

**Artists' League: Minutes**  
**September 7, 2016**  
**2016's planning meeting for the coming year**  
**Chair: Dr.Viki D. Thompson Wylder**  
**Minutes: Mark Fletcher**

**Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm** (networking, informal feedback on artwork among attendees, MoFA exhibits on view)

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Meeting Programs/Speakers:** *Mark Fletcher* announced that Dr. Viki Thompson Wylder organized and led the Programs and Speakers Committee meeting attended by Sara Chang, Mark Fletcher, Kent Griffin and Mariann Kearsley. Viki typed up the results and calendar for our Speakers and Programs for 2016-2017. She also planned and led the September meeting to determine our Artists' League Goals and Projects for this coming year.

**Art & Antiques:** *Dr. Viki D. Thompson Wylder and Mary Liz Tippin- Moody* "will have a meeting the week before applications are due out to the membership around Oct. 4th"; A&A will be in December, usually the e first weekend of the month.

**Directory:** *Mary Liz Tippin Moody* said "all good". No report.

**Graphics/Resources:** *Bill Humphries* was absent. He has resigned as Chair of the Graphics/Resources Committee  
*Mary Liz Tippin- Moody* volunteered to take his place. Bill might continue to do some design work for the League pro-bono (like maybe summer annual card).

**Image Registry:** *Linda Horton-Dodson:* the *new new* members' packets include solicitation for images. The easy to navigate and useful registry is on Flickr  
<http://www.flicker.com/photos/artistsleaguemofa/>  
with one Terabyte of memory (really big). It is accessible by any member of the League; Linda needs your updated image/info Please respond to the message *Mary Liz Moody* will send out later!

**Professional Development Award:** *Leslie Puckett, chair,* was absent, no report.

**Publicity and Community Outreach:** Sara Chang was absent but sent out PSAs for upcoming AL events.

**Membership Committee meeting:** *Barbara Psimas* will lead this committee meeting Monday

**New Members:** *Marianne Kearsley* "Updated packets are ready to give out."

**Member's Spotlight/Feedback session:** *Kent Griffin* announced Members Spotlight talks will be given by Award-winning Emerging Artists Sara Caruso at our regular Feb meeting and by Allison Finn at our regular May meeting.

**Paper Guild Liaison:** *Lolita Gomez* resigned as Chair of the Paper Guild  
*Julie Walker* volunteered to take her place: will meet Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at Beverly Frick's home 505 Talaflo

**Glass Guild Liaison:** *Bob Jones* was absent, no report

**Clay Guild Liaison:** *Susan Stelzman* volunteered to be the Clay Arts Guild Liaison

**3D UV Guild Liaison:** *Perdita Ross* is organizing this new guild

**Sketchcrawl Guild Liaison:** *Mark Fletcher, chair* announced the **53<sup>rd</sup> World Wide Sketchcrawl** will be hosted by **Gadsden Art Center** in Quincy, Florida. October 22<sup>nd</sup> Porchfest music festival Gadsden Art Center will host an exhibit of art from this and the spring event in the new renovated gallery. GAC will open the Fletcher annex to sketchcrawl participants as a comfort station. Free to all participants. For more info, please check [www.sketchcrawl.com](http://www.sketchcrawl.com)

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**Special Account:** *Jaye Houle* was absent, but *Mary Liz Tippin Moody* announced there is \$348.18 in the special account

**New Business:**

**Committee chairs were solicited to lead or take minutes for the next year's meetings** *Dr. Viki D. Thompson Wylder* solicited committee members to chair or take notes at this coming year's AL meetings. We had several willing volunteers, new and continuing. Thanks for your contributions of time to keep the league running! If not present Chairs will be assigned to meetings.

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

**New Members:**

*No new members* introduced themselves tonight.

### **Exhibit Announcements:**

Some AL members are exhibiting in the **Senior Showcase regional art competition** at The Leon County Main Library and the **Tallahassee Senior Center**. This is a competitive regional art show from Florida and surrounding states with outstanding artwork. Many (cash) awards were given:

Bob Dewitt Smith earned First Award and Maria Balingit earned second. Several other AL members were juried into this show and displayed their outstanding artwork. Steve Sternberg played the piano, delighting the reception attendees with his music.

