

OPAL meeting minutes January 7, 2023
CoHatch Polaris 1554 Polaris Parkway Columbus, OH 43240

Board members present: Pam Hartford, President Nina Hawranick, V.P.
Chris Hall, 2nd V.P. Diane Ruck, Past President/Programming Chair
Mayme Hausman, Corresponding Secretary Lynn Carty, Recording Secretary

Number of Attendees: 13 Guest Speaker: Kevin Buckland

Next Meeting: Saturday February 4, 2023 at CoHatch Polaris 1554 Polaris Parkway
Guest Speaker: Kathryn Smithson, pastel and colored pencil artist

Pam opened meeting at 11:00 am

Nina announced that Fall Show at Westerville Community Center in September will be judged show (not juried) prizes will be awarded, entries must be new work. Bob Sako will obtain the judge and prizes. Also the Java Central exhibit is in months of March and April. Take in is Sunday March 5th from 4:00-5:00pm you may enter two pieces, no theme or age of work criteria. You will need to have title, price and contact information ready by February 15th, all art must be for sale. Look for an e-mail with registration information.

Nina would like to step away from the New Members Chair duties. She has done this as well as the V.P. responsibilities. This position receives info from treasurer when new members join, the New Member Chair then sends an e-mail greeting and request for additional info from new member. The new member returns it to Corresponding Secretary for inclusion in the newsletter. So the job is to send the greeting letter, which Nina has already composed. The letter sample will be available to the volunteer who takes the position.

Diane has filled programming for today (Kevin Buckland), and February, (Kathryn Smithson). May 4th will be demo by Chris Ivers. Ideas for remaining meetings are: progressive painting, plein air at Audubon Park, Joe Kovach critique, Zoom with Mike Beeman, road trip to Brown Family Environmental Center in Gambier OH. If members have ideas for programming please speak up.

Pertain passed out entry forms for the Chris Ivers "Queen of the Night" workshop May 5-6. The work shop can only take 20 artists, so sign up soon.

Chris informed us that the Spring Show starts May 3rd at Gallery 22 in Delaware OH. Two new works per entry, possibly a judged show with prizes. Gallery takes 40% commission. Take in will probably be May 1st or 2nd and take down on June 25th. Theme is "Hues of Imagination".

Cathy Stoessner * reported that sign-up sheet for refreshments is full.

* apologies to Cathy for misspelling her name in December minutes.

Pam announced that OPAL was given new or like new pastels and supplies by former member Katie Fowel. Pam has taken photos of each item and listed the new retail price for each. (See

attached) OPAL will have an online auction to raise money for the treasury. Details will be announced when this is ready to go.

Our guest speaker for the meeting is Kevin Buckland, watercolor artist and husband of our member Pertain Gillespie-Buckland. Kevin gave us an informing and entertaining watercolor demo. He gave a guest at the meeting, Ms. VanDyke, a watercolor painting and some pastels and asked her to enhance the painting. With help from her daughter, Kathryn Smithson they came up with embellishments showing how watercolor and pastels can be combined to make beautiful art. Kevin uses Kilimanjaro blocks in either hot (textured) or cold (smooth) press paper and American Journey watercolors both available online from Cheap Joe's. Kevin started his painting with a 1 inch flat synthetic brush. His advice; "use the biggest brush you can for as long as you can". Final result of his painting was a beautiful landscape of Alum Creek and the dam. We thanked him for his presentation.

Thank You to Ruth Lapp for providing refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Carty, Recording Secretary