

**Auburn Old Town Gallery  
Membership Meeting MINUTES  
September 16, 2024**

**Call to Order: President Connie called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM**  
Connie shared that our next membership meeting will be in November.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The August Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted

**Treasurer's Report – Kirsty Roberts**

Louise Bezerk provided the treasurer's report in Kirsty's absence.

Account Balances:

MM Account - \$10,987.74

LLC Checking - \$21,72974

Petty cash - \$ 200

**Total: - \$32,917.48**

MTD 1225.34 profit – YTD profit \$2673.34

August resulted in very good sales. In comparison to last year we are in a deficit of approximately \$100 – this is good news following our legal expense of \$2500 last month.

**Secretary's Report – Janis Quinn**

No report

**President's Report – Connie McLennan**

Connie reported on several topics:

- Ron Runtinelli resignation  
Listed health concerns and difficulty with the commute. Ron will work his last shift scheduled on 9/27 but is looking for someone to take his opening shift on 9/24.
- Attorney Update  
Expect to have report completed with recommendations within the next two weeks. Will send to the Board for review and questions. A meeting will follow to review options and decide course of action.
- Parking Safety  
Remind members they should take care to move their vehicle to a 'safer' spot when working late and it is dark, especially when you are parked in the upper lot
- Reminder from Display  
Please do not move things on your own. The display team positions things in spots for particular reasons.

Susan Stoll: reports our gallery is a distribution spot for people to come in to pick up pamphlets for the Placer Artists Tour. Please remember an inventory of these pamphlets is located in the closet. If you notice stock is getting low, please let Susan know.

Kaz offered signs and flags that can be used for advertising for the tour.

President Connie continued with her report:

- **Upcoming Officer and Director Position Openings**  
Connie noted that we are closing in towards end of year and the task of nomination Director and Officer positions for next year. In our November meeting we will present the nominations with the ballot sent out following that meeting. Connie stressed the importance of considering your interest in a position, and invited members please reach out to the person occupying that job now and ask questions. Connie shared she believes Cathy McAllister (Display), Lorna Miser (Publicity), Linda Whiteside (Facilities) have offered to stay in their current position. (This doesn't mean someone can't also be interested in having his or her name placed on the ballot).

Diane Tharp has offered to co-chair the Special Events Director position. Janis Quinn (Secretary), Connie McLennan, (President), Louise Bezerk (Vice President) and Kirsty Roberts (Treasurer) remain undecided. Suzanne Hambleton (Membership) will be vacating her position and encourages interested members to contact her to discuss the position.

Janis reported that the Nominations Committee would begin calling members In October to discuss where members would like to offer skills on the many committees within AOTG. She reminded members that the complete listing of committees/tasks is located in the AOTG Minutes Binder in the gallery and encouraged members to review and see where they'd like to participate.

## **Reports from Committees**

### **Special Events - Diane Tharp**

Thank you to everyone that supported our anniversary sale, there was a great turnout and the gallery had \$4000 in sales on Saturday, and another \$1000 on Sunday! Ann and Sonja, Chuck all did demonstrations. Was very fun and successful!

This Thursday is the Oktoberfest Co-Op from 5-9 Old Town. Doesn't take a lot of energy but nice to have members in gallery and demonstrations are welcome

End of October we participate in Trick n Treat from 3-5 PM. We like to hand out candy that members donate, so please consider bringing a bag in and leave it in the back closet.

### **Placer Artist Tour - November 15, 16, 17**

The gallery has signed up as a Tour location, which means every member in the gallery, is basically on the tour. Diane will be sending out an email with more information and invitation for us to participate. This is your chance to be on the tour without the \$250 fee that other artists pay to participate.! Sandy Delehanty offered to work any person's shifts during that weekend. Please let her know if you'd like to have her work a shift. This tour is a perfect opportunity to promote your work, so come in and hang out.

Last year the tour provided musicians, which is a great asset to the event. December is Classic Christmas scheduled on Dec 14 and 21 5-9pm. Lots of traffic will be in the gallery, please come promote your art

Diane shared she has really enjoyed chairing the Special Events committee. Things have been streamlined and the amount of work has been reduced. She would like to leave her

post but would be happy to co-chair with someone that might be interested. Please consider and talk to Diane.

