

Central Pennsylvania Pastel Society

May 26, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

Attendance: Jennifer Shuey, Connie Van Ogtrop, Brooke Peters, Peg Klinger, Marianne Fyda, Anne Kenyon, Leslie Dyer, Virginia Belser, Candace Smith, Susan Nicholas Gephart, Kim Gates Flick, Jill Foster, Roxanne Naydan, Denise Wagner, Susan McCartney

Our pre-meeting activity at 1:30 pm was a demo by Marianne Fyda on Artists Trading Cards. Everyone received a packet with materials for one ATC courtesy of the CPPS. Then we all got to try it out ourselves before the start of the business meeting.

The meeting opened at ~2:20 pm.

The **minutes** of the February meeting were distributed in the March enewsletter. With no further additions or corrections, the minutes were approved.

Connie distributed copies of the **Treasurer's Report** for the period of February 10 – May 26, 2019. The beginning balance was \$4,997.30 and the current balance is \$4,753.34. In response to a question, CPPS is not a 501c3 nonprofit organization; we are considered a social club.

Note: there are monies in the budget to reimburse members for supplies associated with pre-meeting activities, for example, the individual packets with all the materials for one ATC from today's activity. Keep this in mind if you have an idea for a future activity for the members.

Old Business

CPPS Paint Out at Rhoneymeade – Friday, May 31 from 9 am – 8 pm. Indoors or outdoors. Bathrooms available. Purpose is social—to build relationships in the pastel society. Bring along your own lunch, snack, drink, etc.

National Workshop 2019 – Marla Baggetta. Demo on Tuesday, August 13 at 7 pm at Foxdale Village. Demo open to the public for free. Workshop on August 14 – 16. Location will be the Harris Township Lions Club Community Center. 130 S Academy St, Boalsburg, PA 16827. The workshop is currently full with 18, but a waiting list is available. The mix of participants is 8 members and 10 non-members. Virginia will send the full roster to the appropriate officers when the registrations are paid in full. Final payments are due July 1.

Carryover from the last meeting: If anyone has a guest room and would be willing to host someone from out of town, please let Virginia know. Leslie, Brooke, and Roxy offered to help Virginia with this workshop. A suggestion was made to open up the Dinner to all CPPS members, not just the ones attending the workshop.

National Workshop 2020 – Virginia and Jennifer researched and contacted a list of 6 – 8 artists to consider for 2020. They are presenting Karen Margulis from Georgia as the workshop artist for mid-August, 2020. The workshop will include a plein air component. Costs are anticipated to be \$425 per person for a three-day workshop plus a demo the night before. Karen's website is <https://karenmargulis.weebly.com/>. Note that she also has a robust online presence with YouTube videos, a blog, and online sales. Virginia is currently reaching out to other nearby pastel societies to see if they would like to partner and share costs (like we did this year with the Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League). Inquiries are out to Maryland, Rochester, and Pittsburgh.

Exhibit Committee – An "All CPPS Members Show" is scheduled for September 27, 28, and 29 at the Art Alliance of Central PA in Lemont. Candace, Susan, and Peggy offered to be art drop off points ahead of the exhibition hanging for the convenience of out-of-town members. Members can also drop off their work directly at the Art Alliance; that date and time will be coming soon.

Volunteer tasks: Publicity, Reception, possible Demos, Show Sitters. Start thinking about how you can help. Susan will reach out to the others who expressed an interest in volunteering: Brooke, Leslie, Milt, Peg, and Daryl. There will be a SignUp Genius to sign up for shifts to sit the show. Details about the number and size of painting will also be coming soon by email.

New Business

Ideas for consideration and discussion:

Online Juried Miniature Show – Concept presented by Jill. A goal would be to include members outside of the local area. Also to encourage group participation in club activities. Tie in to photographing your work for entering shows? The Bellefonte Art Museum may have a workshop about that coming up. Denise also offered to reprise her talk on photographing and resizing as a pre-meeting activity in the future.

Member-led workshops – What are people interested in learning? Then, who can talk or demo on this topic? An online survey will go out to the membership asking for topics and volunteers who would like to teach on them.

Changes to Meeting Schedule/Format? – 4 meetings currently. Could we add one meeting per year just to play together? Have a few stations with activities? Potluck?

Also, might we do the business meeting first and then people could plan to stick around to socialize and have fun with each other? We have the Best Western booked from noon – 5 pm.

Administrative Support for the Treasurer – Connie could use some assistance with spreadsheet work in keeping the membership list up to date. Virginia made a motion that we develop a job description to provide computer support for Connie and see if Anna Crane could add it to her duties. Kim seconded, motion approved.

Review of Bylaws – suggested by Jill. Things have changed over time, especially technology. Everybody should review the bylaws and send suggestions to Susan to compile. The bylaws are on the website under Resources.

Newsletter – Discussion about promoting other artists' workshops, etc. The group decided that if a member submits something to the newsletter editor that could be considered an item of interest to or opportunity for other pastelists, it may be published. We are not considering any type of advertising for a fee at this time.

Education Committee – Carryover of Program ideas:

- From Jill – set up try it stations before a quarterly meeting with samples of surfaces, different brands of pastels, etc. We might be able to purchase “taste test” packets from Mike at Rochester Art Supply for this purpose.
- From Jen – invite Will Snyder or someone else who knows how to create time-lapse videos to demonstrate
- From Virginia – someone to teach how to take good photos on your phone (good enough for entering shows)
- Have a mentor day and invite high school students to a spring or summer paint out as the vehicle for connecting
- Do pastel demos for the Foxdale art club or other retirement communities. Foxdale's art club meets every Tuesday. If anybody is looking to get their feet wet with teaching demos, this would be a good audience to try it.
- Might there be paint out opportunities at events such as First Fridays in Downtown State College, the Arts Festival, the People's Choice Festival, etc?
- Have a materials swap
- Have an art swap with each other
- Have an annual potluck meal together; everyone bring a painting that someone else would go home with (idea seen at Huntingdon Arts Council)
- How to frame your art more inexpensively

Other items of interest:

- There is an **international online show** hosted by the North Carolina pastel society. Check it out if you want to enter. <https://www.onlinejuriedshows.com/Default.aspx?OJSID=34089>
- Suggestion for dealing with **ticks** when plein air painting: carry a tape lint roller with you and roll it over your clothing when you come in.
- Update on membership renewals – three lapsed members sent in their dues because of personal emails or phone calls.
- Jill showed a nice photo album portfolio. Something like this can be purchased at Jerry's Artarama or Walmart.

- Carryover: Volunteer Opportunity – the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts is also seeking an understudy for Holly Foy, **coordinator of the Street Painting** at the Festival. Holly wants to “retire” in a few years, so now is a good time to shadow her to learn what she does to organize this important element of the Arts Festival. The street painting will also move to a new location in the heart of the Festival this year on Foster Ave between Sidney Friedman Park and Allen Street. If interested in learning more, contact Jennifer Shuey, jshuey@arts-festival.com.

2019 Upcoming Meeting Dates: August 11; November 10