

AWAA BOARD MINUTES

October 8, 2008

Location: Coffee to a Tea

The AWAA Board met on Wednesday, October 8th, at Coffee to a Tea; the meeting started at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were: Nichole, Carol Griffin, Susan Miller, Hans Westphal, Marilyn Ullin, Ada McAllister, Dori Westphal, and Judy Olson.

Minutes: Minutes for the September 3rd Board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Hans did not receive a financial report for the month of September, however he said that he thought there was very little change from last month's balance of \$4,400.64.

Venue Report (shared by Ada McAllister and Marilyn Van Cleave Ullin)

- Marilyn needs people to sign up for her venues (West Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Seasons hair salon, and West Seattle Optix); she will bring her venue book to the general meeting on Monday, October 13th.
- Ada needs artists to show at Merrill Gardens by Fautleroy from January through the rest of 2009. She will need people to show at Leisure Books after December, 2008.
- Marilyn mentioned that if any of us are featured in art walks or shows, to please email her and she will put that information in the West Seattle Herald.
- Remember that if you'd like to show at the Bank of America on Alaska, you need to go in and talk to them about arranging a show because they are not an exclusive ArtsWest venue.
- The ArtsWest board voted unanimously to send a letter to all of our venues describing the process a venue should follow when a painting is sold, that is, notify the artist, put a "red dot" on the painting description if the artist is not replacing it, etc. Nichole will review the letter before sending it to the venues.

AWAA Programs/Meeting Schedules:

- The October 13th meeting will host artist Becci Crowe (African pen and ink sketches) as our demonstrator. Try to make this one—Becci is nationally known and has a lot to share (and bring a friend!).
- At the November 10th meeting, Hans Westphal will photograph people's art and teach us how to photograph our art (and, as he has been doing this for a long time for a lot of artists, he can really help those of us who are camera-challenged!). Hans is going to send everyone an email closer to the date, but he'd like us to limit the paintings to be photographed **to no more than four**. This will, hopefully, be another step in having all of us showing on the AWAA website that Susan Miller developed. We decided that the easiest way to be fair to everyone would be to draw numbers, since with 4 pictures each, time will become limited. Also, to cover the costs of Hans' expenses, we felt that a donation of \$2.50 per painting, or \$10.00 for 4 paintings would be fair.
- The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party, and Marilyn Ullin has generously offered her home as Christmas Party Central—thanks, Marilyn!! The date is TBD.
- On January 12th, Esther Ervin has offered to have us come on a tour of her studio.
- For the February 9th meeting, Clark Elster will be giving a demonstration.

AND a big THANK YOU to Dori Westphal for being so persistent and dedicated in providing interesting and valuable programs for our club!

AWAA Website:

- For those of us who have already sent photographs of our art to Hans, but have NOT sent him an artist's statement, PLEASE do that now, so that he can forward the photos and the statement to Susan as a package. You can bring your artist's statement (on a CD or tape) to the meeting and give it to Hans at that time if you'd like.
- Susan will be changing the paintings that are on the website twice a year, that is, there will not be a continuous change as you send new photos to her.

Old Business:

1. We realized that we had mentioned a Collaborative Project in the Board minutes, but had not explained it at the September meeting, so before Becci Crowe gives her presentation, Carol Griffin will explain what that project will be. Jan Koutsky has agreed to guide the project.

New Business:

1. Susan Miller suggested, and the Board voted unanimously to post the Board minutes on the AWAA website.
2. We have been lax in welcoming new members and introducing them to the group at the general meeting, so we'll make an effort to do this from now on.
3. Hans said that at the website www.sealady.org you can find a PDF showing where our brick is located at the new Lady Liberty site on Alki. Thanks, Hans, for all the work you put in to make this happen.
4. Dori said that there will be a call for artists at the Auburn City Hall; you can call Maija McKnight at 253-804-5043 to find out what to do.
5. Steve Jensen, whose studio we visited earlier this year, will be having an art exhibit and sale on October 18th and 19th at his studio, located at 1424-10th Avenue in Seattle (between Pike and Union).

The meeting ended at 4:35 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 5th, at 4:00 p.m.** at Coffee to a Tea (note the earlier time).

If you need a copy of the current member roster, please email the club secretary at judyol@yahoo.com.

Minutes submitted by Judy Olson.