

Art Guild of Orange Park Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025, Location: 150 Fox Valley Drive, Orange Park

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Renninger at 6:35 PM.

There were 50 members present and three guests.

President's Report - Phyl discussed the new brochures, which were delivered and distributed later during the break, gave information about our new gallery which we plan to open early in 2026, and talked about the October 25th gala. She urged members to sign up to help on various events and committees. She reminded people to make sure their art is labeled as they turn it in, such as with *Artistic Views*. Phyl reviewed the 2024-25 final budget and presented the proposed 2025-26 budget. Phyllis Appleby made a motion to accept the proposed budget and seconded by Leslie Krusicki. The membership voted and the motion was passed. Phyl also reviewed with us the various ways to stay current with the latest Art Guild information.

Consultant's Report - Sarah Sawyer welcomed the members and guests. She shared with us some of the features of the newly revamped website and urged us to explore it. She told us of upcoming events such as pumpkin painting in the fall and a Chair-i-ty event in the spring where we decorate chairs.

Community Service Report - Silvia Murarui thanked people who had helped with the Salvation Army back-to-school event. She urged people to sign up to help paint life-sized, wooden Christmas cut-outs which will be displayed at the Green Cove Springs Historic Triangle in December.

Exhibits Report - Kathy Plante discussed the exhibit currently at St Johns Country Day school (take-down October 9), and two upcoming exhibits at Penney Farms Retirement Community, one currently accepting registrations (deadline January 17, 2026) and one next spring (take-in May 2). Gail Larsen from Penney Farms Retirement Community spoke to us and offered handouts with more information about the Centennial Celebration art show. Kathy said we can also go ahead and preregister for the Jewish Community Alliance Monochromatic Magic art show (deadline September 28, take-in October 1, 10-11AM). Kathy reviewed with us the importance of preregistration and the specifics of registering our art for exhibition.

Scholarship report - Nancy showed us examples of some of the gift baskets that will be sold at the Silent Auction at the October Gala and urged us to add to the offerings, reminding us that the money raised goes to scholarships.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

After the break was the announcement of the three artists with the most votes on their Summer Art Project: Classic Books. They were William Gura, Simon Smith, and Kathy Plante, and each was presented with a Michaels' gift card.

Linda Windlandå did a presentation on how to photograph your art work for your registration for an exhibit. She's going to give us some written instructions for iPhone and Android.