

Art Guild of Orange Park Board Meeting  
January 27, 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
Grumpy's Restaurant, Orange Park

Members present were Phyllis Renninger, Sarah Sawyer, Debbie Cusick, Sandra Jones, Linda Hawkins, Kathy Plante, Sylvia Murariu, Sandra Jones, Edie Dozsa, and Rhona Scoville.

Phyl called the meeting to order at 9:26 AM.

November 25, 2025 board minutes were approved by general consensus.

Before the brief reports, Phyl asked us to all introduce ourselves and give a summary of our duties for Sylvia's benefit.

**Brief Reports:**

**Exhibits** - Thrasher-Horne take-in went well; all 52 entries were accepted. We agreed that Best in Show will be awarded each year. The JCA exhibit will focus on a monochromatic theme. Phyl said some instruction on monochromatic entries would be helpful. A member of the Exhibits Committee will show and discuss some examples at the next general meeting.

**Community Service** - We welcome a new committee chair for Community Service, Sylvia Murariu. There will be a sign-up sheet for the Clarke Park event at Monday's meeting.

Concert on the Green, a nonprofit group, will sponsor an event at Hilltop Restaurant at 6:30PM on February 19. Tickets are \$50. They have invited the guild to sell art. We will also sell Artistic Views books and pottery. Ten percent of our sales will go to Concert on the Green Scholarship Program. Sylvia will have a sign up sheet for workers to decide on terms and dates and times for workers to take in, set up, and take down the art.

**Membership** - Sarah's job is to be at the front door at each membership meeting to welcome members and answer questions. Our goal is to keep track of who attends meetings and what their artistic medium/media are so we can collect data. We want to remind members that for an extra \$20 on top of their membership dues, they can become a featured artist and what those advantages are.

**Scholarships** - The scholarship application has been given to the Clay County School District's Art Director. April 1st is the deadline for students to apply. At the May meeting, the recipient will be announced.

**Holiday party and Artistic Views** - Most people prefer the potluck format for the holiday party. We discussed whether the guild should provide meat such as turkey or ham. Perhaps ask members who will be bringing meat. Table decor was

beautiful; it was harder than expected to get volunteers to decorate tables.

**Confusion over ornaments** - Do we have to buy tickets or not to participate? It was decided if you bring an ornament, you get to pick an ornament, despite the varying quality of the ornaments.

Last year there were two issues with Artistic Views: the length of some of the written passages and the quality of the photographed works. We need to set a word count, and Sarah suggested we have a guild photographer take all of the pictures for continuity and professionalism.

**Field Trips** - Paul Ladnier's exhibit is at the Cummer Museum until approximately February 9. We discussed getting together, touring the exhibits, and having lunch.

**New Marketing items** - Linda is looking for a new provider for t-shirts and other items; someone who will print on demand.

**Consultant Updates** - Sarah is working on a digital portfolio to show potential sponsors what we do.

**Plans for Studio/Garden Tour** -After discussion, we voted on a partnership to share evenly among the participating groups. Linda made the motion, Debbie seconded it, and the motion passed. Phyl will type a handout which describes the terms. Last year people paid for the studio tour then brought friends who had not paid. How do we handle walk-ins? Some people without tickets bought several hundred dollars worth of art. Phyl suggested we be welcoming and generous.

**2025 Gala** - Last year we started too early and people got burned out. This year the gala discussion will begin in April. We need to check for potential conflicts such as Orange Park Fall Festival, air show, and other Clay County events.

**Summer Project** - Announce at the March meeting and sign up in April and May. Debbie suggested we take our inspiration from a favorite classic book. The write-up will include hints as to which book it is, then have an answer key in the back of the book. Linda made a motion that we use the classic book theme. Sarah seconded and the motion passed.

**Game Night** - Phyl encouraged board members to participate.

**February 3rd General Meeting** -

- 6PM - 6:30PM - Drop off items, no purchases. Sell Artistic Views books and tickets for raffle items. We need donation jars labeled "Donations to Scholarship Fund - Leftovers will go to Clay County District Schools."
- 6:30-7 -Brief meeting
- 7-7:30 - Refreshments and art exchange
- 7:30 - Bill's presentation and workshop announcements

May 26 is Memorial Day; we'll change our board meeting to May 19 once Phyl confirms with Grumpy's.

June 23 - Board meeting will be at 9AM due to Thrasher Horne take-down.

July 23 - Strategic Planning Meeting from 9AM to 4PM. Rhona will check with the San Marco Publix to view their meeting place on the second floor. Sarah will check with Hilltop Restaurant.

Sarah will create a document for us with the phone numbers and emails of the board members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.

Next board meeting is February 25, 2025 at Grumpy's in Orange Park.