shop magazine and Coastal Observer. Working on Wine and Watercolor possibly in September. Jodi also mentioned the Summer Art program at the different libraries.

8. **Program Report** - Karen Joyce and Tina Proctor -

March (today) - Nolan Stevenson from Artists and Craftsman Supply, located on 981 King Street, Charleston, talking about their reward program, website and supplies available.

April - Vida Miller will answer questions about copyright, what you can and can't use to sell from a workshop.

May - Keith will demonstrate Beach Wash, a month where it is warmer to be in the ocean. Possible supplies needed: paints for sharing, large sheets of watercolor paper

9. **Old Business:**

a. Winged Wonders was a huge success. There were credit card fees of \$116.58 were paid by the society. In the future there will be a 3% surcharge for any credit card purchases, to help cover the credit card fees.

b. Jodi has posted on the website about a possible evening meeting. Please vote which will help to see if there is any interest.

c. Coffee basket donations help defray costs each month. Thank you to Brew for the King Cake from Gambino's, New Orleans.

d. Please remember to wear nametags at the monthly meetings.

e. Remember to use your discount cards when purchasing supplies. Every little bit helps.

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10. **New Business:**

a. The tablet needed to be transferred.

11. Reminder - Wednesday paint together - 10-11:30paint, 11:30-12 critique, lunch and then more time to paint. Sign up for lunch ASAP you arrive so lunch is ready by 12:00.

12. Art Under the Oaks - Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th. Brian will make a check out to "Damascus House" for \$300.00.

a. Volunteers needed to help set up tables and tents on Friday, April 4th at 4:00pm. Sharon and Karen plus hubbies could use help.

b. Volunteers needed to help hang artwork on Saturday around 7:30am. Please bring your artwork Saturday between 7:30-8:00am. Make sure your name and price is on artwork.

c. We need 3 people for each shift Saturday and Sunday.

d. Saturday shifts - 9:00-11:30am, 11:00-1:30pm and 1:00-4:00pm. Also needed is a clean-up crew to carry all art to cars for the evening.

e. On Sunday, needed are volunteers to come around 8:00am to help set up artwork. Then 3 people to work each shift: Sunday shifts - 9:00-11:30am, 11:00-1:30pm and 1:00-4:00pm. Our displays cannot be broken down until 4:00pm. The 1:00-4:00pm need to plan stay until all supplies and tents have been taken down - able bodies needed. Please pick up artwork or make arrangements for someone to pick up your art at 4:00pm.

13. Annual Art Show "Painter's Palette" - to be able to enter your artwork, you need to have participated in (3) events, such as volunteering, meetings, workshops.

14. Keep Gail in your prayers.

Sharon also invited members to be a sponsor for a week of summer camp, June 16th,

Program - Nolan Stevenson, Assistant Manager of Arts and Craftsman, 981 King Street, Charleston. **artistcraftsman.com**

Nolan is a graduate of the College of Charleston. Arts and Craftsman, the building was originally a church, is 3 floors of supply heaven. They are open 7 days a week and do ship orders. They are having their 10th anniversary.

Herona is the one to go to about stretching canvas.

Nolan discussed their reward system...\$1 back on \$20 spent.

They have a wide variety of products:

Watercolor paints - VanGogh, Daniel Smith, Winsor Newton, Holbein, Sennelier, M Graham to name a few

Papers - Strathmore, Fluid, Arches, Canson, Talons, Legion Yupo, Fabriano

Wood panels, Gator Board, Mat board and Mat board kits, Metal and wood frames

This is just a few samples of what is available. The website shows so much more.

There is a product for all mediums, crafts, anything you want to try your creative hands at.

Meeting April 2nd at the Litchfield Country Club

9:30am early morning treats

10:00am Meeting begins