

Central Ohio Watercolor Society Minutes

DATE: APRIL 9, 2016

TME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: MCCONNELL ARTS CENTER

MONTHLY MEETING	Second Saturday of the month -- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
PROGRAM	Talk by Jeff Stahler
HANDOUTS	Agenda, sign-up sheet for Spring Show
ATTENDEES	24 members, 1 guest
OFFICERS	President: Sally Ford-Lyles First Vice President: Suzanne Accetta (absent) Second Vice President: John Cameron (absent) Treasurer: David Friedlander Membership Chair: Bess Alexander Newsletter Editor: Malinda Yarnell Recording Secretary: Wm. (Mitch) Masters

Sally Ford-Lyles (SFL) opened the meeting at 10:10. Minutes from the March 12 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report (Dave Friedlander): Dave reported that our checking balance stands at \$10,791.49 as of the end of March with no checks outstanding. Our savings balance is \$7,017.90 (pending the bank end-of-March statement). The total cash on hand is, therefore, \$17,822.39.

SFL passed around a **sign-up sheet** for the **Spring Show**. Take-in for the show is June 1 from 11:30-12:30 at the Westerville Parks and Recreation Center. The show runs from Thursday, June 2, to Thursday, June 30, with a reception to be held on Sunday, June 5, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Second Vice-president John Cameron chairs the committee for this event. Please contact him at je7779cameron@gmail.com if you can help. The registration form for this event is available on the society website in the "News and Events" section

Associated with the Spring Show will be the **Spring Weekend Workshop** with **Frank Webb**, June 11-12. It will be held in the Westerville Recreation Program Center, 64 E. Walnut St., behind the Westerville library. The cost is \$135 for COWS members, \$150 for non-members. An information and registration sheet is available for downloading and printing on the society website in the "News and Events" section. SFL will open the workshop to non-members one week from now. This workshop is a great opportunity to learn from a noted artist, author, and instructor. More information about him can be found at <http://www.artshow.com/webb/>.

The summer **Haus and Garten Paint Out** will be June 26 in German Village. If you are interested in participating, please contact the committee chair, Jim Wiggin, at 614-291-6426 or at jameswwiggin@gmail.com to reserve a space. So far, 5 people have contacted Jim, but he would like to have 7 or 8 more artists, especially new members, participate.

The **August Open** (non-juried) **Show** will be from July 29 to September 8 at Motorists Mutual Insurance Company, 471 E. Broad St. Take-in will be on July 28, and the procedure will be much as in the fall show at the German Village Meeting Haus, with a drop-off and pick-up time scheduled.

The **Fall Show**, which is scheduled for November with take-in on November 14, will be chaired by First Vice-President, Suzanne Accetta. Please contact her at suzacc@aol.com if you can help. SFL will pass around a sign-up sheet for this show at the next meeting.

The **Fall Workshop** associated with the Fall Show will be taught by juror **Laurie Goldstein-Warren**, who will demonstrate painting city night scenes in transparent watercolor. (See her website at <http://www.warrenwatercolors.com/>.) A feature article on her appeared in the April issue of *Watercolor Artist* magazine (pp. 34-39). The 4-day workshop runs from Nov. 15 to 18, at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad St. An information and registration form for this workshop is available on the society website in the "News and Events" section. SFL urged members to reserve a place soon, as this workshop will fill up quickly. The cost is \$280, and a \$40, non-refundable fee will reserve a place.

The **program for the May meeting** will be a critique session by Judy Anderson. Bring any painting you would like feedback on (e.g., is it done?), or that you feel is lacking something. Paintings you have in mind submitting to the Spring Show would be especially appropriate.

There are no meetings in June, July, or August, but shows and workshops will be underway.

Announcements:

- **Kevin Buckland** provided information about a paint-out at the Schnormeier Gardens, 8701 Laymon Road, Gambier, Ohio, on Friday, June 2. The Gardens are open to the public only once a year. This year they are open from 10:00-4:00, June 2-5. For more information about the paint-out, contact Kevin or Bill Westerman at art.billw@gmail.com
- **Kevin Buckland** will be offering a workshop on Saturday, September 24, titled "Landscape in Triad: Yellow, Red, and Blue." The workshop runs from 9:00 to 4:30 and is open to persons 18 and older. The cost is \$77 for members of the McConnell Arts Center, \$85 for non-members. Contact Kevin at <http://kevinbucklandart.com/contact>.
- **Kevin and Pertain Buckland** have a "His and Hers" joint show at the High Road Gallery, 12 E Stafford Ave, Worthington, which runs through May 31. The gallery is open Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 4:00.
- **Joan Fistick's** one-person show at the Griswold Center, 777 High St., Worthington, ends Monday.
- **SFL** had created a "Meeting Minutes" button on the society website where the minutes from the last meeting will be posted as soon as they are available.

At 10:40, SFL introduced Jeff Stahler, whose political cartoons and cartoon panel "Moderately Confused" appear in many newspapers (the *Columbus Dispatch* among them). He currently produces three political cartoons and six "Moderately Confused" panels each week. Jeff discussed his career path and passed around many originals of his cartoons and cartoon sketches. He related some interesting experiences of his life in cartoons, including having once provided a cover for *Newsweek* magazine. His working approach is to draft an idea in pen (a Micron pen) on a half-sheet of letter-size paper, then to finalize his work in ink using a Winsor and Newton Series 7 #2 brush. The final work is sent out electronically and, in some cases, can appear later

that same day. People got a kick (at least I did) out of a recent political cartoon showing a thoroughly disgruntled elephant sitting on the current Supreme Court nominee. He currently enjoys plein air painting in watercolor whenever time permits.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50.