

General Meeting Minutes – Sunday, August 19, 2018

Meeting held at the Artists Gallery in Virginia Beach

Meeting called to Order: 2:00 pm

- New and Returning Members and Guests were greeted and all in attendance introduced themselves. New and returning faces include Christie Kelly, Joanne Cotten, Diane Jacobson, Kent Blackwell and Steve Gentile.
- The Secretary read the minutes from the previous meeting.
- The Treasurer's Report was read. We currently have \$7,377.79 in the treasury. There are still some outstanding expenses relating to the picnic.
- Committee Reports
 - Janet Drew reported that CDA has been approached by the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts about doing a CDA show in the spring. They have two big beautiful rooms to be used for display. Sandy Hart from the Suffolk Center will be overseeing the show. The show will run from April 18 to May 17. There is no theme for the show.
 - Lesley Hildreth has taken over as workshop chairperson and is working on scheduling workshops for functional, handbuilt and sculptural work. If anyone in the group has a particular talent that they would like to share in a one or two-day workshop please contact Lesley. It was suggested that we could do a workshop during the show in Suffolk. Lesley commented that in the past if CDA subsidizes a workshop given by a nationally known artist, the workshop needs to be open to the whole membership. If only a limited number of people can participate, then it will not be subsidized by CDA. This historic practice is not written in the by-laws and should be addressed when they are reviewed.
 - Rich Gray reported that we have 69 paid members and the newsletter is being sent to 148 people.
 - Social Media – Remember that we have a website that Ronda has recently updated and reformatted (www.cdava.com), and that we have a Facebook Group (CDA: Ceramic Designers Association) that is administered by Angela and Lesley. To join the Facebook Group a person must be local and have an interest in ceramics.
 - Old Business
 - The Arts of the Albermarle Show is coming up. Darlene Tighe is the gallery manager and contact. The show will run from November 2 to December 5. Items are due to the gallery on November 1 and the opening reception is November 2. Rich put out the information in the June newsletter and will include it again in the September newsletter.
 - New Business
 - Dragonfly Art Gallery – Pam Gray mentioned that the Dragonfly Art Gallery on Colley Avenue in Norfolk might be a good location for a CDA Show or Pop-up Show and that the owner would be willing to work with us. Lesley Hildreth currently has a show there. Lesley commented that they require a \$500 deposit up front. 35% comes out of the deposit. They do not have any pedestals. If we had an opening we would have to provide the wine and food and would also have to man the gallery. If we did a pop-up it should be for a short period of time. We would have to pay for the space and pay a percentage of sales.
 - All elected positions on the CDA Board are up for election for 2019. We will need to form a nominating committee in September.

- We will also need someone to chair Empty Bowls for 2019. The dinner is usually held in March during spring break at Virginia Wesleyan University.
- CDA Property – We need to take inventory and locate some missing CDA items that are not in the storage facility. In particular ,our pedestals are missing. If you have or know where CDA property is, please send an e-mail to Angela or Rich.
- The September meeting will be held at Angela’s new studio at 164 S. Military Highway. She shares a space with Revolution Studios. It will be a wine and cheese event to be held on Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will replace the September Sunday meeting usually held the 3rd Sunday of the month. A map will be in the September newsletter.
- Announcements
 - Angela has been talking with Scott at Clayworks in Richmond and she intends to sell clay from them at her studio. She will have Laguna, Standard and Highwater clays. In the future she may take orders for other items from Clayworks to be delivered to her studio.
 - Barbara Kobylinska is having a show at the Sandler Center. The opening reception will be Tuesday, August 28 from 6-8 pm.
 - Debra Chako has been given a lot of bubble wrap. She will put half of it in storage and keep half of it at her house. Let her know if you need some or get it from the storage locker.
 - Lesley borrowed some nice fold-up pedestals for her show at the Dragonfly Art Studio. We might want to consider investing in some for CDA.
 - Lynne Bailey has a kiln for sale. It is a KS-1027 with kiln sitter. It is 10 years old but in good condition.
 - Carolyn Philips from the D’Art Center is now at the SPARC Shoppe in downtown Suffolk. They are looking to bring in Artists and Potters.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:47 pm and was followed by a presentation by Jean Rawls about the new Virginia Beach Art Center and pottery studio.

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Jean Rawls of the Artists Gallery in Virginia Beach spoke to the group about the new Virginia Beach Art Center that will be located at 532 Virginia Beach Blvd. in the ViBe Creative District. Vinnie Bumatay, the chairman of the Artists Gallery and the newly formed non-profit Virginia Beach Arts Center was not able to attend the meeting because of another commitment. VBAC has adopted the former Lynnhaven Studio and is merging it with the Virginia Beach Arts Center. VBAC currently has a lease for the building at the new location and has hired a contractor to basically gut the space which is currently a warehouse and refigure it for the Art Center. Plans have been submitted to the City and once approved they will begin a 90-day build-out. It will be a long space configured like a T with an exhibition gallery, artist's studios, and a classroom leading up to the back section which will be dedicated to pottery. The city has given them 12 wheels and equipment that was at the former Lynnhaven Studio. There will be 3 rooms for the pottery space which will include a kiln room, glazing and drying room and a pottery studio. Angela Lindauer will manage open studio and classes.

Money is still needed. They have enough money for the buildout but need enough for 3-year sustainability and \$20,000 to build a mezzanine for storage. There will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks about fundraising and if you are interested in participating, please contact Jean. If you wish to donate, checks can be made out to VBAC Treasurer.

Students and other artists may show and sell their work at the Artists Gallery by being juried in. If juried in, the artist can have a wall/shelf space for their work and currently need to work at the gallery one day a month. This policy might change with the conversion to VBAC. To be a part of the monthly exhibit you can be juried in and pay an entrance fee if not a regular exhibiting artist.

VBAC will need volunteers to run the program so talk to your neighbors and friends about volunteering. They will also need a volunteer coordinator. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Vinnie Bumatay.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm