

Central Ohio Watercolor Society Minutes

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2017

TME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MCCONNELL ARTS CENTER

MONTHLY MEETING	First Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
PROGRAM	Ron Mlicki demonstration
HANDOUTS	Meeting agenda, Spring Show Entry Form
ATTENDEES	23 members
OFFICERS	President: Suzanne Accetta First Vice President: Sally Ford-Lyles Second Vice President: Jeff Stahler (elected at this meeting) Treasurer: Sandra Gaunt (absent) Newsletter Editor and Corresponding Secretary: Jim Oberst (absent) Recording Secretary: Mitch Masters

Note: The January meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm.

President **Suzanne Accetta** opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. **Sandy Gaunt** submitted a financial report to **SA** by email. Our checking account balance as of the end of the year was \$11,262.54. Our savings account balance was \$7,519.38. **Mitch Masters** asked if there were any changes or additions to the December minutes (January's meeting having been cancelled). There were none.

Announcements and Reports

- **Sally Ford-Lyles** noted that the Central Ohio Watercolor Society has been participating in the annual Haus und Garten tour for many years, with the result that the winning paintings bought by the German Village Society each year constitute a virtual history of our Society. The tour takes place during the last weekend in June each year. If you are interesting in participating this year (a plein air painting of one of the featured houses), please email the Paint-Out Committee chair, Jim Wiggins, at jameswwiggin@gmail.com.
- **Lavonne Suwalski and David Friedlander** (co-chairs of the Hospitality/Social Committee) passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring refreshments to future meetings. If you missed the meeting but would like to volunteer, please email Lavonne at suwalski@verizon.net.
- **Sally Ford-Lyles** queried members about the **Fall Show**, seeking opinions on whom to invite to jury the show and hold a workshop, whether the workshop should be in conjunction with the show, and whether it should be 2, 3, or 4 days long. She will ask **Fred Graff** if he is able to jury the show and present a workshop. The workshop will be in conjunction with the Fall Show; its duration is still to be determined.
- The **Spring Show** will be held March 6 to April 7 at the Fort Hayes Shot Gallery. Take-in is Monday Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a reception on Thursday, March 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Information and entry form for the Spring Show is on the COWS website under "News & Events." No juror has yet been secured, but **Jeff Stahler** said he would ask Columbus watercolor artist **Cody Heichel** whether he can serve. (See Cody's website at <http://www.codyheichel.com/>.) A sign-up sheet for helping at the Spring Show was passed around. If you can help, please contact **SA** at suzacc@aol.com.

- **Kevin Buckland** had to resign as 2nd Vice President due to conflict with his position chairing Art at the Arnold in early March. SA asked for nominations. **Jeff Stahler** was nominated and elected by acclimation.
- **SA** noted a need to revise the COWS by-laws, which has not been done for almost 20 years. Committee structure and practices seem to have changed, and there is a need to re-examine the delinquent dues policy. It may also be advisable to create some new committees, such as a Program Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Workshop Committee. **SA** passed around a sign-up sheet for committees, including an ad hoc committee to review the by-laws. The by-laws are available on the COWS website under "Information." If you can serve on a committee, please contact SA at suzacc@aol.com.

Announcements from Members

- **Bob Bruce** brought to our attention the **168 Hour Art Challenge**, sponsored by the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. In brief, you have 168 hours (i.e., a week) to create a work of art in any medium based on a verse from the Bible that is given artists 168 hours before their work is due. Entry forms are due February 15, the verse will be assigned on February 22, and the art is due a week later on Wednesday, March 1. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. More information and the entry form can be found at <http://www.ualc.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=38787&PID=1049319>.
- **Jeff Stahler** reported that the German Village Arts Committee, of which he is a member, is sponsoring a celebration of the 150th anniversary of Schiller Park. There will be an art show helping commemorate this event starting with a reception on April 23. Pictures of the park can be dropped off beforehand at the German Village Meeting Haus between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Jeff said he could also take artwork if getting to the Meeting Haus is a problem. For further information, please contact Jeff at jstahler@columbus.rr.com.
- **Sally Ford-Lyles** asks that each COWS member email her a jpeg image of one piece of their work to be posted on the Society webpage. If you already have a picture posted but wish to replace it, just send her a new jpeg.
- **Suzanne Accetta** has a show starting April 2 at the High Road Gallery, 12 E Stafford Ave, Worthington.

The business meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. and, after a 5-minute break, Ron Mlicki gave a demonstration of how he approaches portrait painting. Despite the time limitation, Ron produced a very nice work that was applauded by all.

Mitch Masters, Recording Secretary