

West Hills Art League May 2020 Virtual Meeting

7:00-7:30 Business Meeting:

11 members present

Board Reports

- Debbie – president - July PAACC Chamber of Commerce artwork changeout: July 17 from 9am-12pm
 - Northland Library artwork changeout date TBD
 - Coraopolis Art Walk rescheduled for October 17th
- Audra - treasurer - current balance \$4,401.83
 - Check in with Chris Fondi about uncashed check
 - Check has been sent to judge, Laura Domencic
- Kim - VP/program – next meeting will be in September! Looking to reschedule Pat Young for the fall since she was cancelled from March.
- Helena - membership – absent - 53 paid members
- Lynda- publicity/communications– newsletter is being put together for the end of next week. It will include photos of the Mother’s Day Show winners.
- Jim (website & social media) – Finding that we are getting new followers on the YouTube channel!

Mother’s Day Show Review

- There were 52 entries in the Mother’s Day Show.
- Kim found it enjoyable to hear the artists speak about their work while the slideshow went through.
- Rita likes that it was available online and then people could vote for People’s Choice afterward.
- Sandra found the online platform to be a disadvantage to purchasing artwork. We could consider a reminder post that “all pieces are available for purchase”.
- Debbie would like to know if anyone would be interested in doing something like this again in the fall in lieu of the holiday market since it will be cancelled for this year?
- Rita felt energized by having her artwork recognized and incorporated her winning piece into the redesign of her book cover for Greek Lessons.
- Awards:
 - People’s Choice Award Winner: Will White
 - Best in Show: Rita Wilson
 - First Place: Leah Shuck
 - Second Place: Cindy Gilberti
 - Third Place: Audra Zampogna
 - Honorable Mentions: Gina Judy, Lynda Kirby, Lance Maloney

Kim’s update on happenings at the North Hills Art Center

- Opening back up May 26th.
- Will start having workshops again in July.

- Covid Creativity - Call for Artists:
<https://www.northhillsartcenter.org/resources/Documents/Shows/Covid%20Creativity%20Call.pdf>
 - No Entry Fee!
 - Two Categories: Adults/Teens & Kids up to age 12
 - Awards for Peoples Choice: \$50 NHAC Gift Certificate for each category
 - Sun, 5/31 - Entry Deadline
 - Sat, 6/6 - Show Opens - Voting Begins
 - Tues 6/30 - Voting Ends - Winners Announced

Close Meeting 7:29pm

7:30-9:00 Laura Domencic – Mother’s Day Show judge

- Background:
 - Laura Domencic is an independent artist, curator, and educator who cultivates creative thinking in individuals and communities. As the Director of the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts for eleven years, she developed many exhibitions, education programs, and publications. Working with artists, community organizations, and universities, she consults on strategic planning and grant writing for visual arts projects.
 - Currently Laura is directing Arts France, Saint Francis University’s artist residency program in Ambialet, France. She has managed corporate and private art collections in regional hospitals, law firms and other public settings to provide artists opportunities to share their work outside of the gallery context. Her collaborators and clients include individual artists, private collectors, The Documentary Works, and Ogletree Deakins law firm. Her paintings, drawings and sculptures are in private collections in Pittsburgh, PA, Buffalo, NY, Santa Fe, NM, and Melbourne, AU.
- She is finishing up her master’s degree. She currently works mostly in drawing and painting, pieces about 12”x12”. She uses a lot of arrow and ladder imagery to navigate through atmospheric space.
- See some of her work below:



Horizon Mapping 5'x5'



Thicket

- In regards to judging our show, she was stricken by our body of work. She said that it was personal, observational, and tactile.