



Quabbin Art Association

General Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

<https://www.quabbinartassociation.com>

### Board Member Attendees

Denise Fontaine-Pincince, President  
Susan Shea, Vice President (absent)  
Deborah Sacon (absent)  
Donna Cote, Secretary  
Sandra Burke, Board Member  
Bev Phaneuf, Board Member

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### Agenda item: Welcome

We are coming to the end of our third year with 74 members total. We're a busy group!  
We had 25 people attend our May meeting

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### Agenda item: Board Approved Announcements

Voted to purchase a QAA owned laptop for monthly presentations.  
Voted to hold annual member Pot Luck for the June 20 meeting at Denise Fontaine Pincince's house.  
Voted to increase exhibit-hanging fee to \$5 per piece instead of \$5 per artist. (Unless asked by hanging committee to hang more than one to fill empty spaces)

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### Agenda item: Committee Reports

**Art Meets Poetry (This will become an annual event) NOTE: Suzanne Dudley is looking for pics from the event to include in our Yearbook.**

April 1–30, 2019

Quabbin Art Association celebrated National Poetry Month & ArtWeek 2019 with a contest. Six pieces of fine art, donated by member artists of the Quabbin Art Association, were on display throughout the month of April at the Clapp Memorial Library. Poets and writers were invited to view the artwork and compose a poem in response to a selected piece of art. Each artist selected a winning poem, and winning poets were awarded their prize artwork at Belchertown High School's Coffee House event on Friday, May 3 @ 6 pm.

**Festival of Art (This was our second year and we will continue to participate in the future)**

April 13, 2019

Quabbin Art Association joined Regional Arts Organizations for the "Festival of Art" on Saturday, April 13 at Memorial Hall. The event coincided with the "Magic of Art" Monson Arts Council 26th Annual Juried Spring Art Show. Thank you to Kara Bigda, Sandra Burke, Anne Cohen, Roger Duffy, Mary Gelezunas, Alan Izatt, Beverly Phaneuf and Susan Shea for your lovely artwork and help with the information table.

**ArtWeek Open Studio & Sale (Low turnout and we are not planning to participate next year)**

April 27, 2019

ArtWeek features creative experiences that are interactive or offer behind-the-scenes access to artists on the creative process. The event is intended to promote and educate the arts within the community. QAA members are invited to set up in an open studio at the Belchertown Town Hall Auditorium.

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**Agenda item:** Treasurer's Report

Deborah Sacon reported \$2,336.96 in our account

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**Agenda item:** Shows/Exhibits**Exhibits**

Hitchcock Center for the Environment Exhibit

Dates: March 27–June 27, 2019

Location: 845 West Street, Amherst, MA

Members Art Take Down: Friday, June 28, 10:00 am

Greenfield Savings Bank Exhibit

Dates: May 1-30, 2019

Reception: Thursday, May 2, 5:00-8:00 pm Amherst Arts Night Plus

Members Art Take Down: Friday, May 31, 10:00 am

Auntie Elsie's Oatmeal Crisps in Belchertown is booked for monthly solo art exhibits with the exception of February as the owner reserved space for herself. Please note: Elsie is now collecting 20% commission on sold artwork.

Exhibits Survey distributed by Susan Shellenberger to our members listing 8 questions.

Available online @ <https://form.responster.com/q0IKi6>

Thank you Sue Shellenberger for your help serving as exhibit coordinator. Thank you Tina Addison, Sarah Madison and Randi Shenkman for serving as exhibit hanging committee volunteers.

Bea Leake will co-chair the exhibit committee in that she will handle the news release artist statements and artist jpegs for the venue advertising.

Reminder! You must be a paid member to participate in QAA exhibits.

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**Agenda item:** Programs/Demonstrations

Denise announced our May Guest Speaker is Dave Nielsen, *Stories thru Text Art*

<https://www.quabbinartassociation.com/pdfs/presenters/dave-nielsen-may2019.pdf>

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**Agenda item:** Plein Air

Quabbin Art Association members and non-members are invited to participate at Plein Air Paint. Our schedule is the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Please contact Bev Phaneuf [dbphaneuf@aol.com](mailto:dbphaneuf@aol.com) to sign-up for event notifications via email.

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**Agenda item:** Member Announcements

The Bohemian Owl is an art gallery where several local artists, working in various mediums, show their creations of painting, photography, jewelry, knit and sewn creations, sculpture. Now open Thursdays 12:00-4:00pm and Friday 12:00-5:00pm.

Kara Bigda has artwork in the Francesca Anderson Gallery in Lexington, MA for her "Birds, Gardens and Flowers" show in May.

Susan Dion will be exhibiting some of her work in a group show at Our Savior's Lutheran Church located at 319 Granby Rd. South Hadley, MA. The church will be open to the general public for 2 receptions: Saturday, June 8 in the evening 5:00-8:00 pm and Sunday afternoon from 12:00-3:00 pm. Please consider stopping by. Susan will be selling some of her prints and watercolors to benefit "Food for Friends" a local South Hadley/Granby outreach program.

Roger Duffy's artwork won first place place in Graphics at the Tobacco Valley Art Association Members Show.

Mary Gelezunas is exhibiting her artwork at Auntie Elsie's Oatmeal Crisps through the month of May.

Alan Izatt's artwork won first place place in Acrylics at the Tobacco Valley Art Association Members Show.

Alexandra Walters is teaching a Sketchbook Journal Workshop on June 1 at Jerry's Artarama of CT. Alexandra will speak about the benefits of keeping a sketchbook, and demonstrate drawing and painting using several media. To register for this class call 860-232-0073, or online at [www.evensi.us/sketchbook-journal-workshop-with-alexandra-walters-jerrys/307751722](http://www.evensi.us/sketchbook-journal-workshop-with-alexandra-walters-jerrys/307751722)

**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. Or members may 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](mailto:info@quabbinartassociation.com)**