

Chester Artists Association  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2025, 10:00 – 12:00  
Perkinson Art Center

Those in attendance:

Paula Ortgiesen  
Marti Fann  
Sandy Watts  
Cindy Parris  
Pauline Clay (guest)  
Julie Northcott  
Sally Kennedy  
Patsy Ledbetter  
Susan Rutkoski  
Kay Shuster  
Sharon Melton  
George Fatseas  
Rae Jean Whaley  
Eric Whaley  
Rosie Collins

Hospitality volunteers: Rosie Collins, Kay Shuster, and Susan Rutoski

Paula Ortgiesen, President opened the meeting:  
Secretary position is open and we are looking to fill it.  
Happy Birthday to Patsy Ledbetter.

Gail Litton, Treasurer:  
Balance is \$1,735.66. Payment for Crossroads Art Center is due before December 4. Their rates are increasing approximately \$10/month when the lease is renewed. It is to cover the heating and cooling system.

Paula:  
The Crossings at Ironbridge has reported damage to 3 paintings. After the meeting today, we are going there to remove and replace paintings. You can keep yours there or remove them. We have media specialist and secretary vacancies for our association.  
Judy Harris had shoulder surgery this past Monday and is recovering well at home.  
The following members had sales this month: Sally Kennedy (Lamp and stained glass spider), Cindy Parris, Patsy Ledbetter, Sharon Melton, and Rae Jean Whaley (pottery).  
We show our work at: Crossroads Art Center, Centralia Animal Hospital, and at The Crossings at Ironbridge. The Gallery at UU had their annual show in October. Applications for inclusion into their show occurs in April or May. The Orchid show is taking applications now for their

Virginia Orchid Society show at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Paula can deliver your art if needed. The show installs January 30 and ends March 2, 2026.

Marti:

There is a tiny art show accepting submissions now as a fundraiser for Art Space. The work needs to be no larger than 4" x 4" and can be in a frame no larger than 12".

Paula:

We will have space at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center for all of February next year. Our space will be the slant wall and down the hall. More information will be provided later as to what we can bring and how many.

Upcoming shows for Crossroads Art Center were posted on our facebook site.

Welcome to our guest, Pauline Clay from Dinwiddie, welcome.

Sandy Watts, Hospitality:

Thank you to Rosie, Sue and Kay for bringing refreshments today and for offering healthy choices!

We have sold 4 paintings to date at the Vet hospital and Kay received 3 commissions from there. Our Holiday party will be at the next meeting, December 12<sup>th</sup> and we need 11 people to sign up for refreshments.

George Fatseas, Crossroads Art Center Liaison:

Renters for the next quarter (January – March, 2026) will be: Judy, Rae Jean, Sally, Kay, Patsy and Barbara. Payment is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an increase in the rental price by approximately \$10/month and details will be shared when available.

Thank you to Pat McNamara who made and donated a table runner for our table in the Chester Artist space. There is a sign in book there and room for business cards. Let me know if you want to use this space on the table.

Break for snack began, followed by a program by Marti Fann on Collage where attendees created collaged art.

Jean Stagg brought frames, canvases, and art panels for anyone to take if they want.

Paula:

The Richmond Camera Club currently has a show here at the Gallery space and down the hallway.

Show and Tell:

Marty, Faye Henderson, Julie Northcott and Patsy Ledbetter

Marti and Paula:

Asked if a gift exchange was desired for next month. We decided that we would like that. If you want to bring a gift, you take one home. If you don't want to participate, don't bring a gift. The dollar amount for gift value is \$15.00.

This concludes the meeting.