

2011-09-25 General Meeting

President Joanne Brandt called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. at Morris Galleries. Twenty-six members were present. Joanne introduced the incoming officers: Herself, Kathy Friedland, Karen McGahagin, Denise Inge, and Lynda Smith Touart. She then introduced the new members: Ted Burn, Conroy Hudlow, Martha (Marcy) Matherene, Charmaine Neylon, Kathie Stabler, and Patti Vickery. Poor Clare King is still in Europe.

Joanne asked if the minutes could be approved as emailed to the members. Denise so moved and Lynda seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Denise read the Treasurer's Report and Lynda moved that it be accepted. Penny Lewis seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Old Business:

ESAC Show

Joanne read a list of the winners in the ESAC show, recently ended:

- Members' Choice: Jo Patton
- Honorable Mention I: Frances Neumann
- Honorable Mention II: Derald Eastman
- Alabama Art Supply Award: Joyce Shields
- Lyons Share Custom Frames & Gallery Award: William C. Morris
- Jean Zaremba Memorial Award: Susie Wallace
- Southern Art and Framing Award: Peggy Lawrence, "Arbori Vitae"
- WGAS Best Graphic Arts Award: Kate Seawell
- Ruth S. Bruckmann Memorial Award for Best Aqua Media: Allan Butt
- WGAS Best of Show Award: Lynda Smith Touart

She also read a list of the 20 year members who had been presented with pins:

1. Janie Brown
2. Madeline Busby Gall
3. Sharon Lyn Jones
4. Lynda Smith Touart

She asked Lynda if the pins had been mailed to those who were not present at the reception. Lynda replied that they had.

Joanne went on to thank all those who had worked with the committee to set up the show, the sponsors, and the ESAC people. We got a number of enthusiastic reviews from the ESAC crowd.

Shared Expressions

Joanne reported that the workshop held at the MMA on watercolor techniques was a big success. She thanked the members who had helped including Ernie Kirkland, Penny Lewis, Satomi Kamei, Kathy Friedline, and Karen McGahagin. WGAS has been paid for participating and for the supplies we bought. The leftover supplies were donated to the MMA. She reminded us that pick up for the show is Thursday, 29 September, from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Denise remarked that pick up for the MAA was the same day, but from 9-11 a.m. She speculated that anyone in the MAA could probably pick up their work at that time since she would be there then.

Constitution Changes

Joanne noted that since the By-Laws had lately been changed, with new framing rules, the Board thought it would be a good idea to email a copy of the update to all. (It had already been mailed to the new members.) Lynda added that she would be happy to supply a copy to anyone who does not have email. There was also a problem at the ESAC with work being removed before the end of the show. Phyllis Henson said that she called ESAC and was told to pick up her work (and that of some other members) on that day which turned out to be too early. Joanne pointed out that the staff of ESAC is often volunteers who do not know the requirements. She said that when the official time came, there was no record of what had happened to the missing work. Also, it made for a poor showing to have gaps on the wall.

Hallie Hazen

Denise gave a report on the disposition of the Hallie Hazen painting, donated to the Society by Dean Clarke. It had been further donated by WGAS to the American Cancer Society, and was sold for \$400 to the honorary chair of the event, which earned \$200,00.00.

Scrapbook

The WGAS scrapbook (now two albums) was being passed around. Lynda asked for more news items, especially from early days of the Society, emphasizing that it would not be necessary for anyone to give up items that they had saved, but that the items could be scanned or copied for use in the scrapbook. Corky Goldman mentioned that the MMA should have a collection of photos from the Shared Expressions show, and suggested we contact the MMA for the use of them. Joanne said that she would.

Rack Cards

Joanne announced that we had recently ordered a reprint of our rack card 'as is', but we would be updating it for the next printing. Denise suggested putting a sticker on them giving the address of the official website. As for Facebook, Joanne reminded us that everyone could post to that, so if anyone had pictures or news, they were encouraged to do so. We talked about the official site and that the calendar, constitution, and newsletters were there. Sandra Krause suggested that the minutes also be posted so that people could refer to them. This was generally seen as a good idea. No vote was taken, but the officers will look into that.

