

Sherman Artists Association
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
6:30 pm Sherman Senior Center, Sherman, and via Zoom (audio only)

Attendees:

Bethe Bagues, Christy Bonaiuto, Carolyn Cohen, Jeff Ginsburg, Steve Habersang, Ted Hollander, Linda Hubbard, Simone Jefferies, Cathlee Kessman, Mike Kisner, Charlene Leichter

Introductions: Linda

Sherman Artists Meeting April 12, 2023 - Minutes: Bethe

Outcome: Minutes Accepted

Financial Update: Jeff

In Bank:	\$3760	Balance from Great Hollow:	\$1103
Membership Dues-May:	\$ 90	Expenses: QuickBooks	\$ 28

Actions:

- Jeff to check Great Hollow numbers
- Jeff to send out membership dues invoices – Due May 1
- All members, please pay membership dues via the website by May 30

Outcomes:

- Financial report accepted
- Members have 30 days to pay membership. Post 30 days, a delinquent notice will be sent, and after 90 days, a notice will be sent notifying the member that they are no longer in good standing.

Tent Opportunity

A local artist is downsizing and has a large mat cutter and tent with mesh sides for sale... \$500 for a tent if we are pickup. Contact Linda if you are interested in a mat cutter.

Outcome:

- Mike will pick up and purchase. He is willing to sell back to SAA if we need it.
- SAA Board to discuss the purchase of a tent

Committee – Updates

Membership & Educational Programs – Bethe

- Working on having the owner of Aloft Gallery in Litchfield be a speaker at the next meeting.

Action:

- All, please send questions you may have for galleries ahead of the next meeting to Bethe at Bethe.Bagues2@gmail.com.

Great Hollow Photographers Show:

- Submission Stats: 45 Artists over 130 Artworks (30% more than the last year)
- Marketing campaign started and signage up
- Dates:
 - Online Show May 19 – June 30 SAA Website
 - Opening Reception Friday, May 19, 6-8 pm prizes will be announced.
 - Open Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. 10 am – 4 pm
 - Using the SAA Square and Venmo with QR code to collect sales

Tag Sale Fund Raiser Memorial Day Weekend @ Sherman Senior Center

- Dates:
 - Donation Dropoff May 26 Friday 1-4pm
 - Sale May 27 Sat 9-3 & May 28 Sunday 9-12
 - Donations of art supplies, art equipment, art books, etc
 - Need ideas for where to donate things that do not sell.

Action:

- **We need your help.** Please contact Linda to volunteer for 1 or more of the following activities.
 - Friday, May 26 1-4pm to accept, organize and price
 - Saturday, May 27 9am -noon and 12pm to 3pm to sell (2 per time slot)
 - Sunday, May 28 9am – noon to sell (2 for slot)
 - Monday, May 29 9am to package up remaining items and donate
- Linda to speak to Don Lowe and Sherman Art teacher about donation

ARTFEST June 23-25 – Linda for Denise

- **Dates:**
 - May 12 - Application Deadline
 - May 17 - Notification of acceptance in show
 - May 24 – last day to pay and register for event
- Applications to Date- 14 indoors (Max 18) and 4 Outdoors (Max 5)
- Pegboard available for indoors same as last year
- Signs should be up on memorial day –

Actions:

- Volunteers needed to help set up on Thursday, June 22, 9am-noon & take down Monday, June 26.
- Denise/Jeff, make the insurance issue clearer in the contract. Artists are responsible for ensuring their own artwork. SAA will have liability insurance for personal injury.
- Jeff to check if acknowledgments are being sent for ARTFEST.
- Submitters- Images submitted should be titled to make the jurying process easier.
- Bethe & Ginny to ensure that new SAA pamphlets are printed and available for this event.

New Milford River Fest – July 29, 2023. 10:30 am – 5 pm

- SAA has a booth to help promote SAA
- Event details:
 - May 15 - The \$25 fee is due
 - Event will take place rain or shine
 - Each exhibit space is approximately 10' X 10'. Exhibitors must have a tent, and tents must be weighted. No stakes on the Town Green.
 - Booths must be open and staffed throughout the Festival hours (10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
 - No electricity is provided
 - A CT Tax ID is required, and exhibitors are responsible for collecting CT sales tax of 6.35%
 - All displays must be appropriate for those under 18
 - Exhibitors are responsible for their own trash removal from the Green.
 - If unforeseen circumstances prevent your participation, please contact the New Milford Commission on the Arts at newmilfordartscomm@gmail.com.
 - The Commission reserves the right to photograph participants and booths for publicity purposes and photos.
 - may be used in future website postings, social media, brochures, pamphlets, or flyers.
 - Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@artwalknewmilford) for Festival news. Our website
 - (artsnewmilford.org) features a gallery of participating artists, which we will continue to populate.
- **Action:**
 - Contact Bethe Bogues or Ginny Schaffer if interested in helping staff the SAA booth

August Art Show at Kent Art Association August 4-27, 2023 – MJ

More details to come.

OPEN Studio December 2-3, 2023 - Lisa

More details to come.

Art Exhibits:

Sherman Library, Sherman, CT:

Nancy Astor White "Nature's Art." Photographs

Friday, May 6-8, opening for the show

Land Gallery - Pawling, CT:

Friday, May 6 Jane Haslem, who owns a gallery showing own photos

Gallery 25 – New Milford, CT:

- Now thru June 25, "Thru an Artist's Eyes" Caroline and Christy are exhibiting works

- Aug 6 accepting art photography for a show entitled “Exposures” show opening Aug 12 thru 27 (a prospectus is on website.)

Hawk Ridge Winery, Watertown, CT

- June “Black and Wit” show with 30 – 40 Steve Habersang pieces

Modern Makers Market – Cold Springs, NY

- June 10 and 11 Cathlee Kessman exhibiting jewelry.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2023. 6:30 pm Sherman Senior Center

Venmo Basics demoed at the next meeting. Please get the app ahead of meeting on your phone. (Instructions for app download will come prior to the next meeting.)