

Saugeen Artists Co op

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2010, 7:00, at the Durham Art Gallery

Executive: Co-Chairs: Jane Jacques, Kathie Wright

Recorder for this meeting: Bev Morgan

Treasurer: Bev Morgan

Members present: Kathie Wright, Jane Jacques, Peter Von Zezschwitz, Yvonne Soper, Linda Glass Ward, Tina Concetta Revie, Sandra Florence, Marie Watson

1. Call to Order and Welcome by Kathie at 7:15pm
2. Introduction of guest artist: Lorraine Laidman and new member Pat MacDowell. Another new member Joyce Morgan (not present)
 - a) Lorraine recently moved to Ayton from Leithbridge, Alberta where she belonged to an Art group there. We hope that Lorraine decides to join our group.
 - b) Pat MacDowell recently moved from Napanee to Durham. Pat paints mostly in oils using water based oils but also enjoys watercolours and pencil drawings. She will be doing a short one day workshop with children at the Art Gallery and then a longer one day workshop at The Colour Jar. Please add Pat to your contact list: 453 Durham Rd East, RR#1, Durham, ON NoG 1R0 Ph#519-369-3187 Email address: artist@sympatico.ca
 - c) Joyce Morgan specialty in metal art and enjoys acrylic painting. Please add Joyce to your contact list: 15 Jackson St N, Box 1873, Walkerton, ON NoG 2Vo Ph# 519-507-7295 Email address: joyce_jake@hotmail.com
3. With no errors or omissions, Yvonne motioned to accept the July minutes and Linda seconded with all in favour.
4. Treasurer's Report by Bev:
Kathie motioned to accept and Yvonne seconded with all in favour.

Summary of July 23-25, 2010 Show and Sell at the IWA Hal

The chart below shows this year's total cost of the show \$3,350.

When we add all the income + pending income related to the show, the total income will be \$2,824.

The Co Op bank account paid out \$526 difference.

As of July 29, 10, our bank balance is **\$658.75** after most debts paid.

Bev will send the following chart below to the Sights and Sounds Committee of Co op finances for the weekend event.

Date	Item	Income deposited	Income pending	Expenses paid
Jan /July10	Hall rental			\$525
4-Apr	5000 Brochures			\$1,808
May-10	Brochure sponsors	1375	125	
10-May	Web sponsors	250		
Jul-10	Artist Show fees	525		
Jul-10	Lawn ART Show signs			\$435
July 23-25,10	Silent Auctions	462	55	
July23-25,10	Lighting & Linen			\$212
	Newspaper Advertising (Hanover Post, Walkerton Herald, Mosiac)			199
July 23-25,10	Children Art Canvas	32		
July 23-25,10	Misc Show supplies			126
July 23-25,10	2 Musicians for Fri & Sun (Gas money)			45
Total		2644	180	\$3,350

5. Website Update by Yvonne

- The Web page has a **new** section "policies" under the Minutes section. Bev will enter this information from previous meeting minutes.
- The Home front page has a photo of the Saugeen Artists who participated in the July 23-25 show. If anyone wishes an electronic file image, please contact Yvonne
- If any members have any upcoming workshops or shows please forward them to Yvonne and she will add them to the Web site.
- Yvonne has thanked our sponsors and public for supporting the show on the Home page.
- If any members would like to display pictures of the Art show, please burn them on a CD and give them to give them to Yvonne at the next meeting.
- Any new members can contact Yvonne and she will provide you with space and give instructions in how get into the Web site with a password to review minutes, policies and change any demographic information on your page. Images can only be uploaded by the Super users: Yvonne, Nancy or Bev.

6. Durham Art Gallery Update (Arend was not present) no report

7. Maple Court (Walkerton) request for artists

Kathie was contacted by Carol Hudson (881-2233) from the Maple Court Seniors home if any Co Op members would like to volunteer any hours (either a one time session or consistent hours) to introduce

art skills to seniors.

Kathie also mentioned that AJ's Art Store offered art supplies if someone would volunteer to do this. If any Member is interested; please contact Kathie or Carol Hudson.

8. September Elections

Positions available: Chair(s), Secretary, Treasurer

The other important item will be the upcoming elections for the group's executive positions, including chairperson (or co-chairs), secretary, and treasurer. There are a couple of members who have already indicated that they will be willing to help out in some way. If you are interested in trying out one of these positions, let us know. Or, if you think someone in particular would do a good job, you can nominate them for a position, after obtaining their permission.

