

Annual Member Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2020
Held at Mountain Pottery from 7-8:30pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 and attended by 30 people.

THANK YOU

- ✚ Mountain Pottery for hosting this mingle.
- ✚ Board Members: Cyn Grady, Helen Hixon, Sasha Nicol, Brian Tracy and Les Gin
- ✚ Members and Volunteers who support us
- ✚ Idyllwild Life Magazine – provide free ads not only for the AAI but also other non-profits – this offering is huge for us and much appreciated.
- ✚ Businesses around town who step up when we need them

AWARDS

- ✚ Art Tobias – 2020 Artist of the Year
- ✚ Volunteers of the Year - Bruce Watts (gallery every Saturday) & Nancy Jones (volunteers to help at every AAI event, teaches our home school art classes, as well provides support of the Reed Foundation Grant and the smARTS program).
- ✚ Thanks to Scott Finnell who created the awards

LOOKING BACK / GOING FORWARD

Events during 2019

- ✚ Carol Mills Retrospective
- ✚ “Celebrate” Judged Art Show – CYG
- ✚ “Eye of the Artist” – Town Hall
- ✚ “Here and Now” Judged Art Show – CYG
- ✚ Artist Studio Tour – 8 Studios
- ✚ “Imagery of Words” – Town Hall
- ✚ Art Walk & Wine Tasting
- ✚ Halloween Face Painting
- ✚ Fourth of July Parade
- ✚ “Call of the Wyld” – concert at the Butterfield Amphitheatre
- ✚ Holiday Open House
- ✚ Artist Workshops – Fused Glass with Scott Finnell, Pottery Workshop at Mountain Pottery, Entrepreneur Workshop
- ✚ Life Open Studio held at Elanie Moore’s now twice per month
- ✚ Plein Air (cancelled due to lack of participation)

Events planned during 2020

This section was prefaced with warnings that the current COVID19 pandemic may affect some events. Cancellations will be notified as decisions are made.

- ✚ smARTS Student Exhibition over March 21/22 – CYG
- ✚ Here and Now Judged Show on March 28 - CYG
- ✚ Eye of the Artist on May 30 – Town Hall (Cash Prizes)
- ✚ Artist Studio Tour – Leads: Scott & Kim asked that artists contact them by March 20 if they want to participate.
- ✚ Art Walk & Wine Tasting – October 10
- ✚ Imagery of Words – November 14
- ✚ Life Open Studio
- ✚ Reed Foundation Grant - \$10,000 Middle School Students (thank Sarah Oates, Nancy Jones and Neil Jenkins)
 - Pottery Workshop with Helen Hixon
 - Legacy Tile Project with Nancy Jones & Neil Jenkins
 - Public Art Projects – Cougar + Deer Family at Temecula Preparatory School
 - Fused Glass Workshops with Scott Finnell
 - STEAM origami Workshop with Helen Hixon
 - Smartphone Workshop with Lynne Eodice
 - Day Student Scholarships to the Summer School Program at Idyllwild Arts that total \$9,950.00
 - 2 students paid for by the RFG
 - 3 students paid for by the AAI

2019 / 2020 Highlights

- ✚ Receipt of grants during 2019: \$1,000 from Chuck Washington for the AWWT; \$4,000 from the Grace Helen Spearman Charitable Foundation; \$10,000 from the Ruth & Joseph C Reed Foundation; application outstanding with Youth Grant Makers for \$1,000 (for the Home School Program)
- ✚ Artist of the Year – new page on the AAI Website under the Artist page.
- ✚ Non-profits are coming together to share best practice, experiences and knowledge – meetings are being hosted by the Library
- ✚ Curate the walls at Café Aroma and possibly Idyology – more opportunities for members to sell their art
- ✚ Ideas for Artist Workshops, Events, Grants (\$1,000 for the Summer Concerts and perhaps another “Call of the Wyld” Concert)

FINANCES

- ✚ See Pie Chart Handout
- ✚ Transparent – meeting minutes, treasurer’s reports and membership reports on the website. Members are invited to the Board Meetings.

BYLAW CHANGES

On page 6 of 11 of the AAI's bylaws, there is a section titled "Election" – a previous board added this in a fit of hope over experience. It doesn't work and doesn't belong in the bylaws. Bill Sperling moved to remove this section; seconded by Scott Finnell, In Favor All, Against 0, Abstain 0. Neil Jenkins moved to replace this section with: "Selection of Board Members: The current Board shall seek out and select from applicants for membership of the board using their best judgment." Seconded by Les Gin. In Favor: All, Against: 0, Abstain: 0.

CHALLENGES we face:

- ✚ Cranston Fire, February 2019 Floods and now the Corona Virus.
- ✚ Courtyard Gallery – last October, we received an email from our landlords that they want to increase the rent to "market" value – they estimated this to be \$995 per month. Our rent was \$350 per month. We offered \$450 per month until the end of June, 2020. We have asked Chuck Washington for funds to supplement our rent and keep open the gallery and visitors center, but we haven't had a reply. Also, the landlords have the entire property on the market. At some point, we may ask the membership about keeping the gallery open if we can't negotiate a reasonable rent.
- ✚ Getting volunteers - for the gallery, events, but particularly the AWWT
- ✚ Getting people to step up to serve on the AAI Board, and to take over as President – we have moved to quarterly Board Meetings as we can handle other business via email and impromptu meetings.

CLOSING

Thanking the members for their support during the year; looking forward to all that the AAI can do for its artists and the community during 2020.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm