

ARTISTS OF YARDLEY—MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2009

Heather Davulcu, Secretary, AOY

www.artistsofyardley.org

The **NEXT MEETING** is scheduled for Wednesday **December 2, 2009**

At 7:00PM at Concerto Fusion Restaurant in Morrisville

Officers:

President: Rose Marie Strippoli rmstrippoli@aol.com
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Committees:

1. **Delaware River Gallery**---Marie Finn Mariefinn@verizon.net
2. **Website** --Anne Gannon cagannon22@msn.com
3. **Plein Air**--Oz Freedgood virozantig@aol.com
4. **Photography Plein Air**--Derek Jecz Derek@jecxz.com
5. **Publicity**-- Colleen Attara colattara@verizon.net
6. **Project Find a Home**--Maggy Robinson maggyrobinson@hotmail.com
7. **Newsletter** --editor Stephen Millner, simillner@2000@aol.com
copy-editor Marie Kane, design John Vollaro, writer Anne Gannon
8. **Speakers**--John Ennis-guest speakers john@john-ennis.com
Behrooz Salimnejad-member speakers bsalimnejad@philamuseum.org
9. **Membership**--Patricia Gambino pg2231@verizon.net
10. **AOY Tax Exempt Status**--Oz Freedgood virozantig@aol.com

President Rose Marie Strippolli called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Membership – Patricia Gambino

- Welcome and Introduction of new members
- In attendance-Barbara Lane, painter; Colleen Borstine, metalsmith; Judy Dinneman, photography

Secretary Report— Heather Davulcu

- Minutes will be available on the website www.artistsofyardley.org; in addition a limited number of copies will be on hand at the monthly meeting.
- Newsletters will no longer be mailed to members without computer access; several will be made available at the monthly meeting.
- Please be sure to let me know if you are not receiving email info from the group

Executive Board Meeting Report—Rose Marie Strippoli

DON'T FORGET: All members have access to other members through the use of this email address:

members@artistsofyardley.org

- Upcoming shows discussed: BCCC, Picasso, and exploring other new venues in planning for 2010.
- In need of chair people to take on leadership of the various upcoming events/shows- members are encouraged to consider this carefully.

Treasurer Report- Maggy Robinson (Maggy is out of the hospital!)

Beginning Balance last report on October 7, 2009 - \$4,433.91

Revenue:

dues-\$25.00

total revenue: \$25.00

Expenditures: web hosting for August and September @ 7.95 per month

Check #1136 to Stanley Bielen-speaker-\$100.00

Total expenditures: \$107.95

Ending Balance November 4, 2009 - \$4,350.96

Standing Committee Reports

- **Membership**—Patricia Gambino
Currently there are 93 members.
- **Publicity**—Colleen Attara
Continuing to work toward the scholarship for 3 Pennsbury Middle School 8th graders
Their work will be judged by a panel and awarded a private lesson by an AOY member, opportunity to show their work in our group show, and a gift card for art supplies.

○ **Project “Find-a-Home”**—Maggy Robinson

This will be our **final meeting in this location** due to the cutbacks at the library—they will no longer be open Wednesday nights--a new location will be decided on for the January meeting.

Meeting location discussion and suggestions until we have a permanent home:

- LMT bldg-Anne already spoke to them and it will not work
- McCaffrey's - Bonnie Boden
- Yardley Community Center
- American Legion
- Library at Lake Afton
- St. Andrews Rectory--or other churches
- Ellarslie
- Option for the library to stay open once a month for us
- Friends Meeting House
- Priorities are to stay local, and to have a free location so that we can continue to work toward the goal of a permanent home.

Maggy has the official copy of the 501(c) 3 report--a big thanks to Maggy and Joe for all their hard work toward this goal.

Member Patricia Gambino asked if memberships are tax deductible--no one knows the answer to this-but we will find out

It is pointed out that thanks to the non-profit status we can now accept patrons or "friends of the Artists of Yardley"

○ **Plein Air**—Oz Freedgood
hibernating til spring

○ **Website**— <http://www.artistsofyardley.org/> **Anne Gannon**
no news

○ **Plein Air Photography**-Stephen Millner
no news

○ **Newsletter**-Stephen Millner
Deadline for next newsletter is November 10. Stephen encouraged members to write articles and submit news for inclusion in the newsletter.

Presenters at meetings--John Ennis (guest speakers) and Behrooz Salimnejad (member presenters)

Exhibit opportunities and ad hoc committees:

- Show Etiquette Information and AOY Brochure- Seth Robinson and Jo-Anne Osnoe
Its at the printer--caught it just in time to make correction on the back about the meeting place; will be available for the Holiday party; the etiquette brochure will also be ready
- Delaware River Gallery-- Marie Finn (*Marie was not present*)
<http://www.delawarivergallery.com/>
19 East Afton Ave, Yardley, 215-321-3825
rotating gallery space for AOY members
email Marie if you are interested: mariefinn@verizon.net
- Bucks County Community College- <http://www.bucks.edu/about/campuses/lbc/>
Lower Bucks Campus 215-781-3939; 1280 New Rogers Road, Bristol, PA 19007
"Show Some heART" -chair is Nancy Allen (nallenstudio53@worldnet.att.net; 215-493-9509) The show was cancelled due to a lack of interest and the poor economy. Great job organizing Nancy!
- Christmas Party- Susan Hogan
Will be held at Concerto Fusion, 2 S Delmorr Ave, Morrisville, PA (215)428-2899;
concertofusion.com; Mary Jane negotiated the price down to \$39 per person (a big thank you!)
The restaurant would like to exhibit 12 pieces of our members work--all slots have been filled.
Susan wants to meet with each artist to curate for consistency in size and subject. Make your checks out to "The Artists of Yardley."
- Hicks Gallery-Newtown Campus of BCCC-need a chair
- Member Show in the Spring-need a chair
- Chairs for Charity-need a chair; we don't know what charity we will receive the donations and proceeds from this event
(If you find any old chairs bring them to Maggy)

Holiday Bazaar--not enough interest only 7 people responded to the Survey Monkey that Bonnie set up.

Old Business-none

New Business and member announcements-

Grants- Are there any members who have experience with grant writing? Also is there anyone that has experience with finding grants? Patricia Gambino know someone who could read over what we write; Bonnie Boden volunteered to help find grants.

Anne Gannon has a piece in **Gallery 125** opening November 13, 6-9PM

Gallery 125 call for entries-"Art Deco" recycled and ecological minded-due December 17

Maggy sold a table at Zephyr Gallery!

Colleen shared her experiences in working with artist and art consultant Ann Rea whose blog, entitled "Artists Who Thrive", addresses the concern and question regarding the business of art.

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