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**Artists' League: Minutes**

**Date 09-01-2015**

**Chair: Sara Chang**

**Minute-Taker: Mark Fletcher**

**Social Hour: 6:00 - 7:00 pm** (networking; informal feedback on work among attendees, if desired)

**Committee Chairs Meeting: 6:30 - 7:00 pm**

**Old Business - Committee Reports**

- **Professional Development Award—Leslie Puckett (absent);**
- **Graphics+Resource List— Dr. Viki Thompson Wylder said “Dr. Teri Abstein will keep the AL website/purge the Directory once/year”. Bill Humphries (still currently managing) said “images = old, requesting updates”**
- **Publicity+Digital Artists Guild Liaison—Sara Chang on Publicity “Nothing to report”; on Digital Artists Guild “probably meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in October” at 6 pm at the League of Florida Cities Office (in Kleman Plaza next to Harry’s restaurant)**
- **Directory/Community Liaison—Mary Liz Moody said “the Directory is in good shape, people are participating”. Thanks for your info, forwards, updates and timey announcements, Mary Liz!**
- **Programs/Speakers—Mark Fletcher reported that the Programs and Speakers committee meeting went well and that Dr. Viki Thompson Wylder organized the meeting and typed up the comprehensive schedules and projects. She and Mark and Mariann Kearsley would explain 2015-16 programs and goals detail in the general members’ meeting tonight.**
- **Member Spotlight—Kent Griffin reported that David Knopf would speak as tonight’s Member Spotlight Speaker**
- **Art+Antiques Fair— Dr. Viki Thompson Wylder reported that the application is in the newsletter; Please note that the deadline is Oct 14<sup>th</sup> and you must be a member by then. A children’s section will be added this year. Questions regarding taxes should be directed to Jean Young or Dr. Teri Abstein. Parking pass costs \$3.50/day due by the November meeting.**
- **New Members—Mariann Kearsley: no report, has packets**
- **Special Account—Jaye Houle reported that the league has \$544.85 in the account.**
- **Image Registry—Linda Horton Dodson and her husband Michael have worked hard on this; you can call them (phone number 668-0104) or email for the password; they are ready to help you if you need it**

- Library+Glass Guild Liaison—Bob Jones had no report re: Library Shows: Glass Guild = no report except that they meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays and had pizza
- Paper Guild Liaison—Lolita Gomez was not able to attend and sent no report”
- Sketchcrawlers Guild—Mark Fletcher reported that Barbara Psimas did a great job organizing the sketchcrawl exhibit at the New Black Dog Café in Railroad Square.

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More info at at [www.sketchcrawl.com](http://www.sketchcrawl.com)

- Top of the Capitol Exhibition—Terrie Corbett was reported that the Top of the Capitol exhibit is hung and scheduled to be open Sept through October 2015. The walk and talk with artists will be Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Invitation to Grads (to join AL after graduation) is being handled by Jeret Madei

## New Business

### General Membership Meeting: 7:00 - 7:25 pm

Introduce new members and visitors; new members/visitors who attended are:

Michael Kennedy and Deborah Kennedy: Media = Driftwood

Julia DeHoff: Media = Calligraphy and Book Arts

Announcements: upcoming exhibits, awards, etc.

1. Mariann Kearsley announced that her “new Etsy store is up”.
2. Mark Fletcher reported that Barbara Psimas did a great job organizing the sketchcrawl exhibit at the New Black Dog Café in Railroad Square.
3. Ramona Abernathy-Paine “will have Bolivian Artists’ workshop with Backstrap Looms Oct 2, 3, & 4: Go to [7hisweavers.org](http://7hisweavers.org). \$250 at Ramona’s studio
4. Barbara Psimas has an exhibit of new art at Cypress from October through December
5. Dr. Viki Thompson Wylder wants to head a new committee to increase membership
6. Mary Sterner Lawson [maryL11@aol.com](mailto:maryL11@aol.com) is your contact for Artists’ Music Series

Announcements from committees:

