

Central Ohio Watercolor Society Minutes

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2018

TME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MCCONNELL ARTS CENTER

MONTHLY MEETING	Second Sunday of the month, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Glen Echo Presbyterian Church, 220 Cliffside Dr., Clintonville, OH, 43202
PROGRAM	Demonstration by Christiane Curry
HANDOUTS	Meeting agenda, sign-up for spring show, sign-up for refreshments
??ATTENDEES	25 members and 1 guest
OFFICERS	President: Suzanne Accetta First Vice President: Marsha Cavanaugh Second Vice President: Jeff Stahler Treasurer: Sandra Gaunt Newsletter Editor and Corresponding Secretary: Jim Oberst (absent) Recording Secretary: Mitch Masters

Suzanne Accetta opened the meeting at 2:04 pm with reports from officers.

- First Vice President **Marsha Cavanaugh** reported on the upcoming **Spring Show**, which will be June 1 to June 30 at the Westerville Community Center. Take in will be Friday, June 1, and the opening reception will be Sunday, June 3, from 2 to 4 pm. Marsha passed around a sign-up sheet for help with the show. If you can help with take in, hanging, the reception, or anything else, please contact her at marshakcavanaugh@hotmail.com. The juror will be Bill Vrscak, who will also be offering a workshop from May 29 to 31. The location of this workshop, how to sign up, and other details will be available soon and will be posted on our website. The entry form for the Spring Show is now available on the Society website under “News and Events.” One correction is that paintings should have been completed within the last 3 years, not the last 2 years.
- Second Vice President **Jeff Stahler** reported that the **Fall Show** will be November 18 to December 14 at the German Village Society Meeting Haus in German Village. He is also trying to find a new location for the **2019 Spring Show**. If you have any ideas, please contact him at jstahler@columbus.rr.com. Jeff also wanted to make everyone aware that the Columbus Symphony Orchestra has occasional open rehearsals on Fridays at 11 am. The next one will be March 2. You can buy tickets at the Ohio Theater on the day of the rehearsal for \$10. Jeff has taken these opportunities to make drawings and watercolor sketches of the performers and encourages others to consider doing the same.
- Treasurer **Sandy Gaunt** reminded everyone that their annual dues (\$30) should have been paid by now. Please contact her at gaunt.2@osu.edu if you have any questions or problems. Sandy reported that our checking account balance is \$11,269.23 and our savings account balance is \$8,020.96 for a combined total of \$19,290.19.
- Recording Secretary **Mitch Masters** asked whether there were any corrections or additions to the January minutes. None were offered.

Committee Reports

- **Suzanne Accetta** (Program Committee) is lining up speaker for future meetings. If you would like to volunteer to do a demonstration, or if you have someone to suggest for a demonstration, or you have any other ideas, please contact her at SuzAcc@aol.com.
- **Lavonne Suwalski** (Hospitality Chair) passed around a sign-up sheet for refreshments at future meetings. Please contact her at suwalski@verizon.net if you would like to volunteer.

New Business

- **Suzanne Accetta** noted that the second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. She suggests, therefore, that we move the meeting for that month to either the first or third Sunday. She will check to see which date works better and get back to us.

Announcements

- **Judi Heston** reported the sad news that her friend and Society member **Norma Fiala** passed away last week after a long struggle with breast cancer. A memorial website created by her husband Bob can be visited at <http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/Norma-Fiala/homepage.aspx>. There you can find details about the memorial service to be held on Feb. 24 to which Society members are invited.
- **Suzanne Accetta** reported that eight people showed up to paint together at the McConnell Art Center on Thursday, February 1, our old meeting time and place. Wine and crackers were served! She intends to continue using this time slot for open painting until June, at least, and then evaluate whether we should continue this program. The time is 6:30 – 8:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month, so the next opportunity will be March 1. Please come if you can!
- **Suzanne Accetta** noted that **Jeff Stahler's exhibit** at High Road Gallery, 12 E Stafford Ave, Worthington, OH, opened on Sunday and will continue until March 24. The gallery hours are Friday and Saturday, noon to 4:00 pm.
- **Vivian Ripley** reminded everyone that the "Three Points in Time" exhibit is open at the McConnell Art Center in Worthington and said that it is well worth seeing.
- **Vivian Ripley** also wanted to make people aware of one-day workshops she is offering on March 10 (underpainting techniques in pastel, possibly with watercolor underpainting) and May 19 (designing your watercolor painting from start to finish). These workshops will be held at the Upper Arlington Senior Center. For further information, please visit Vivian's webpage: vivianripleyart.com/.

The business meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

After a short break for refreshments, Christiane Curry began her watercolor demonstration. She has painted for almost all her life, but lately, for personal reasons, she has begun to paint almost exclusively on a small scale (paper size 5.5 x 7.5 inches, a size that allows her to use standard 5 x 7 mats). Her approach is spontaneous and intuitive rather than carefully planned out ahead of time as is normally the case with large paintings. Her initial sketch consisted only of a horizontal line to indicate the horizon. Her first strokes were with a 1.5" flat brush. Christiane said that she takes many pictures with her smartphone, often from the car window, looking for interesting shapes and textures. However, once she starts a painting the reference photo (if she has one at all) becomes very much secondary to what is happening in front of her. During the approximately hour and a quarter of her demonstration Christiane completed two watercolors while still having plenty of time for commentary, discussion, and stories. Everyone greatly enjoyed her presentation.

The next meeting will be Sunday, March 11, at 2:00 PM in Glen Echo United Presbyterian Church, 220 Cliffside Dr., Clintonville.

Mitch Masters

Recording Secretary