

Yosemite Western Artists

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President, Sandee Scott.

Present: Gina Mims, Loren Ball, Carla Rajnus, Norma Rogers and Doug Boomer

Retreat follow up: New members to be recognized at meetings will receive "gold" beads that Sandee Scott purchased at the Dollar Store. Be sure to warmly welcome them!

- Norma Rogers, Treasurer, reported that YWA is breaking even. Bank balance is approximately \$3,700 and she anticipates it staying at that level through 2016. She wants to invest in a new Quick Book in 2017 and she is checking on the Chamber dues.
- Gina Mims, Vice President, reviewed results of the survey. Among the highest ranked categories that attracts those that participated are: Artist demos, YWA Newsletter, Connecting with other artists, and Classes/workshops. Gina will place a three day ad for Sierra Art Trails on Facebook over that weekend. She will also place ads on Facebook for: Chamber Fall Festival, Art Showcase and Closet Clearance Art Sale which will be held 10/22/16 tom 9-1pm. 20% of sales benefit YWA!
- Doug Boomer, Operations Director, reported on gauging water usage at Gertrude Schoolhouse. Also, please lock doors when buildings are not in use. Please bring in firewood if you have extra - winter will soon arrive.
- Sandee gave a brief report on Webmaster news (Bill Davis could not attend). 312 people have been reached on Facebook and there have been 273 likes.

Artist Showcase is scheduled for 11/5/16. Those interested sign up!. All media is accepted (Photo, mixed, portrait, landscape). Participation fee is \$15/person which will include 4'x4' panel, postcards, a graphic to email and FB post. Additional panels will be \$10 each if available. 20% of sales go to YWA.

The Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival is October 8th and 9th. There are two places in the YWA booth available to display your work along with Suzanne Banks! Notify Sandee Scott with interest! The cost is only \$25.00 per artist for the two days. Also, the Chamber would like to have 12-24 artists performing demos, one hour each at two different locations at the Festival. No costs are involved with doing this and you can sell work (Please contact Joelle Leder directly at the Chamber at 559-683-7766)!

Carla suggested perhaps Wine Tails would want to display work for YWA artists and Gina will check on that idea with Collette Gaga.

Please donate “art cards” to send welcome notes to new members (and volunteer to be Membership Chair!).

Anne Mahle received Sierra Art Trails catalog in a drawing! Congratulations.

Members of the month for October and November were decided upon by the board. Sandee & Gina will prepare the certificates.

General Meeting Minutes

The announcements noted in the Board meeting above were made to the general membership.

Wendy Denton, Demonstration Director, reported on upcoming scheduled Art Demos. Today is Laura Fisher; October - Dennis Lewis. November - Kathy Marks. No Demo in December. Wendy will also make a contact about including involvement with the EM-SPCA in the Showcase event.

Loren Ball, School Outreach Coordinator, recruited members who want to be involved in developing relationships with local schools in various ways. Those Interested signed up. If you are still interested, contact Loren.

United Security Bank needs a new exhibiting artist for October/November. Wendy Denton volunteered for October and November. December is traditionally for winter or holiday themed art, so think about what you would like to exhibit then.

A “Clean Up Gertrude Schoolhouse” was set for 10/21 after live model morning event and the day before the Closet Clearance event. Let’s spiff up the place!

Plein Air Outing Coordinator(s) are still sought for 2017. Next event is set for 9/21/16.

Sierra Gold Rush Show in Mariposa opens 10/17- 10/30. Deadline for entries is October 15th. Go to sierraartistsgallery.com for complete information.

See you all at Sierra Art Trails!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Rajnus, Secretary