

OPAL Meeting Minutes December 7, 2023, 6:30-8:30 PM

Worthington COhatch The Library

752 High St. Worthington, OH 43085

Members attending, lucky 13

Board Members in attendance: Pam Hartford, President – Nina Hawranick, 1st V.P. – Chris Hall 2nd V.P. – Mary Bauer, Treasurer – Diane Ruck, Program Chair/Past President – Lynn Carty, Recording Secretary

Pam opened the meeting at 6:30.

The first item on the agenda was **Mary Bauer announcing her intent to step away from her position on the board as treasurer.** Therefore, **OPAL needs one of our members to fill the position.** Pam will have a description of what the treasurer position responsibilities are.

We also still **need to fill the New Members Chairperson position.** Nina has the information regarding that position.

Diane has filed a grant application with COhatch for our meeting spaces in 2024. She should hear back from them soon.

Bob Sako is the presenter for the January meeting. The program is gesture drawing. Bob suggests you bring sketch book and charcoal to the meeting. January venue for the meeting will be announced.

The February meeting will be Pan Pastels presented by Pam Hartford. Bring Pan Pastels, paper and supplies to the meeting. If you don't have them, OPAL will provide them and supplies. You will need to bring paper, drop cloth and table covering. The venue for this meeting will be announced.

The Dayton Art Institute is currently showing an extensive **Toulouse-Lautrec** exhibition. The exhibition ends January 14, 2024. Details are on their website daytonartinstitute.org.

Nina is working on a **plein air outing for August 2024** meeting at the **Winery at Porter Central**. An announcement will be made when details are available.

Nina is also in charge of the **OPAL Fall Show at The Works in Newark Ohio**. The show will run from October 19-December 28, 2024. Pick up will be January 2nd or 3rd 2025. There is a 40% commission. More details will follow.

Chris has arranged for the **OPAL Spring Show at High Road Gallery in Worthington, Ohio**. The theme for the show is "The Power of Pastels". This is a judged show and a fee will be charged, \$10. For one piece, \$20. For two pieces and \$25. For three pieces. The fee covers prizes and the judge. However, the gallery is not charging a commission, very nice! This show runs from April 19-May 25, 2024, with an artist's reception on Sunday April 21st 2:00-4:00PM. Prize for 1st place is \$175. 2nd place is

\$100. 3rd place is \$75. And 3 honorable mentions are \$25. Each. Bob Sako is looking for a judge.

OPAL is looking to do **two, half day workshops** in 2024. They will likely be on Zoom with nationally recognized pastel artists. The idea is to run shorter, more cost-effective workshops for our members. They will probably be in the spring and fall.

We are also planning an **online show** this summer. One piece per member, no prizes or judging. Just a show on our website to see the work of more of our members. We want to include members from all over the state and elsewhere to view the work of everyone.

OPAL also wants to extend our reach by having meetings outside of the Columbus/Franklin County area. We are looking at possibilities of meetings in Dayton, Springfield and in the northern part of the state. If you have suggestions in your area of the state, or speaker suggestions, you can share those with Diane Ruck at diane.ruck51@gmail.com.

Cathy Stoessner had a new signup sheet for 2024 meeting refreshments that were filled for every meeting by our super volunteers.

OPAL exploring the idea of obtaining organizational grants to further our engagement with communities. Specifically teaching student and older adult populations about pastels, purchasing supplies, etc. If any **member** has **experience with grant writing** contact Pam Hartford at pam@pamhartfordart.com.

Meeting adjourned to our Christmas potluck dinner. Great food and a great group of OPAL artists celebrated the season with food and an art gift exchange.



Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Carty Recording Secretary 12/20/23