



Quabbin Art Association
General Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: April 19, 2018

<http://www.quabbinartassociation.com>

Agenda item: Welcome New Members!

Tina Addison | Watercolor

Rochelle Shicoff | Acrylic, Collage, Multimedia, Pastel, Pencil, and Watercolor

Maureen Solomon | Watercolor, Oil, Ceramics, Photography

We had 31 people attend our April meeting.

Agenda item: Board Approved Announcements

June Pot Luck Social Art Material/Supply Exchange scheduled June 21, @ Denise Fontaine-Pincince's house
Members bring supplies/materials, books or magazines that they no longer use or need to our event. Fellow members can take whatever items they might be interested in. Unclaimed items will be taken back by the person(s) who brought the supplies.

Aunt Elsie's Exhibits begin Friday, April 20th. QAA Group exhibits thru the summer, then switching to feature a QAA artist of the month beginning in September. Sign-up sheet passed around room. If you were unable to attend the meeting and you would like to sign-up for a future exhibit at Aunt Elsie's please contact Denise Fontaine @ dcfontaine@yahoo.com

Request for permanent exhibit @ Grapevine Grill on hold

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Deborah reported \$850 balance in our account

Agenda item: Shows/Exhibits

Exhibit Scheduling Chair, Susan Shellenberger was absent from our meeting.
2018 & 2019 - exhibit schedule will be announced at the May 17 meeting.

Agenda item: Exhibit Hanging

Exhibit Hanging: Denise Fontaine-Pincince (Looking for a volunteer to co-chair)

Agenda item: Hospitality

We are asking members to bring a food or beverage item to our meetings based on the alphabetical listing of their names.

Last Names **M-R** | **May**

Last Names **S-Z** | **September**

Last Names **A-F** | **October**

Agenda item: Programs Demonstrations

Denise Fontaine-Pincince announced our May presenter will be Stain Glass Artist, Nancy Nicholson.

Agenda item: Membership

We now have a total of 55 people in our Membership Directory

Agenda item: Publicity & Social Media

New Facebook Posting Policies

Please forward to our email account info@quabbinartassociation.com notification that you want something shared to the QAA Facebook page. The posting needs to be up on your personal page so that Susan Shea can share to QAA Facebook. Please do not send the images or write-up directly to our Facebook admin. Thanks!

Agenda item: Website

Members are encouraged to bring artwork to meetings if needed to photograph artwork for our member gallery.

Agenda item: Historian

Thank you Suzanne Dudley and Sandy Burke for your hard work on our Yearbook(s).

Agenda item: Events

Thank you to volunteers for MAC 'Festival of the Arts' event, Saturday, April 7th: 1-5 p.m.

Thank you to QAA members involved in statewide 'Art Week' initiative. Sat. April 28th, 1 – 4 p.m. Town Hall Auditorium.

Agenda item: Member Announcements

Members are invited to bring brochures, flyers, postcards and other announcements regarding their exhibits and workshops to display on our Members Table at our general meetings for publication.

Congratulations to Kara Bigda and Alan Izatt on their artwork exhibits in the Academic Artist Association "68th Annual National Exhibition of Traditional Realism" through May 25.

Meg Bandarra has a solo show entitled "Valley Views" at the Amherst Town Hall, May 3–June 29. She was awarded a grant from the Amherst Cultural Council towards the production of the show.

Anne Cohen would like to invite you to consider donating one of your paintings to the Gala Fine Art Sale fundraiser at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst (UUSA). 100% of sales will go to support the peace, social justice, and environment actions of the UUSA, both locally and nationally.

Elaine Darr-Morton has 14 pieces of her photography work on display at Baystate Medical Center as part of the Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists.

Roger Duffy has a solo show of his artwork at Baystate Medical Center, May 8 through June 13.

Jilladele Pasteris is exhibiting her artwork at the #LOCAL by Cider House, 40 Cottage Street, Easthampton (in the former Nash Gallery location).

Nancy Roy has a variety of creative classes available at Interactive School House. Call Nancy at 413-896-5838 or visit her website to register online.

Art Retreat

Join Susan Shea as a participant at the Wells, Maine Art Retreat. This 3-night four-day retreat will allow one to explore several types of art along with having a great relaxing mini vacation. Contact Susan at DingleArt@outlook.com for additional information.

Agenda item: Submit Member Announcements

Quabbin Art Association members are welcomed to submit news of their publications, exhibitions, workshops and events to be featured on the website, newsletter and social media. Please list the details of your activity or event and submit it for review to info@quabbinartassociation.com

Agenda item: Introducing tonight's presenter Tom Fuller, bird carver

Tom Fuller, a retired nature writer who lives in Belchertown, was our artist presenter.

A lifelong angler and a writer, Tom has published more than 2,500 articles in fishing and outdoor magazines and authored four books. He is also the former New England editor of *Field & Stream* and the former Northeast regional columnist for *Outdoor Life* magazines. Tom is nationally recognized as an authority on fly-fishing.

Mr. Fuller has been a bird enthusiast since the 1960s. He started woodcarving in the 1980s, but his art was put on the back burner while employment was a priority. Now retired, he again took up serious bird carving about five years ago. He specializes in New England songbirds but also carves an occasional duck. He has won several awards for his amazing carvings.

Reference Materials provided by Tom

MDI Woodcarvers Supply
<https://mdiwoodcarvers.com>

Books

Carving Favorite Song Birds
by Anthony Hillman

Game Bird Carver
by Bruce Burke

Illustrated Birds of Prey
by Denny Rogers

New England Decoys
by Shirley and John Delph

Shorebird Carving
by Rosalyn Leach Daisey