- Special Account Report (includes special account balance); Special Account—Jaye Houle reported that the league has \$544.85 in the account.
- Membership Comments/Questions that had been submitted were

discussed- technical, business, artistic questions from members (these can also be sent to the membership via e-mail: [marylizmoody@yahoo.com](mailto:marylizmoody@yahoo.com) or [mmoody@kidd.com](mailto:mmoody@kidd.com) )

Ideas for potential programs and projects were written down to be forwarded to New Members Chair during break; added to tonight's' calendar vote (See General Membership's Vote RESULTS below\*

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**Guest Announcer:** As Executive Director of LeMoyne Center for the Arts, Ann Kozeliski invited members to a Plein Aire event co-sponsored by the Governor's Inn on Friday nights and Saturdays of FSU football game weekends with opportunity to display and sell art.

#### Break: 7:25 - 7:35 pm

- members asked questions and/or forwarded any last minute program/project ideas to Mark which he added to tonight's' Priorities calendar vote

#### Membership Spotlight: 7:35 - 7:50 pm

Member **David Knopf** spoke as tonight's Spotlight Speaker: He gave his background and Philosophy (including a written statement to each member). Then he presented images of his art. He explained how he uses the camera as a sketchbook and why he paints. David spoke about personal reasons for creating as well as giving interesting technical information.

#### Program: 7:50 - 9:00 pm

- **Marie Thompson** spoke about league sponsorship of a Meet-Up Group including Creative Professionals.  
[meetup.com/creativeartsprofessionals](http://meetup.com/creativeartsprofessionals)

Next meet-up is Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Railroad Square's First Friday

They may do FSU campus walks, Marketing/Arts presentations by artists with day-jobs, pop-up exhibits, etc.

The League voted to host meet-ups on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month at MoFA at 2pm

- Annual Planning Session: facilitated by Dr. Viki Thompson Wylder
  1. Announced upcoming programs and speakers
  2. Reviewed League's successes from previous year; events, successes, priorities and charitable projects were completed

by the League during 2014-2015 Set priorities for 2015—2016 season

3. **Members voted on priorities and refined meeting procedures for next year:**

See General Membership's Vote RESULTS below\*

**\*General Membership's Vote RESULTS: on priorities and refined meeting procedures for next year: Votes counted by Kent Griffin and Mark Fletcher: Overwhelming votes for adopted initiatives, so no sudden-death or re-counts was necessary)**

**The 2 Major Priorities the General Membership voted to work on this year:**

1. **Origami Workshop with Mary Lee**

Origami Workshop with Mary Lee – she has agreed to do the workshop. Tentatively, a Tuesday in February for the workshop has been discussed. But the date is TBA.

2. **Develop an Exhibit with a local restaurant (Marie Thompson agreed to chair this committee)**

Development of an exhibition at a Tallahassee restaurant with works for sale – Marie Thompson agreed to chair this effort.

In addition the League voted to give a trial-run sponsorship to a Meet-Up Group titled Creative Art Professionals , also headed by Marie Thompson, for one semester. After the trial run, the League will then decide whether or not to extend the sponsorship. Any interested Artist League Member should sign up at the website:

<http://www.meetup.com/CreativeArts-Professional-Meetup/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive notifications from the group.

Creative Art Professionals meetup dates coming up are as follows:

1. Friday, September 4, 2015 RailRoad Square 6:00 PM RailRoad Square & After party
2. Friday, October 2, 2015 RailRoad Square 6:00 PM RailRoad Square & After party
3. Sunday, October 4, 2015 2:00 PM FSU Museum of Fine Arts Gallery Exhibition and Sunday Social
4. Friday, November 6, 2015 6:00 PM RailRoad Square & After party
5. Saturday, December 5, 2015 2:00 PM ARTS & ANTIQUES ARTISTS' LEAGUE SHOW at the Museum

**ALSO: probably Charles Carman Pierce will lead us in a pastel workshop.**

**ALSO: More exhibits may be possible if a member chooses to chair/organize them; Example: Jitka Lesakova-Manusakis proposed (and plans to chair) a Pop-up exhibit, one or two days in duration with a fashion show, party and/or potluck**

**Meeting was adjourned a bit early with all business covered by chairperson Sara Chang.**