

WHAL September 2023

Thursday, September 21, 2023 6:34 PM

Business meeting 7:01-7:20pm

Members present 17

Board Reports

- Treasurer's Report (Audra Zampogna) current balance is \$4,299.33.
 - Moon TV offers a bulletin board service for free advertising of local events. Jim will handle this new potential connection/opportunity.
- Membership Report (Helena Valentine) currently 23 paid members.
 - Everyone who pays their membership dues by November is entered into a drawing for a free membership!
 - You can pay cash, check, or PayPal. (But remember PayPal takes about a 5% fee.)
- Programs Report (Kim Freithaler)
 - 152 pieces in the NHAC member's show, featuring several WHAL members.
 - Congrats to Lynda Kirby for winning an award at this show!
- Publicity / Communications Report (Lynda Kirby)
 - Don't forget to submit your "progression of time" themed artwork to Lynda sometime next week!
- Social Media/Multimedia Report (Cindy Gilberti, Jim Tobin)
 - Shout out to Helena Valentine for additional online presence for the F.L.A.G. (Free Little Art Gallery) via Facebook, Instagram, and registering us on the [national map!](https://freelittleartgalleries.art/map/)

Member News / Call for Artists / Show and Class Announcements (Debbie Tobin)

- September 30th from 9am-12pm for drop off for our Member Show at Gilberti Fine Arts.
 - \$10 each, up to 2 pieces
 - Opening reception is October 14th from 1-3pm, which coincides with the Coraopolis Art Walk.
 - See Deb if you are interested in participating the in the art walk from 11am-3pm. You can plein air paint & sell your work.
- Join us for our Plein Air event at Roselea Farms Sunday October 15th at 9am!
 - Free for members, \$5 for non-members...so bring your friends!
- Thanks to Helena Valentine for all her hard word on our F.L.A.G. (Free Little Art Gallery) at the Moon Public Library!
 - We made \$115 doing "Make one, Take one" at the Moon Wizarding Festival, which covered the cost of the canvases, paints, and consumables.
 - Potential upcoming opening reception for this in the library.
- Clarification: The 55th anniversary show runs from Oct 1 - Nov 4 at Gilberti's. This is different than the \$55 show that we will run in conjunction with the Moon Garden Club Greens & Things sale here at Robin Hill on December 2nd from 9am-3pm. (No commission to WHAL.)

Demonstration by Cory Bonnet

Cory Bonnet is a Pittsburgh oil painter and preservationist who paints contemporary nostalgic scenes of Pittsburgh and the surrounding area using salvaged and reclaimed materials. Bonnet earned a BFA in Drawing and a Minor in Art History from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1998. The importance of sustainable development was a huge catalyst in defining his work. The use of reclaimed materials and focus on conservation of historic buildings led Bonnet to earn the title of LEED AP from the USGBC. This gave him an in-depth understanding of sustainable building practices and reinforced his commitment to using salvaged, reclaimed or sustainable materials in his work.

Bonnet was named "2017 Preservationist of the Year" by the Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh.

Bonnet has worked on a number of community development initiatives and works with local charities to help them reach fundraising goals.

Growing up in the Pittsburgh area, Cory Bonnet has always appreciated the inherent beauty of the city and its surrounding neighborhoods. His paintings reflect the optimism and beauty he sees in his hometown.

Bonnet's work can be seen by appointment at his studio in the Energy Innovation Center 1435 Bedford Ave PGH, PA 15219 and Pattern Gallery 1421 Penn Ave PGH, PA 15222



Talk Notes:

- Cory prefers using salvaged materials because there is less pressure than the blank white of a canvas.
- Most of his scenes depict Pittsburgh because he says, "Paint what you know."
- He called 2 days a week for 9 months to get the panels from when they demolished the

Civic Arena!
Check out his paintings here! <https://www.corybonnet.com/>