Gavel

Joanne pointed out that we currently had no gavel, although we did have the engraved ring taken from the old one. Mary Rodning said she had a gavel that we could have. Denise moved that we accept Mary's gavel. Bill Morris then gave his manly gavel that he had made to Joanne; Denise moved that we keep *it*. Passed by acclamation.

IRS

Denise reported that she had filed the paperwork with the IRS to continue our non-profit status.

New Business

Upcoming Shows

So far we have scheduled (1) the MAC in June and (2) the USA Library in November-December of 2012.

- 1) We agreed to have two entries from each member for the MAC show since they will give us the entire venue and have plenty of room.
- 2) Last time at the library we allowed just one entry per person because of space constraints. Denise suggested that we allow 2 entries this time, but that the judge would have to be very selective for the space. Karen noted that we only had 22 entries in Shared Expressions and therefore nothing was juried out. It was noted that people could only enter in one group and that some WGAS members had entered with MAA or the Sumi-e Society. Corky moved that we accept 2 entries for the USA show. Sandra seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Joanne asked if we wanted to try to arrange another show before June. Denise said that she had checked into 5 Rivers but was unable to talk to the person needed. She suggested that we consider a theme show there. She was told that we would have to pay \$600, but wasn't sure that was correct. Suzanne Wright noted that BRAG had had a show there in the past, and she was sure that they had not paid \$600 for the privilege. She noted that all had gone well. Denise said that perhaps it should be a 'no awards' show if held at 5 Rivers, but strictly a chance to show. Other venues suggested were 1927 room off Space 301, the West Regional Library, and Southern Art & Framing.

Joanne reported that she and Kathy are composing a letter to ESAC proposing a show in the spring of 2013. It would be good to hang in May because of the start of the wedding season.

Standing Committees

Joanne stated that there were 3 committees that we should set up: Finance/Auditing, Publicity, & Nominating. No one volunteered for any of these, but Joanne said that Carolyn Greene had been chair of the nominating committee for some time, and she would call on her again. As for the other two, more phone calls were threatened.*

APR

Recently representatives from Alabama Public Radio, who had bought our local classical music station WHIL, came to MAC to meet with the Mobile artistic community. Joanne attended the meeting. She learned that they have an online calendar that we can utilize. An item has much more of a chance of making it to an on-air announcement if it is entered as a complete story, rather than just a line or two. This would be a good item for our Publicity Committee Chair to note.

Member List

Passed around for additions or corrections from those who had not got that request in email. Several updates were made.

ALWS

Corky suggested that we all participate in the Alabama State Watercolor Society. ALWS wants a list of our members' email addresses so that they can send out information about their events. He stated that it was not a big expense, being about \$25-30, to join. Bill Morris interjected that Corky was trying not to mention that he had won an honorable mention in the current ALWS show. Corky received a round of applause.

Dauphin Island Artwalk

Denise noted that the first annual DI Artwalk would take place on October 15th. She encouraged members to participate.

Edward Jones

Unable to resist, Lynda noted that she would be exhibiting at Edward Jones for another month, and invited everyone to come by during the next Artwalk on October 14th.

WGAS Dues

Joanne reminded the members that dues for 2011-2012 were due on June 1st. Members can check with Denise to see if their dues are current. Dues should be mailed to the attention of Denise Inge, Treasurer. Dues are used to assist in payment of judging fees and to provide awards for our exhibitions.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynda Smith Touart
Secretary, WGAS

*Note: Since the meeting, Patti Vickery has volunteered to chair, and Suzanne Wright and Bill McCracken have agreed to serve on the Finance/Auditing Committee. Carolyn Greene has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee, and two others are being nominated to assist her in this task