

OPAL Meeting Minutes of 4/5/2018

Location: Old Worthington Library

- President, Pam Hartford, opened the meeting by welcoming all and thanking our program presenter Nancy Vance for coming to instruct us on how to build and light a still life box.
- Secretary, Kathryn Smithson, was unable to attend the meeting. March minutes along with all following minutes will be available to be read on our website, as well as sent to you via e-mail.
- Treasurer, Lynda Dumaree-Williams, updated us on membership dues for 2018 and passed around a worksheet to check/update our contact information.
 - Lynda discussed having permanent member name tags for use at each meeting and OPAL events. The goal is to have them available at the meetings/events and then collected and maintained by someone on our new Membership Team (TBA)
- New member Cindy Ralston was welcomed!
- VP, Nina Hawranick, confirmed our
 - OPAL Member Exhibit 8/1 through 8/18 at Westerville Rec Center.
 - Drop-off will be July 31st, time TBD
 - All members are encouraged to enter at least one piece and perhaps up to 3 if space allows.
 - There will be no jurying for the exhibit.
 - We will vote for a "Member Favorite Painting" and announce the choice at our opening reception, August 3, 2018, 5-8 p.m..
 - It was noted that there is a chance our exhibit can go up sooner in July
 - We will keep you updated on any changes..

Future OPAL Exhibits:

We have been accepted into The Works in Newark for an upcoming show 2019.
More info coming, but not too soon to begin painting!!

We have been accepted to show at Quest Diagnostics. More information coming.

- President Pam explained our new OPAL website <https://www.ohiopastelartistsleague.org>
 - She described some new features including how to add your member portfolio to the website.
 - Pam has put much time and talent into our Opal website and if you have any questions, she's happy to assist!
 - New Committees that we'd like filled:
 - Membership
 - includes welcoming new members and giving them information about OPAL perks including our mission, our meetings, etc
 - Workshop
 - Shows/Exhibits
 - Refreshments for monthly meetings
- Please consider giving your time and talents to give/add ideas to your board.
- Opal members with upcoming events/classes:
 - Vicki Moon Spiegel "Story Time Pajama Party" **Sat 4/14 5:30-7:30pm** at Sunbear Studio in Alexandria

- Ages 2-92 Meet author Sarah Chaulk and illustrator Vicki Moon for reading, book signing, coloring, hot cocoa and fun.
 - Deirdre Pifers class using Derwent Intense Watercolor Blocks 5/12 11-4pm.
 - Tonya Ramsey and Angela Gage also are teaching painting classes there in May, so check the website and sign up: www.sunbearstudio.com
 - Nancy Vance will be teaching a pastel class at the Westerville Community Center beginning Wed. June 1 6:30-8:30pm. Check their website to register...she's a thoroughly prepared and excellent teacher! her website: www.nancyvance.com
- Support our talented members!

Business meeting adjourned.

- Nancy Vance's program in assembling a still life box and how to light it was great!
 - You narrow the area of vision, and light it as you want to create strong shadows.
 - She used foam core with the added possibility of an acrylic sheet or glass to vary the reflections.
 - Fabric, sheets of patterned paper can also be used to build your display.
 - We learned about lumens, warm and cool LEDs and K or degrees Kelvin.
 - Her favorite bulb is: LED Bright and Cool, 1100Lumen and 5000K.

Submitted by Nina Hawranick, temporary secretary for April 2018 meeting.