

West Hills Art League Meeting 4/18/19

Call meeting to order: 7:01pm

Approval of March minutes

- passed

Board reports:

- Lance - membership – 70 paid members
- Audra – treasurer – today's balance \$5,387.11
- Amy – communications – please complete the survey on website under membership tab on the website; no more online payment for Mother's Day show due to fee from Pay Pal – cash or check only
- Diane – programs - judge for Mother's Day Show: Peggy Habets - international watercolorist
- Rita – public relations – proceeding with featured artist of the month with interview; our events will be added to the Post-Gazette
- Debra – purchased one pedestal from a used furniture store for \$32, about 5 members present who do 3D work so pursuit of display case and more pedestals continues

Update on future board openings:

- Please do your best to attend next month's meeting to vote in new board members
 - Artwork from the Northland library show will also be available for pickup at May meeting

WHAL Show Updates

PAACC show general update:

- Please email Debra Tobin if you are unable to attend a drop off or pick up date so that arrangements can be made for your artwork.

Summer PAACC pick up/drop off

- July 19: 9am-12pm accepting work
 - No fee & no commission
 - Open to active members whose dues are paid in full
 - Can submit up to 2 pieces

West Hills Art League Spring Show

- Drop off - Friday May 3 from 9am-12pm
 - Open to active members whose dues are paid in full
 - Can submit up to 2 pieces
 - All mediums accepted – must include quality framing/mounting

- Cannot be submitted in a prior WAHL show, cannot be made under the instruction of another artist at a class or workshop, must be original and made within the last 2 years
- 20% commission (to be given back to WHAL after sale with individual artist)
- \$5 per piece to enter the show
- Reception: Mother's Day – May 12th
 - Members, please bring food or wine (online sign up to be created by Amy)
 - Motion passed for money for plates, cups, napkins, and water to be spent from WHAL budget
- Continue bookmark tradition – bring in 2 ¼" x 7" bookmarks to be given out to guests (bring 4-6)
 - Sign your name so guests know whose artwork they've gotten
 - Any medium
- Seeking member sign up to sit in the offices during the show times
 - Doors should not be unlocked without the artwork being supervised
 - Having an artists' presence is good for sales and talking about the group
- Need to make a new banner & a jpeg to advertise for the event
 - Motion passed to research printing up signs
 - Suggestions: "Moon Park Today", include the word "sale", "West Hills Art League Mother's Day Sale"

Call for announcement of member shows and/or classes

- Rita Wilson - (with 3 other artists) opening May 3rd 5:30-8:30pm Spinning Plate Gallery on Baum Blvd.
- Sandy - 19 pieces at St. Clair Hospital: May 7-end of June & 29 pieces at JCC
- Lisa – artwork at Moon Library
- Amy – 3rd annual sculpture festival in Millvale on July 20th – glass, stone, metal, wood, clay, demos, exhibit, and music...outdoors, family friendly
- Kim – North Hills Art Center
 - Regional Art Show
 - April 29th-May 3rd drop off,
 - May 11th opening
 - Juror - Eva Trout of Fire Box gallery
 - Summer Solstice Raku Party – June 21st
 - Fiber & Fire opening (has to something created with heat) – juror: Pati Beachley of Seton Hill University
- Hiland Presbyterian on Rt. 19 - Second Annual Hiland Church Show– drop off Tuesday the 23rd & Wednesday 24th from 5-8pm, show opens Friday the 26th
 - \$25 guest ticket
 - \$10 fee per piece (can submit up to 3 pieces)
 - 30% commission
- Sarah – jewelry in a sale at 419 at Sweetwater in Sewickley – first weekend in May
- Jim & Debra – pieces in a show at Campbell Pottery
- Sarah & Amy - Society of Sculptors May 11- June 30

Adjourn meeting at 7:38pm

Guest speaker: Sarah Simmons

- Lives in Moon Township
- Member of WHAL & Pittsburgh Society of Sculptors
- Has had work shown at Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Renew Festival
- Education: BFA from Edinboro University in jewelry & metals, AA from Montgomery College – Rockville Maryland
- Works at Moon Township Public Library
- Likes interactive work & work with text
- Business “In Your Clutches” – makes things from recycled clothing & upcycles books
- “Good Reads” is a reading tracker app and she has copies to distribute of her art inspirations
- First large scale piece *Illuminated Armor* used cut pieces from Margaret Atwood book, vinyl, coat rack & lit from the inside
- *Enveloped* is a quilted piece from discarded library books
- Moved on to small interactive sculptures like *Not Cake*
 - Cake slices made from Civil War maps
 - Makes a statement
- *Here Be Dragons* – drum made from lazy susan, embroidery
- Book Garden started in September of 2016 after a book sale. Loaded around 800 books into her truck and created a book garden the place where a 30’ pool used to sit in her yard. She has added tree trunks, wheel barrows, pots, shelves, and planted bulbs. Made a bed out of books for an event at Ogle Bay that is now in there as well.
 - Started doing daily photographs of the garden on her phone and printed them professionally
 - The garden has been growing mushrooms and natural elements that she photographs
- Sarah likes to incorporate found objects she gets second-hand like clothing, boxes, pins, walkers, microphones, puzzle boards, wood samples, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Shuck