If there needs to be a vote, we will have the elections at the September meeting, at which time we will hand the reins over to the new executive. Please remember that the old executive will be available for assistance.

It is very rewarding being on the executive, both for what you can give to the group, and what you learn from doing it. And the happy result is some good friendships!

9. Please complete the Show and Sell 2010 review and evaluation, suggestions for next year and forward to the Executive. Topics was discussed below of Art Show by members.

Brochures: Everyone received positive comments on the design of the brochures. Extra brochures were offered to members to use up in area locations or restock existing places. Because of the time and money, Bev suggested that brochures should be done every other year and use card stock (for example 4 x 11 inches) with printing each side to advertize upcoming July show next year, then a complete brochure with all members in 2012. The new executive of course would make this decision. Advertising: Everyone present felt that all our advertising went over very well.

Signage: The new lawn signs were very successful in leading the public to the show. The executive do not have the exact total retrieved, but Jane estimated that we lost 25% of signs. Jane was told by the Sights and Sound committee that they lost 25% of their signs each year. Earthen Vessels have offered to store these signs for the Co Op. Norma from the IWA hall suggested a sign in the back parking lot "Art show Parking". Also there should be a sign at the back door. Yvonne suggested arranging a greeter at the back door else well.

Food: The food that was donated by Grants was excellent but was only enough for Friday evening and Mildmay cheese donated a beautiful cheese tray. It was noticed by both Lorraine and Pat that there was too much empty space when there was no food on the table. Next year have a smaller table or no food table for the Saturday and/or Sunday.

Lighting: Both Lorraine and Pat felt that the lighting was fine in both areas. The layout and the artist displayed were very inviting.

Music: Pat mentioned that the Friday night music added a lot to the show. Everyone felt that the live music was very good. Yvonne presented the cheque given to Ron MacManus back to the Co Op from Ron. She has thanked him from the Co Op.

Hours: Visitors commented to Yvonne that they were happy to have the Art Show extended to Sunday. Artists felt that this was a good decision.

Thank you's: After the show, Bev sent a Thank you note & a bottle of wine to Harriett's and a Thank you note to Norma along with pictures of the show. A Thank you note was also given to both musicians, Ron MacManus and Kelly Conti. Bev will forward a list of all sponsors and the artists that have arrange the sponsorship should follow up with an appropriate "Thank you".

Silent auction: This was very successful in bringing funds to the Co Op. At this point, 2 items still to be claimed. The second highest bid should now be contacted if no response from the highest bidder. Linda brought forward that any services that are donated in the silent auction should have an expiry date, as she has encountered last year's winner claiming the prize now.

Children's Art table: Visitors expressed that their children enjoyed this and overall this brought \$32 to the Co Op. Thank you Joyce for helping with children's tattoos.

10. Meeting location option at the IWA Hall

Norma from the IWA hall has offered a free location to the Co Op for monthly meetings. The Members discussed this issue and brought forward that the Art Gallery has been advertised for Meeting locations and to avoid any confusion, Kathie moved that the meeting location should not be changed until next February when our Co Op Institutional Membership expires, then a decision will be made. Yvonne seconded with all in favour.

11. Other Business

a) Due to the wide variety of internet speed access between our membership it would be appreciated if email between members is group related or of a one on one personal nature. Unless it is has been agreed upon between the individual members please refrain from forwarding jokes, films, music, and even photographs to other group members.

b) Sharon Pike mentioned to Bev at the Art Show that the Co Op can list for a showing at the Kincardine Art Gallery. Sandra will investigate this further with Sharon in an upcoming meeting.

12. Round Robin Discussion

Sandra commented of selling 4 out of 5 acrylic paintings at the recent "Southampton Gallery Up Your Alley" Sandra also informed the members:

On August 6th, the monumental **Shilling Experience: Past and Present** Exhibition will open at the Southampton Art Gallery. This multi-generational exhibition features Canadian Aboriginal legend, artist Arthur Shilling (1941-1986) and the work of his two sons, artists Travis & Bewabon Shilling.

Bev mentioned that her Watercolour classes starts again in September.

13. Adjournment

Next meeting will be September 7, 2010, at 7:00 at the Durham Art Gallery.