

Chester Artists Association

Meeting Minute Notes for October 10, 2025

In Attendance: Sandy Watts, Ruby DiVittorio, Cindy Parris, Marti Fann, Judy Harris, Julie Northcott, Steve Groat (guest), Barbara Campbell, Pat McNamara, Sally Kennedy, Gail Litton, Jean Fahed, Susan Rutkoski, Kay Shuster, Jean Stagg, Dale Roberts, Patsy Ledbetter, George Fatseas, Linda Mingos, Linda Campbell.

I. Welcome

Paula welcomed all members to the October meeting.

Steve Groat was introduced as attending today. He is a potential new member of the group.

Paula requested that members attending monthly meetings be recorded in the meeting minute notes. Sandy Watts sent a form around the room for members to sign in.

II. Opportunities for Workshops & Development

Marti Fann will be offering a class on using Oil & Cold Wax on December 6th at the Side Street Gallery. Cost for the class is \$35. A supply list for artists who register for the class will be provided.

III. Treasury Report

The current balance for our group is \$1660. Members who have not paid their annual dues are encouraged to do so. Checks can be mailed to Gail Litton.

IV. Website

Paula reported that she and her husband Wes have been working on learning how to manage the CAA website, but are finding it difficult. The website was previously set up and managed by Laurie McAleenan, who has left the group due to work responsibilities. A decision will be made as to whether the website will be continued as the date for renewing the site license approaches.

VI. Membership List

Judy Harris continues to maintain the membership list. It was reported that Laurie McAleenan left the group due to work demands, and Sandy Newman left the group due to the distance she needed to travel to attend monthly meetings.

VII. Shows and Sales:

Members who have sold artwork through various venues during the past month include: Judy Harris and Kay Shuster-Crossroads Art Center, Marti Fann and Cindy Parris-Side Street Gallery, Sandy Watts-Crossroads Art Center and Centralia Animal Hospital.

IX. Hospitality

Sandy Watts was thanked for coordinating hospitality each month, and recognition and thanks was given for the table décor she provides to enhance the food tables.

X. Other Information Shared

Marti Fann thanked the Board Members for their continued leadership for our group.

Marti also shared that Faye Henderson, a founding member of the Chester Artist Association passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Marti gave a personal testimony of Faye's attributes as a person and also her talent as an artist. A remembrance will be held for Faye on November 1st, from 1-3pm, at the Side Street Gallery.

George Fatseas spoke to the option for CAA members to exhibit and sell their work at Crossroads Art Center.

- Judy Harris and Patsy Ledbetter have begun to exhibit/sell there. Linda Mingos will be joining the group in Jan. There is still one vacant space that is available for Jan-Mar 2026 if someone is interested.
- A discussion was held regarding placing a table, guest book, and also a photo album of exhibiting artists and their work, as a way to promote the exhibiting artists and CAA as a whole. Ideas are being explored and suggestions are welcome.
- Artists exhibiting need to send to Pat McNamara, a photo of each work, size, and price

Ruby Di Vittoria is downsizing her collection of art supplies. She is willing to share glass for framing as well as mat board. Members were encouraged to contact her if interested in these items.

Marti Fann reminded members that she is offering a workshop at next months meeting. Members are encouraged to bring 10-12 tissues and/or various papers to use during the workshop.

Members brought art work to share with the group. Artists were given feedback on the works that were shared.

XI. Presenter of the month

Sally Kennedy lectured on the art of making stained glass. Various tools and techniques were shown and discussed. Sally also shared beautiful examples of her stained-glass work for members to see. Sally provides classes in stained glass making in her studio in Powhatan. She also advised that Laurel Gallery on Hungary Springs Road offers classes on stained-glass making as well. Sally's work is on display at Crossroads Art Center.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

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