



Art Club Bylaws- Revised 2020

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"For over half a century the Ashcroft Fine Arts Club has encouraged local artists in growth, education and artistic expression. It provides a non-judgmental and supportive group setting that promotes fine art in individuals and the region. Each year it presents to the public, the evolving work of members from the beginner to professional for show and sale."

1. **MEMBERSHIP**

1.1. Club Boundaries:

Ashcroft
Cache Creek
North: Clinton
West: Pavillion
East: Savona
Logan Lake
South: Spences Bridge

An active member is defined under the clause on member obligations, but a member who has left the immediate area will remain a member for a maximum of two (2) years if he/ she continues to pay dues, attend meetings and take part in club activities. If the member can no longer fulfill these obligations the membership will lapse.

1.2. Fees:

Regular: To be set by the club and revised from time to time as needed.
Honorary: \$0

Note: Honorary Membership: given to a club member who has made a special contribution to the Ashcroft Fine Arts Club. A letter of recommendation must be brought to a business meeting one month and then voted on the following month.

1.3. Membership entitles you to:

- a) Hold office
- b) Participate & vote on club matters
- c) Entry in the Spring Fine Arts Show
- d) Greater number of entries in the Spring Fine Arts Show
- e) Participate in club lessons/discussions/workshops

1.4. Membership Obligations:

- a) Attend Business Meetings
- b) Help with Art Show preparations & setup, sign up for shifts on the Art Show duty sheet

2. MEETINGS

2.1. Business Meetings

First Tuesday of each month in September, October, March & April (unless otherwise agreed upon) at St. Alban's Anglican Church Hall. 12:00 noon (unless otherwise agreed upon).

Usual meetings are:

September

First Business Meeting of the fall

- Discuss workshops and classes for upcoming year
- Form Nominating Committee (if needed)
- Pay membership fee

October

Business Meeting

- Election of Officers
- Finalize Workshops and Classes for upcoming year

November

Workshop/Art Attack

December

Christmas Luncheon (membership must be paid by Dec.31 to exhibit in Art Show)

January

Workshop/Art Attack

February

Workshop/Art Attack

Business Meeting

- Preparation for Art Show (Contact school for entries/tours, decide on liquor license/person in charge of alcohol, confirm show sponsor,

March

Business Meeting

- Preparation for Art Show (entry forms distributed, deadlines set, finalize license/order wine)

April

Business Meeting

- Final preparations for Fine Arts Show & Sale (entry submissions, sign up sheets distributed, posters & invitations distributed, advertising approved)
- After Show Business Meeting (Peoples choice winner announced, show summary, suggestions for future)

2.1.1. Important Decisions:

Must be brought to a business meeting for discussion. A motion is made and recorded in the minutes. The motion can be tabled for one month giving the membership time to fully understand what they are being asked to vote for. Motion is again read, voted upon, Carried or Defeated.

2.1.2. Quorum

- 51% of the active membership in good standing
- Attendance attached to minutes.

2.2. Executive Meetings

- Includes Board of Directors (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer)
- Held before business meeting - to set agenda etc. as needed.
- Emergency meetings - to make decisions that can't wait until next regular business meeting.

Note:

The executive will include any appointed or elected chairperson who is involved in current events: i.e. Fine Arts Show Chairperson should be authorized to choose a committee at any previous meeting to the event. That committee shall have authority to make final decisions on issues relating to event. The executive shall act in an advisory capacity.

2.3. Regular Workshop Sessions — lessons, etc.

- First Tuesday 10 a.m. in November, January, February or as decided by the club
- Location: St. Alban's Anglican Church Hall
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- An allotted area for Art Attack so regulars have a place to paint if they do not want to take part in the Art Attack.

2.4. Extra Workshops and Lessons:

- a) General Workshops and Classes: Any club member can bring forth suggestions for workshops and classes at a regular business meeting.
- b) Any club member can volunteer to co-ordinate a workshop or teach classes.
- c) Coordinator must present all information regarding proposed workshop and possible expenses (Instructor Fees, hall rental, advertising, use of coffee pot, cups and supplies) to membership at a business meeting.
- d) Information may be tabled for one month.
- e) The membership shall decide whether to hire a proposed Artist/Instructor.
- f) The membership shall discuss the cost and set the fee to be charged to each student
- g) when using the club name; workspace; club supplies (art supplies, coffee etc.)
- h) Club members cannot use the Ashcroft Art Club name for their personal gain through workshops and lessons, except when requested to teach by the club.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (October Meeting)

3.1. Board of Directors

Consists of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

3.2. Committees

Publicity (Newspaper

Items) Nominating; Art Show and any others as decided by members

4. FINANCIAL

4.1. Fiscal Year - September 1st to August 31

(note from Treasurer: tried Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 Did not work well)

4.2. Cheques – signed by two of three members with signing authority, usually President, Treasurer or Secretary

4.3. Expenses

- Proof of expenditure must be submitted for reimbursement of expenses.

-No expenses will be incurred by any club member unless authorized by the membership.

-The executive, consisting of three members or more, shall have the power to purchase and make payments as necessary.

6. AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations can be amended at any regular meeting of membership of the Ashcroft Art Club, by a 2/3rd vote, providing the amendment was submitted, in writing, at a previous regular business meeting.

NOTE:

— If you want to help make the arrangements and decisions for the Ashcroft Arts Club, Take part in the discussions. Look for ways to improve the club. Please make every effort to make this a successful organization. Keep informed and active. Come out to workshops, classes and just come out to spend a day down at the hall or out on a field trip with the group.

Have fun and enjoy!