

**Auburn Old Town Gallery  
Membership Meeting  
September 18, 2023**

Meeting was called to Order by Co-President Sandy Lindblad at 6:39PM

Judy made motion to approve minutes from July Membership Meeting, Meg seconded.

All those in favor to approve AYE. None opposed

**Vice President Report:** Shoshi, no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Stacy was not present at meeting. Darlene sent email to membership prior to meeting, which included the financial report. Membership was reminded that if they have any issues with the POS system to please call Stacy at any time. Regarding budget, we are \$1025.45 in the red this month and are reminded to watch expenditures. There are a few ½ spaces available...filling them would help with additional income. If any questions, always feel free to call Stacy.

Jane motioned to approve Treasurer's report, Darlene seconded.

All those in favor AYE. None opposed

Committee Reports

**Events: Diane Tharp.** Shoshi provided report in Diane's absence. Anniversary report was very successful, thank you to everyone. Please remember if you haven't submitted your \$10 donation to do so now. Thank you to those that provided demonstrations. The musician was wonderful!

September 21<sup>st</sup> is the Old Town September-fest Co-op. We welcome anyone that would like to come and help with sales or demo or just be part of the event. Gini offered to help with this event. Diane will be sending email out prior to request help.

October 19<sup>th</sup> at noon the Gallery will be hosting the Chamber of Commerce event. We will be serving a light lunch and welcoming chamber members to our gallery. It would be wonderful to have a good artists turnout to promote the gallery and welcome our visitors. We are reminded that Membership is required to participate in 2 events per year.

Connie is not able to represent gallery at the September 20, 2023 chamber event. Offering to let someone else take her place this time if they can.

Placer Arts Tour November 10-11-12.

Reminder that every artist is required to participate in at least some of the events.

October 31st is the Halloween Trick N Treat event from 3pm – 5pm. Judy questioned if we are participating in the event. The board will discuss this at the October board meeting. Lorna offered to run the door at Halloween.

Question: Gini wondered if we are doing an event in December with the symphony again this year. This needs to be further discussed. Gia will follow-up.

Symphony in the Park was a wonderful event for those that participated.

**Display: Susan Stoll**

Always working on moves and making them work for everybody. Several moves will be happening soon. If you ever have requests/concerns please contact the display committee. We have several 2D spaces available – managing how this impacts our 3D artists.

Feature wall – collaboration month is next month. Still wondering how many artists will be participating. If you are interested in being included in the rotation of the space between suites please let Susan know.

**Facilities: Linda Whiteside**

Still cleaning up closets etc., Thanks to those that have been helpful. Many challenges and appreciate the help. When you receive a package and have opened it, please be sure to call or text Linda to let her know item has been received. Soon, some items will be moved into storage to make room for other items. Linda did a poll to see how many people are utilizing the Keurig machine. Show of hands showed several.

Louise expressed concern that our bathroom is being used by customers of other vendors. Wondering if we should consider adding locks to our supply cabinets in hallway. Linda will discuss with Nancy the concern of use of the bathroom. As always, if we notice we are running low on supplies to please let Linda know. Linda would prefer a call/text in place of writing item down in binder. Linda will manage the communication of her preference.

**Publicity: Darlene Riel.**

Focus right now is on the Placer Artists Tour. Shared information about the new banner marketing the event. Looking for location of ballot box – Carol will see if she can locate it.

Encouraged members to come into the gallery to represent themselves and their art.

Discover Auburn is the only ad we were in this year. Very far reaching. Darlene will check with Sandy to see where we are in the budget this year regarding expenses.

Entering third year of the Anniversary Spotlight. Encourages artists to complete questionnaire and participate when it is their turn to participate. Offered to send link to membership when one of our artists are highlighted.

**Membership: Suzanne Hambleton**

Introduced our newest members to the gallery. Those in attendance spent a few minutes introducing themselves. These included David Rosenberry, Carol Crockett, Viktor Ivantsov. Artists were reminded to be sure they add a bio to the Artist Bio binder located next to POS system. Suzanne will follow up with the 14 artists that do not currently have a bio in the binder. Linda offered to help anyone that needs assistance.

We are jurying tonight and broke the meeting for 5 minutes to allow everyone the opportunity to review the 8 artists work that is on display. Suzanne explained the online vote/survey will be sent via email tomorrow – please be sure to cast your vote! Remember we are looking for high quality work with a consistent style. We do have a waiting list that we want to continue to build so that as artist leave the gallery we have someone ready to come in. Remember, you do not need to love the work, not everyone has similar tastes.

Asked for comments from group reviewing work to help in decision-making. Congratulations to Suzanne and team for doing such a GREAT job!

Those artists whose work was being juried tonight included:

- Karen Dukes
- Tim Turney
- Sierra Mohr
- Marius Bor
- Mike Stockwell
- Blake Leon
- Kim Box
- Shelly Carlisle

**New Business:**

Happy calls: Do you prefer texts or phone calls for happy calls. Please mark roster with your preference.

Nomination calls:

Nomination calls for new board will be starting soon.

Meg Black-Smith

Christine and Meg have been working on this. There will be an email sent to explain positions. Please think about what you want to do and be willing to sign up. This is everyone’s chance to speak up and share you skills/talents in making the gallery shine. Current board members that may be stepping down will be there to help those new in the position.

Meg suggests everyone go online and read the bylaws so you understand the positions.

Trash Disposal:

Reminder that the trash needs to either be taken home or placed outside in cans on street. We are not allowed to use the bins in the back, as we do not pay for that service.

Shift Coverage:

When you work for pay for another member be sure you pay the person who covered for you! It is your responsibility to make arrangement with the person covering for you the amount you'll pay and how the money will be delivered

**Old Business**

ADT Alarm Disarming:

Alarm has gone off several times this year. Be careful! If you've run out and then come back in you need to disarm the alarm when you come in – even if you believe you're within the allotted time period. Just disarm and then reset alarm.

Sofya Kobayashi:

Recapped situation with former member. The board has had no communication since August 27<sup>th</sup>, but will update membership if anything else comes about. Several artists spoke up to thank the Board for handling the situation and some expressed desire to only be included in email correspondence when necessary.

Announcement:

Doug has everything wrapped up with KVIE and the artist's participation in the event.

Darlene received email from Auburn Old Town Association: Shoplifting is on the rise. The email was forwarded to all of us with suggestions of what to watch for. Bottom line BE ALERT!

Sonja moved meeting be adjourned. Sandy seconded.  
All those in favor AYE – None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janis Quinn, Secretary