**Publicity – Lorna Miser**

Not in attendance. Connie reported that Lorna submitted ad for Explore Auburn publication, which has a life of a full year, 2025.

**Auburn Old Town Business Association Minutes from 8-21-2024**

Meg Black-Smith, our liaison with the Auburn Old Town Business Association reported on the 8-21-24 Meeting.

To highlight key points:

OTBA has a current balance of \$79,261.00

It was reported that Old Town Auburn has \$79,261.00.

Jonathan Wright, City Director spoke at a high level about the proposed plans and zoning changes to Old Town and UpTown Auburn. This is all still in a very early planning stage.

Meg shared several events happening over the next few months to raise public awareness and discuss different measures and grant opportunities to increase funding for the project.

The Post Office is pretty much a dead thing, unless someone wants to come in and take it over. Old Town won't be paying the rent on the building any longer. That was somewhere in the range of \$300-\$500.00 a month. It is felt that the money would be better spent on Social Media Marketing.

The LED toppers for the lights in Old Town are in place. There is now cohesive lighting throughout Old Town Auburn.

This is a very large, time consuming and slow moving project. Meg is thrilled to act as our liaison and will gladly attend meeting and keep us updated on progress.

**Display – Cathy McAllister**

A lot of activities coming up. She encourages artists to come in and refresh/upgrade your space. Make things look FRESH, our customers love it when we do.

**Facilities – Linda Whiteside**

Is unsure we received the correct toner cartridge for our printer. Linda states that what we received is much different from what is currently in the printer. Please stay after the meeting and assist if you can.

**Membership – Suzanne Hambleton**

Suzanne made sure that all new artists have been properly introduced to our membership.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

Bio Binder – Mary Lou Anderson

Reported that she will be placing a new binder bio binder on the counter for customers to have easy access to review. Please update your bio, be sure to lay it out horizontally in a one-page format. Agreed it should be filed by artist last name.

### **Jurying**

Suzanne briefly reviewed the artists who work we will be jurying tonight. These include

Carrie Olsen Garrard – Ceramist

Stella Canfield – Watercolor painter

Livia Kerr – Mosaic Jewelry/Wearable art (current member of AOTG)

We paused the meeting to allow members to review the art on display. When reconvened there was short discussion and any questions/comments were addressed. The ballot will be sent Tuesday morning and the vote will close on Friday.

Reminder – vote for what you think will sell. It may not be work that you love but if it is a good addition to the gallery vote positive!

Looking for a new membership director. Suzanne will mentor and is open to answering any questions. Please contact her with questions

Next jury date has not been set yet. Will see what gallery numbers look like. Remember we also want to build our wait list

### **Announcements:**

9/26 Springhill Suites. 5-7:30 PM.

All new artists on the tour are invited to bring in their work and share with the public. Meg highly encouraged all members to go that evening and preview the work as well as enjoy seeing the amazing hotel.

Connie announced Bold Expression show in Sacramento

KVIE Auction runs 3 days: Friday, Sept 27, 7 pm - 10 pm, Saturday, Sept 28, noon - 10 PM, Sunday Sept 29, 10 am - 8 pm

Our Auburn Old Town Gallery 30-minute segment is Saturday, 5 pm - 5:30 pm. in this order: Sandy Lindblad, Kathy Triolo, Don Antrum, Gia McNutt, Douglas Parks, Sonja Hamilton. DOUG PARKS is our spokesperson for the 30 minute slot, THANK YOU, DOUG!

OTG artists that are in other places:

Friday Sept 27: 8 pm slot, Sandy Delehanty,

Saturday, Sept 28: 1 pm Stacy Pedri, 2:30 pm Therese May, 4:30 pm Suzanne Hambleton

Sunday, Sept 29: 1 pm Lorna Miser, 3:00 pm Susan Stoll, & Louise McGowan Bezak

Sandy Delehanty shared if you go to the KVIE website art auction you can see all the work that is part of the live auction until 9/24 or 9/25 and make a pre-bid. What would be very helpful for the gallery is if all of us that have newsletters and social media accounts promote the auction.

### **Adjournment:**

Cathy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Gia seconded. All those in favor – AYE

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Janis Quinn, Secretary