

WEST HILLS ART LEAGUE

Minutes for Meeting of September 20, 2018

Ashley Robles Presiding

Ashley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Treasurer's Report – We missed the reading of the report but Audra Zampogna reported a current balance of \$4,390.74.

Ashley announced the following artist opportunities:

Call for those who knit and crochet to participate in the Sewickley Art and Music Festival yarn bombing of a chain link fence.

<https://www.sewickleyartandmusicfestival.com>

Call for artists - The Beaver Art Walk is a one-day event on the main street in downtown Beaver. It will be held on Saturday, October 6th between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Artists are matched with businesses and show their work outside and sometimes inside the business space. Demos are welcomed. There are a few spots left now. If you are interested in being involved by showing work or by helping the artists that day, contact Kathy Courtney kathy@courtney-laughlin or call her at 724-773-0306 or stop by Courtney-Laughlin Frame Shop and Gallery at 531 3rd Street in Beaver.

Call for artists - The Art of Re-Use The Westmoreland is accepting proposals for *The Art of Re-Use*, on view October 19 through November 18, 2018. This group exhibition will feature works that incorporate recycled, upcycled or re-purposed materials by artists focused on sustainability and environmental issues. Please note: The application deadline for this exhibition ends on September 28, 2018 at 11:59pm. Please submit proposals via <https://thewestmoreland.submittable.com/submit/124076/request-for-proposal-the-art-of-re-use>

Janine Simmons announced there are weekly Drawing From a Live Nude Model sessions Thursdays at Gilberti Fine Arts

Doug Brown announced he is teaching a Watercolor Class 6-8pm on Thursdays at Gilberti Fine Arts Realistic Watercolor With Doug Brown

Ashley formally announced that she will be stepping down from her role as president to focus on her own new business. She had previously emailed the league members and asked for volunteers to replace her and Debra Tobin was the only one who responded showing interest.

Ashley called for volunteers for the position as president. Debra Tobin volunteered. Doug Brown made a motion to accept Debra Tobin as the new president of the West Hills Art League. Kim Freithaler and Will White seconded the motion. An all in favor called majority vote carried the motion.

Demonstrator: Our guest presenter was [Jack Puglisi](#) who discussed his 30+ years working with pointillism and crosshatch techniques.

Introduction – Jack started with a description of how he first became interested in these techniques. He also described that he works out of Barnes and Noble in the south Hills where he will sit for 3-5 hours a day 3-5 days a week.

Demonstration – He showed a progression of samples of his works from over the years from black ink to color. He described his use of rapidograph pens over the years but the loss of quality manufacturing has made using them less effective so he now uses micron ink pens which limits his color choices and forces him to create color by layering dots.

He works from photographs he takes himself and most of his models are people he runs into at Barnes and Noble. He lightly sketches the image onto his board and then uses a bag eraser to lighten it even more. He then starts laying down dots, erasing the lines completely as he goes.

He works from dark to light, starting with the eyes first. His pieces can take weeks or even months to create depending on their complexity. His crosshatch pieces can be done much faster, some within hours but he still prefers pointillism.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Tobin