

OPAL Meeting Notes

March 1, 2018

A new year and under new management! Our first meeting was small. I'm assuming because of the weather, but packed full of information and ideas!

1. There was a vote for officers, and a unanimous yes to all:
 - a. President: Pam Hartford
 - b. Vice President: Nina Hawranick
 - c. Secretary: Kathryn Smithson
 - d. Treasurer: Linda Dumaree Williams
2. We have a new member who actually joined in November, Bev Harrison. Welcome Bev!
3. OPAL paid it's annual organization membership for IAPS
4. OPAL now has a P.O. Box as its official address. All correspondence, from here on out, can be sent to one address:

O.P.A.L.
PO Box 658
Worthington Oh 43085
5. You can try the new P.O. Box out by sending in your dues! Annual membership dues are due by the end of March! Only \$25 for the year.
6. We discussed some updates/changes/additions as follows:
 - a. The possibility of setting up a way to use Pay Pal through our web site,
 - b. Having an official newsletter to provide information about exhibits, competitions, classes, and workshops,
 - c. Having a few additional committees to help with membership, workshops, and shows, and
 - d. Having the ability to print out the newsletter, annual calendar, and applications for shows and classes via the web site.

This was a brainstorming session. Additional discussions with Bill Westerman, our webmaster, and the OPAL Board will take place to further flesh out the possible updates.

If we move forward with the newsletter, we will be looking for someone who would be willing to take on the task of being our newsletter writer! So if you are good at that, and are willing, please let Pam or Nina know.

7. Our schedule for the year is as follows:

Meeting Date	Program	Location
Thursday, March 1 st	Art Swap	Cols Library-Northside
Thursday, April 5 th	Build a Still Life	Olde Worthington Library
Thursday, May 3 rd <i>6:00pm – 8:00 pm</i>	Mary Jane Ward Demonstration	Cols Library-Main Branch (Downtown)
Thursday, June 7 th	Plein Air	Innis Woods or Franklin Park Conservatory
*Saturday, July 7 th	Plein Air	Horse Farm (Details to follow)
Thursday, August 2 nd	TBD (Possible tour of Franklinton Studios)	TBD
Thursday, September 6 th	Plein Air	Hoover Yacht Club
*Saturday, October 6 th	Paul Hamilton Studio	Granville/Lunch to follow
Thursday, November 1 st	Member Critique: Bring a painting you need help with	TBD
Thursday, December 6 th	Christmas Party (Painting Swap)	Miller Ale House (Grandview)

All meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

** Start time to be determined.*

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Looks like an exciting year!

8. We are looking into the possibility of having a few road trips to Ohio Art Museums. Maybe Dayton or Toledo. Members are checking into shows around the state. Check back for details.
9. We discussed the possibility of having a second show this year aside from our December show. We are looking into Westerville Community Center, Franklin Park Conservatory and Inniswood. Any other ideas are welcome. More details to follow.
10. Meredith has graciously offered to host our December show again at Sunbear studio. Theme and details to be determined.
11. The Ohio Wildlife center is having a fundraiser Silent Auction at the Zoo on May 17th. "Wild Night for Wild Life". Entry's are due by April 27th and to be delivered by April 28th. Proceeds from this event go directly to support Animal rescue. You will be recognized through this event and through their on-line auction platforms. Find out more at <https://www.ohiowildlifecenter.org/get-involved/wildnite-for-wildlife/>

That's it for now! See you April 5th at the old Worthington Library to watch our Own Nancy Vance in action!

Happy Painting!

Kathryn Smithson