Jitka Lesakova-Manousakis is organizing the show entitled: **“Mermaid, fairy, princess and belly dance - The poetic side of art”**

Artists: Jitka Lesakova-Manousakis (tapestry Artprotis, mixed media, fiber art installation) , Bernardine Sears (oil paintings, bone art), Lucrezia Bieler (paper art, scherenschnitte, decoupage), Peggy Adair (textile art, acrylic paintings), Michael West (sculpture)”

Also.... Opening night Jitka will have live models presenting her wearable art - headdresses, flower crowns, hats and jewelry.

Date - opening Friday October 7, 2016, 6PM - closing October 31...at Lemoyne art gallery.

Perdita Ross is organizing a new guild: “3D UV guild” and a **MoFA exhibit** called **“The Real Thing 2017”** featuring black light art including Bill Wamsley’s fluorescent prints.

Perdita Ross: “The name is 3D UV Guild and the title of the show is "The Real Thing" : 4 artists from the Artists League Perdita Ross, Barbara Psimas, Robert Roberg, Joan Matey and one more TBA...SUMMER 2017 in MoFA’s Walmsley Gallery.”

Mariann Kearsley has her political art on Huffington Post

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### **Members’ general Announcements and Announcements from Committees:**

*David Knopf*, artist and member of the Artists’ League, generously offered to **sponsor** (through his business Southern Folk Art Magazine/Southern Art Magazine) **annually** \$500 toward a new Emerging Artist Awards plus \$200 to increase the Best of Summer Annual Exhibit Award to a matching \$500. [folkart@comcast.net](mailto:folkart@comcast.net)

*Jitka Lesakova-Manousakis* announced about Bob Rubenowicz's unfortunate problems with his hand and surgery that is preventing him from making art.

**Break: 7:25 - 7:35pm**

New members could meet with *Mariann Kearsley* or *Dr. Viki D. Thompson Wylder* to receive New Members' Packets and ask questions. Other members could talk and look at the current art show.

At this time, last minute suggestions for the Priorities vote could also be submitted.

**Program: 7:35 - 9:00pm**

**Review of AL Accomplishments form Last Year:**

*Dr. Viki Thompson Wylder* once again tracked, archived and reviewed our Art League's accomplishments and exhibits over the past year. We met or exceeded almost every goal/project. Viki documented and briefly reviewed the 3 pages/22 league endeavors in tonight's meeting. Print copies were distributed. Thanks and Congratulations to our hard-working committee members, especially Viki!

**Setting Priorities for the 2016-2017 Season:** *Viki Wylder*, Facilitator.

**Members voted** for this year's priorities/projects including exhibits, community service and other projects. *Kent Griffin* and *Mark Fletcher* counted the votes.

*Note: The votes had an overwhelming majority for first and second place. There was no need for any tie-breaker voting. Even so, we had a discussion by members present on many pros and cons of each issue raised.*

Our general membership usually chooses only 2 major projects beyond the work already being accomplished by our hard-working "chair committees".

Members voted for the following priorities:

1. "Digital/Point and Click" workshop featuring the phone camera as an artistic tool  
Workshop with Todd Bertolet, a photography professor at famuhammyfstop@yahoo.com

Tentatively, a third Tuesday in 2016-2017 for the workshop has been discussed. But the date is TBA.

2. Exhibits. Two exhibits received equal number of votes: TCC and the N FL Community College in Madison. After open discussion it was decided that we don't need two showings of the same work in Tallahassee in the same year, so we will pursue the exhibit in Madison, FL.

3. Special category: The Artists' League will sponsor/support arts and students in the community by giving money/supplies to a Leon County Public School Art teacher whose school/program is under-funded (*Marcia Meale* might be *Dr. Viki's* contact person).

**Meeting was adjourned slightly early.** Members had time for discussion after business.