

West Hills Art League Meeting 3/21/19

Call meeting to order: 7:00pm

Approval of February minutes

- Point of clarification: Pieces going into North Hills Art Center shows are not juried but are assessed by judges for award purposes

Board reports:

- Lance - membership – 71 paid members, 48 unpaid
- Audra – treasurer – today's balance \$5,512.11
- Amy – communications – no new reports
- Diane – programs - no new reports (see website for upcoming speakers)
- Rita – public relations – starting up featured artist of the month with interview; wants to begin with founding members

New member: Ralph Bonar – watercolor, oil, pen & ink (was a commercial artist for 10 years and at Allegheny Times for 30 years)

Update on future board openings:

- Diane stepping down as vice president, Kim Freithaler has volunteered
- Lance stepping down as membership, Helena has volunteered
- Amy is stepping down as communications, Heidi has volunteered
- Official vote at May meeting. Email Debra Tobin with intent/interest.

Call for announcement of member shows and/or classes

42 pieces at Northland Library show

- Show end May 16 – pieces will be available for pickup at May WHAL meeting

Spring PAACC pick up/drop off

- April 5: 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

- Friday May 3 – 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
 - 20% commission
 - \$5 per piece to enter the show

- Reception: Mother's Day – May 12th
- Judge unknown at this time
- 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

Robin Hill Earth Day Show – April 28th

- Seeking Plein Air artists from 1-3pm (can also sell work during that time)
- Expecting 800-1,000 guests
- Contact Amy Ottavani with interest - 412-262-1703

Hollow Oak Land Trust – Brew Haha

- March 30th fundraiser at the Community Building on Camp Horn Road
- Looking for donations of paintings for silent auction – nature theme
- Contact Debra Tobin to get connected with Shawn

Heidi's show this Saturday March 23rd at 3634 Penn Ave in Lawrenceville

- Opening at 6pm
- 12 female artist's Lady's United for the Preservation of Endangered Cocktails

Next North Hills Art Center Show

- Regional Show in early May – dates to come from Kim

Beaver Valley Artist's opening this Sunday at the Merrick Gallery

Opening at Fire Box in Carnegie this Saturday (March 23) for female artists – 6pm

Calling for artists for middle school and high school artists at Sweetwater

- Deadline April 1

Beginners and intermediate watercolor class this Friday (March 22) by Melissa

- Friday night BYOB
- North Hills Art Center

Adjourn meeting at 7:26pm

Guest speaker: Mary B. Mason

- Retired art teacher most recently from Seneca Valley, now working in jewelry, sculpture, and enameling
- Lives Cranberry and works in Pittsburgh PA
- Metalsmithing for 17 years

- Utilizes a home studio space as well as a shared studio space in Appalachian Rock Shop off of Rt.19 N
- Recommended book: *The Complete Metalsmith* by Tim McCreight
- Knew since 1st grade that she wanted to be an artist
- Enameling she does in the home but other metalsmithing she does at the Rock Shop due to large equipment and large variety of tools that are nice to be shared
- Utilizes her paintings and experiences to influence her metal pieces and jewelry
- Metalsmithing kiln gets to about 1300-100 degrees @ 2-3 minutes, but you can also use a torch for enameling
- Enameling is glass on metal that goes way back to the 5th century
 - Can be copper, silver, steel
 - Very fragile
- Upcycling bullets to make statement pieces in response to current events
 - Bullets cut and polish well
 - Uses other unique materials like a meteorite, horse tooth, volcanic beads, buffalo nickel, etc.
- Her jewelry is currently available for purchase at the gift shop at the Hoyt
- Demo from 7:53-8:04pm
 - Recommends purchasing glass from Thompson Enamel in Kentucky and sheet of sterling silver from Rio Grand

Respectfully submitted by Leah Shuck