

Sherman Artists Association
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 13, 2023
6:30 pm Sherman Senior Center or via Zoom

Attendees: Attendees: Gigi Barrett, Bethe Bogues, Roy Carter, Carolyn Cohen, Carol Forester, Jeff Ginsburg, Lisa Hickey Caron, Ted Hollander, Linda Hubbard, Bonnie Johnson, Jill Kaplan, Cathlee Kessman, Mike Kisner, Blake Kottenbrink, Herb Kroeger, Charlene Leichter, Kenny Litwack, MJ Newman, Cindy O'Connor, Claire Qiu, Laura Paradiso, Kathy Peck Marks, Ginny Schaffer, Denise Schlesinger, Lynn Slonaker, Ellen Wallengren

Introductions: Linda

Jeremy Ruman - Merwinsville Hotel Restoration, October Arts & Fine Crafts Show

A presentation by Jeremy on the history of Merwinsville Hotel Restoration and their use of art shows as fundraisers. The upcoming juried show is on Oct 6-8 and 13-15. Contact Jeremy Ruman for more information.

Debbie Schiflett-Fitton - Kent Art Association History & 100th Anniversary

Debbie gave a very interesting overview of the notable artists who started the Kent Art Association with a few work samples. She recommends reading "Artists of the Litchfield Hills" by Robert Michael Austin to learn more about the prolific artists colonies in our area. Don't miss their Roaring Twenties Gala and silent auction celebrating their 100th on September 30. See the website for details and tickets. [Kent Art Association - Kent CT \[Home\]](#) Note: Gallery sitters needed in Nov for the NE Watercolor Society show. Pays \$50/day. Contact Debbie through the website if interested.

Sherman Artists Meeting 8/9, 2023 Minutes: Bethe

Minutes approved.

Financial Update: Jeff

Donations: \$ 1004 (531% of budget)

Events: \$10,261 (72% of budget)

Dues: \$1739 (3756% of budget)

Total Income: \$12,866 (4862% of budget)

Total Expenses: \$ 8053 (xx?% of budget Jeff need this%)

Net income: \$4813 (3061% of budget)

August Light: MJ

- Great results! 9 Works sold in August Light and checks have been sent to artists.
- Would like to do it again... The online calendar was very helpful. MJ thanked everyone for all their help in making this happen...takes a village.

Happy Acres Farm Day, October 7, 11 to 4 pm: Blake

- Deadline for submission –September 16 (artists can submit one piece no submission fee) drop off 9-10:30 am/pickup 4-4:30 pm

- Volunteers- Kathy Peck/Steve Habersang/Charlene Leichter for AM and Bethe Bogues/Ginny Schaffer for PM / Christina Maschke volunteered for tent
- Raffle ticket price discussed \$5 vs \$10 (Subsequently SAA Board decided on \$5 ea. / 10 for \$40)
- [Click here for Happy Acres Submission Information.](#)
- Many thanks to 5 artists who donated works for the raffle. (now 8)

Action: Come and support this wonderful community event and help us raise money for SAA.

7:30 Open Studios December 2 & 3, 2023: Lisa

[Click here for Open Studios Submission.](#) Deadline October 15

Other Committee Reports: Open

Art News:

Art Exhibits & Happenings

- Sherman Library: 9/8 – 10/11 – Great Hollow Invitational
- White Silo Winery: 9/1 - 24 "Pour Your Heart into Art" – Christy Bonaiuto
- Bannerman Gallery, Beacon, NY 9/9 – 11/5 "The Magic of Castles" – Linda Hubbard
- Kent Art Association: 9/7 – 9/30 - "Fiber Arts Invitational" – Muriel Stockdale
- Gallery 25, New Milford: 9/1 – 10/8 – "Harvest of Color"
- New Fairfield Town Fair – 10/14 - Free booths contact NF town hall
- Brookfield Craft Center - Afghanistan potter excellent

Artists Wanted

- Great Hollow Calendar 2024 Photo Submission Deadline 10/6/2023
- Sherman Parks n Rec: Artists to do classes —possibly an artist series over the course of a month - watercolor, acrylics, pours, jewelry making, etc.

Contact: Jodiann.eure@gmail.com

Sherman Artists Facebook – Some information to be aware of

- Open to all to post art information "public group."
- Like and join to be noticed in your Facebook feed.
- Comments on Facebook will cause the post to be shown again – please post positive comments.
- Share info with your friends (ex, Art Show, Farm Day event)
- Info should be about a Sherman Artist Member (show, award, class, etc.) or something of interest to Sherman Artists members. (Library talk about an artist)
- Non-art-related information will be removed. Please notify admins Linda or Lisa if you see anything inappropriate.

Other comments: Mike Kisner suggested partnering with the students at West Conn

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023. 6:30 pm Sherman Senior Center