

Art Guild of Orange Park
Membership meeting
Monday, January 6, 2025, 150 Fox Valley Rd., Orange Park, FL

Phyllis Renninger called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Members were given a minute to review the minutes of the November meeting. Dee Roberts moved that the minutes be accepted as written and Phyllis Appleby seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Phyllis reported that Treasurer Andrea Sibilla says that our finances are in great shape and we are well within the budget.

Phyllis said that the Guild has three major annual activities, the Gala event, the Holiday party in December, and the launch of the new book from the Summer project. The board will discuss all of these issues so if you have any suggestions about them please contact a board member. We do know that the Gala next year will return to the Hilltop Restaurant but we have not chosen a theme yet.

Marketing items:

Linda Hawkins will look into adding winter items such as long-sleeved shirts or sweatshirts to our available AGOP marketing options. Stay tuned for availability.

Constant Contact:

All details about activities should be available in our weekly Constant Contact email. If you are not getting the weekly email please contact Sarah Sawyer who will make sure you are on our email list.

Chat and Coffee:

Phyllis reported that at our last Chat and Coffee we invited members of the Fleming Island Garden Club to join us and this was well received. Our next Chat and Coffee is January 14 at Spring Park Coffee in Green Cove Springs. Phyllis has invited the Orange Park Garden Club to join us at this meeting. For those unfamiliar with Chat and Coffee it's a very informal meeting with coffee and donuts provided. Discussion open for anything so please join us. It's fun.

New Social event:

Phyllis is also trying a new social event – a Game Night on Tuesday January 28, 7 PM, here at the Fox Valley location. Feel free to bring a favorite game. We don't know what games will show up so come join us to find out.

Upcoming dates:

- Art in the Courthouse will now be coming down on February 28 to make room for another show there in March.
- May 16-17 will be Studio Tours. This year we are doing two days rather than one. We may have participation from the garden clubs who may include gardens to be toured, and might be interested in having AGOP members doing plein air painting in the gardens.
- January 8, 10-11 AM, is the take-down of our show at St. Johns Country Day School. There is a \$5 penalty if you forget to come get your artwork.

Upcoming shows:

“Visions and Variables” is the very open theme for our upcoming show at the Thrasher Horne Gallery. All works must be pre-registered with Kathy Plante by January 16. Because of limited gallery space the image size (not including frame) is limited to 16x20. Take-in is on Jan. 21. and reception is February 20, 6-8 PM.

We have an upcoming show at the JCA in October. Kathy is giving us plenty of notice as she would like to do a Monochromatic challenge, so start thinking about it and making plans.

Workshops and Programs:

- Edie is happy that we have distinguished artist Paul Ladnier here to demo, and to do a workshop tomorrow. Nancy Page also thanked Paul for wonderful raffle items for our scholarship fund.
- Next month, Feb. 8. we have our own Bill Gura as the presenter and he will be doing two workshops with a live model. One of the workshop dates is full but there are a few spots in the other.
- Janet Rogers will present in March, and there are still a few spots in her workshop.
- Our scheduled April presenter, mixed media artist Paula Pascucci, is ill so Leslie Kruzicki has agreed to step in and will also be doing a mixed media workshop.

Carrie Clarke Day:

Carrie Clarke Day is upcoming on March 8. This year we've been asked if we would like to demo painting techniques and explain them, and possibly come up with a small project that kids could do and paint along with.

Upcoming:

Clerk of Courts Tara Green has invited us to be involved in a Victorian Christmas event to be held in the Historic Triangle in Green Cove Springs, possibly preparing and painting large Victorian backdrops for the event.

Other:

Sarah Sawyer announced we are doing great with the current number of members. There was a bit of discrepancy in the number of members we have but it's certainly well over 100.

Kathy Smith suggested making a poster for all Clay County art teachers' bulletin boards, which would include details about all known upcoming art events, and places where art could be seen in Clay County, including shows, and public art like many of the beautiful murals.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM to take a 10-minute break before giving out the raffle prizes, and introducing Paul Ladnier, our guest artist for the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cusick