

WHAL May meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:59 PM

Call meeting to order 7:03

New members:

- Linda Kirby - graphic designer
- Steph Moracca - realistic landscape painting (mostly golf courses)

Approval of April minutes

- Passed

Committee Reports:

Audra - treasurer - \$4,949.98

Diane - programs - stepping down as VP

Amy - website/social media - stepping down

- Cindy - wants web to be current and relevant, asks members to keep them updated:
westhillsartists@gmail.com

Lance - membership - 75 paid members

Rita - publicity - not preset

- Debbie - Mother's Day show was in the Allegheny and Beaver Valley Times as well as local online platforms, will be in Allegheny West Magazine in July

Update on future board openings

Kim Freithaler - VP - motioned by Gina Judy, seconded and passed

Helena Valentine - membership - motioned by Cindy Gihlberti, seconded and passed

Heidi Montorubio - website/social media - motioned by Rosemary Flannery, seconded and passed

Jim Tobin - audiovisual & photography - motioned by Helena Valentine, seconded and passed

Mother's Day Show Recap

- Started with 168 bookmarks, at least half are gone
- 3 sales: Sandy Beitsinger, Jesse Selley, Leah Shuck
- Consider moving voting stand from right inside the door for next year
- Consider inviting Garden Club for next year (put arrangements in windowsills)
- Compliments to Debbie, Lance, and Jim for how smoothly the preparation, hanging, and overall execution of the show went

PAACC (Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce) show change out Friday July 19: 9am-12pm

- No fee & no commission
- Open to active members whose dues are paid in full
- Can submit up to 2 pieces
- Come in the backdoor to drop off artwork

Call for announcements of member shows or classes:

- Leah Shuck in Seton Hill University Alumni Show, Greensburg PA - reception June 8th from 2-4pm
- Debbie Tobin - North Hills Art League Regional Show runs through June 7 - Diane Bauman won award there
 - On Babcock Blvd.
 - Open Monday-Friday 10am-3pm, Monday 7-9pm if you want to see the show
- Kim Freithaler - Summer Solstice party at North Hills Art Center - June 21st 6-10pm in back parking lot with Raku pottery firing and music by James Tobin

- Fiber and Fire show there also - open to any artist who uses heat in their artwork - drop off June 10-14th from 10am-3pm & on the 10th from 7-9pm
- Another Northland Public Library Show - drop off June 20-24th, to open on the 28th, maximum submission of 3 pieces
- Amy Short & Sarah Simmons - Society of Sculptors Traveling Show @ Pittsburgh Center for the Arts through June 30
- Gina Judy - Saturday, May 18th 10-2 at Byesville Public Library - Southeast Ohio Water Media - printmaking workshop - contact ginajudy@comcast.net if interested
- Jim & Debbie Tobin - Stonewall Gallery in Edinboro - show through June 2
- Debbie Tobin - Arts & Heritage Festival on June 29th @ Twin Lakes & Westmoreland Arts National Exhibit @ Westmoreland County Community College July 7
- Steph Moracca - Arts & Heritage Festival on June 29th @ Twin Lakes
- Sandra Beitsinger - Adventures in Art @ Jewish Community Center (Kane Blvd. in South Hills) through June 29

Adjourn meeting 7:32pm

Peggy Habits (mother's day show judge) - 7:38pm-7:58pm

Explanation of her "levels" of award:

- Level 1 - technical skill, design, and eye-catching from across the room
- Level 2 - communication (mood, emotion, story)
- Level 3 - does the art speak to her personally?

Best of Show - Sarah Simmons

- Piece was engaging, words selected were not obvious, she felt the weight of words when interacting with the piece. "Well done, conceptual piece".

1st place - Gina Judy

- Goes beyond animal painting/pet portrait, Peggy was very drawn to her mark-making & unique and confident style, appreciated the colors within her shadows

2nd Place - Jesse Selley

- The mannequin felt almost like a person in this piece, made her wonder

3rd place - Janine Simmons

- No need for a background or suggestion of support for the figure, appreciated the simplicity, captured the gesture of the figure in a "swoop"

Honorable Mention - Lance Maloney

- Palette and mood feels like Salvador Dali, appreciates the path leading back to the sunlight area, dark cloud has feeling, wonderful dry-brush technique

Honorable Mention - Cindy Gilberti

- Good color harmony, mood- quiet painting, Peggy feels that simple is some times harder than doing something complex

Respectfully submitted by Leah Shuck