

MINUTES — Delaware Artist Guild — June 24, 2019

BUSINESS

The third 2019 meeting of the Delaware Artist Guild (DAG) was held at Gallery 22 on June 24, 2019. Carolyn Jones opened the meeting at 7 p.m. welcoming everyone in attendance. There were 13 in attendance plus our guest speaker.

- Treasurer report: our account balance is \$444.84.
- We have 6 new members and 13 renewals.
- The next DAG meeting will be held on July 22, 2019 at Gallery 22 on Winter Street. Guest speakers will be charcoal artist Jim Mason and sculptor Renate Fackler. Their topic will be topiary art and sculpture.

ART NEWS

- The theme for **July's Main Street Delaware's First Friday is Chalk It Up!** They are looking for artists to make chalk art drawings on the sidewalks.
- **The Delaware Mural Project.** There is a final design for the mural near the Strand Theater with hopefully a First Friday unveiling in September. They are still working on funding and space for the other 2 murals.
- Carolyn will be touching base with the **Delaware YMCA** to see if we can still hang art down their hallway. She'll be checking about security measures to deter theft and encourage sales and see if we can hang a sign that indicates that the work is by DAG members.
- **Diane Almendinger from Willowbrook** is still looking for someone to hang their artwork at the Willowbrook on 100 Willow Brook Way South in Delaware, Phone: 740-369-0048.
- The **SourcePoint Senior Art Exhibit** is on now through August 19 with some very good works on display.
- **DAG member Ray Wollschleger** has received a national award from the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio for his piece depicting a rabbit in "Sargeant Pepper" garb. Congratulations, Ray!
- The prestigious **Ohio Watercolor Society exhibit** will be up beginning July 1 through August 11 at the Arts Castle.
- A **30th anniversary exhibit** at the Arts Castle will take place late August through mid-October. This will be an exhibit of works by present and past instructors at the Castle. A reception will be held that is open to all.
- **Castle Arts Affair** prospectus are now available for the November show. Past exhibitors will be emailed with details but all are invited to exhibit.
- A reminder from past meetings: **OWU's inaugural program for adults, Lifelong Learning Institute**, will begin its fall term Sept. 23 through Nov. 1 with a registration fee of \$75 for as many non-credit classes as participants choose to take. Classes include: "The Universe and Your Place in it;" "Lifespan Maintenance of Knowledge;" "Veg Cenric: Cooking with Seasonal Vegetables;" "Academy Award-Winning Films and the Backstories They Tell;" "Rutherford B. Hayes – Things You Didn't Know." Check OWU's website, www.owu.edu/lli, for more information.

SPEAKER

Sally Ford Lyles was our speaker. She is an accomplished watercolorist with an IT background who has been a member of the Central Ohio Watercolor Society, Ohio Watercolor Society, etc.

Sally began her talk by passing out cookies and asking our opinion of them—whether or not we liked them, what ingredients we thought they contained, etc. She used this as an analogy to an art critique. Although she showed her process of transparent watercolor, she focused on a group she belongs to, and has found to be very helpful, called the Women's Palette Critique. This group started in 1978 and includes women of all ages working in various media who meet on a monthly basis with or without work in hand.

Sally encouraged us to try to establish or find a group like this to help us further our artistic endeavors. She showed how belonging to a critique group has helped her make adjustments to her work to make it better. She's edited works up to 3 years from the time she painted them.

Some of her recommendations included the products she uses: Arches 140# cold press, the use of frisket to mask off certain areas of a painting. She said, "Take a workshop" and told us about a program called Procreate (procreate.art) which enables you to import images and edit them digitally before you actually change your painting. This program also allows you to create art from scratch on an iPad, iPhone or iPod touch.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smith, Secretary