




**Minutes from the Annual Member Meeting & Mingle
June 30, 2021
AAI Gallery from 6pm**


INTRODUCTION BY CYN GRADY, AAI PRESIDENT

 Introduced and thanked Board Members: Neil Jenkins, Helen Hixon, Sasha Nicol, Diana Orr and Les Gin, Donna as Marketing & Event Chair

 Thanked the Members and Volunteers who support us

 Thanked the Businesses around town who step up when we need them


AWARD


 Cher Townsend – 2021 Artist of the Year – awarded a \$100 gift card for FERRO.


LOOKING BACK / GOING FORWARD


Events during 2020/2021

 2 Art Kit Giveaways


 “I made this for you” – community cheering up project


 “Eye of the Artist” – Idy Park – October 16, 2020

 “Here and Now” Judged Art Show & opening of the AAI Gallery & Visitors Center – April 24, 2021

 Herd Gathering – May 15, 2021

Events planned during the remainder of 2021

 Eye of the Artist – July 10, 2021 from Noon until 4pm in Idy Park – still need artists to register and donate a piece of art or donate a silent auction item

 Call of the Wyld Music & Art Festival – August 28, 2021 from Noon until 7pm, opportunity for artists to set up a booth during the event

 Art Walk & Wine Tasting – October 9

FINANCES



Introduced Neil Jenkins who reported on the AAI's finances and budget. These reports may be found on the AAI Website under the "Meeting & Tax Documents" Section.

ART WALK & WINE TASTING



Introduced Donna as Event Chair of AWWT. Donna reported that we are 90% certain that the event will go ahead. We have an experienced and enthusiastic Committee. We can make a decision even by the end of August and still be ready. Many tasks already completed such as getting commitment by the wineries, food donated, securing accommodation, arranging VIP Champagne Brunch, sponsorship, use of Idy Park for AAI Central, some site hosts have confirmed. Donna mentioned the need for volunteers. She will arrange a Committee Meeting shortly.

CLOSING BY CYN GRADY



CG expressed the need for volunteers for events and the gallery



As students return to Idyllwild School, the smARTS program needs volunteers as artists and helpers. Names were taken and given to smARTS.



The need for someone to step up to become the 2022 AAI President (could be a co-president job or President / Vice President to share the load; and



Persons to take over some of the tasks done by Donna who will be resigning all of her roles within the AAI.

- Chairing the Art Walk & Wine Tasting
- Setting up events on the website
- Sending out eblasts to members
- Designing and sending out AAI Monthly Newsletter
- Organizing events
- Looking after hospitality at events / applying for ABC licenses
- Taking charge of the following:
 - Annual Gallery & Art Hot Spot Guide
 - Deer Map
 - Deer Maintenance
- Grant Writer
- Facebook Administrator

