

ARTISTS OF YARDLEY—MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2009

Heather Davulcu, Secretary, AOY

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The **NEXT MEETING** is scheduled for Wednesday **October 5, 2009**

At 7:00PM at the Yardley Makefield Library on Edgewood Road

Officers:

President: Rose Marie Strippoli gstrippoli@aol.com
Vice President: Behrooz Salimnejad bsalimnejad@philamuseum.org
Treasurer: Maggy Robinson maggyrobinson@hotmail.com
Secretary: Heather Davulcu heather.davulcu@comcast.net

Committees:

1. **Delaware River Gallery**---Marie Finn Mariefinn@verizon.net
2. **Website** --Anne Gannon cagannon22@msn.com
3. **Plein Air**--Oz Freedgood virozantiq@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 virozantiq@aol.com

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

Congratulations to Laura Robinson on her wedding!

Membership – Patricia Gambino

- Welcome and Introduction of new members and guest- we currently have 87 members; Welcome to Mary Bryson who is a medical illustrator and also paints still life portraits; Catia Whitmore-sculptor working in bronze and steel and is also a book artist; and Ditz from Holland

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

- **Events** -4 planned for the year: 1) member show; 2) Fundraising Auction; 3)Studio Tour; 4)Holiday Bazaar. We need volunteers to chair and be on committees, and we also need membership input and ideas. From membership: question: Why are raising funds? for our group-for example to have a member show catered or for a venue for a member show and also for the scholarship which we plan as an ongoing sponsorship. The scholarship would be for an 8th grade student in the Pennsbury school district. Another idea was to get old chairs to decorate an paint and then auction them off to benefit a local charity. Jay Shin also suggested that these ideas be condensed and put on the AOY website as an official announcement.

Treasurer Report- Maggy Robinson

Beginning Balance last report on August 5, 2009-\$4,469.81

Revenue:

dues-\$20.00

total revenue: \$20.00

Expenditures:

Total expenditures: \$0

Ending Balance August 5, 2009 \$4,489.81

** Maggy has not received the bank statement for this month; check 1133 for \$500 hasn't cleared*

Standing Committee Reports

- **Membership**—Patricia Gambino
Currently there are 87 members. Also see addendum to the directory.

- **Publicity**—Colleen Attara
Working with Nancy on the "Show some heART" show which is featuring 4 different artists groups; Rose Marie asked which idea would give us more publicity: "Chairs for Charity" Auction to support local charity; and/or the Holiday Bazaar-the 1st week of December. Colleen explained that this was always very successful in the past have upwards of \$7,000 in sales giving a portion to a charity. All handmade (eclectic) with a reasonable gift giving price range of items (items from \$5 to \$500) Is there enough space at McCAFFREY'S for the chairs for charity event? no not really--what about the fire house? We need a big space.

- **Project "Find-a-Home"**—Maggy Robinson
status quo
501 c3 - The IRS agent explained to Maggy that because we have member shows we are considered a "Co-op" and not a non-profit. So, we need to invite other artists outside our group, and with regard to selling artwork: once we have a venue then we can legitimately sell art and still be considered a non-profit; but must feature shows with artists who are not members.
Charity Suggestion from member: ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease. Rose Marie requested that the suggestion be put on paper with contact info for consideration and any other suggestions from member to do the same so that we can look into these organizations further.

- **Plein Air**—Oz Freedgood
Washington Crossing on Friday at 10am (visitors center); also send photos of your plein air work to Steve and would like to get a group photo on Fri as well

- **Website**— <http://www.artistsofyardley.org/> **Anne Gannon**
Looks great! "What's Going On" only 2 people have sent Anne their info; she encouraged the membership to please send it to her and she will post it on the webpage; also you can link to AOY website

- **Plein Air Photography**-Stephen Millner
On hold for now-Derek Jecz is doing a workshop-it is very interesting and meticulous.

- **Newsletter**-Stephen Millner
Deadline for submission in the next issue is September 10.
There is a link on the webpage to the newsletter--we invite contributions from members.

New Business

- Show Etiquette Information and AOY Brochure- Seth Robinson and Jo-Anne Osnoe (sethr@scoutsdesign.com) Seth had a rough draft for the brochure. The purpose being to convey information--please proofread for content. Katia volunteered to proofread for grammar (she is a professional proofreader). The AOY brochure just has prelim. work done and is not in presentation form--can it be ready for the next meeting? yes

Exhibit opportunities:

- Delaware River Gallery— Marie Finn (*Marie was not present*)
<http://www.delawarivergallery.com/>
19 East Afton Ave, Yardley, 215-321-3825
2 artists needed for November/ 2 for December
(3 artists for 2 month period)
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) Prospectus will be provided with all information at the September meeting; show taking place Fri and Sat **November 13-14**, 2009; 20 % proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund for students;
 - free to enter; no theme; 80" united size limit; 2 pieces per person
 - Due date for art Wed Sept 11, Thur Sept 12 hanging, pick up is Sat 4:30-6:30
 - MUST BRING OWN EASEL (smaller easels are also good for table top art) Put your name on your easel!!
 - 3D work included--bring your own pedestal (100 lbs limit)
 - food and wine-public attending will pay \$35 per ticket; artists receive free admission (family members and guests do not)
 - Nancy requests help with hosting and sales committee
 - prospectus is forthcoming
- Canal Frame- <http://www.canalframe.com/>
1093 General Greene Road, Washington Crossing, PA 18977; 215-493-3660; fax 215-321-8240; email: canalframe@comcast.net

"Creative Flow" October 4-31, 2009, Opening Reception October 4 1-4PM;juried show

Gallery 125- <http://www.trenton-downtown.com/gallery125/> Joanne Donnelly Seglem; Gallery number is 609-989-9119- "Point of View". Deadline Sept. All media except installation.

Fundraiser for the Friends of the Delaware Canal-theme is Delaware River Quarter corridor; canal; river towns on either side of the Delaware river

Presenters at meetings--John Ennis (guest speakers) and Behrooz Salimnejad (member presenters) John Murdoch; need member presenter for November

Member announcements:

Art of Photography Workshop- offered by Derek Jecz-This workshop will cover how to use a camera--there are hand outs available in the back if you are interested. Feel free to ask Derek if you have any questions--look for more info in your email as well.

18th National Juried Art Show- Jay Shin's work "Outfits in Rest" at the Art Center of Northern NJ, Milford NJ 9www.artcenter.nj.org) tel: 201-599-2992; show runs Oct 11-Nov. 2 Opening reception Oct 11

Artist Magazine-John Ennis Portrait Finalist

Ohio Watercolor Society Traveling Show in NJ-features "World News" by Rose Marie

Catskill Gallery-Liberty, NY "Woods and Walls" show featuring Mike McAllister

Simply SOTA-New Hope Sat 10-3 "Artists on the Porch"

Paxton Hill Farm-"Art in the Garden"-Kathleen-paper; Katia-book arts; Sept 13 Highland Park, NJ

Sidetracks Gallery- Nancy Allen

Country Living Magazine-Mary Jane McCarty-thrift store connoisseur

Mike McAllister-Baja, Mexico-Todos Santos and the Artists of Todos Santos-explained the coop gallery where he lives and works 6 months out of the year.

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