



Quabbin Art Association

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 19, 2017

Board Member Attendees:

Denise Fontaine-Pincince, Co-President
Jen Turner, Co-President
Susan Shea, Vice President
Deborah Sacon, Treasurer
Donna Cote, Secretary
Sandra Burke, Board Member
Bev Phaneuf, Board Member

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome

Denise Fontaine-Pincince announced we are happy to see the meeting attendees at our October meeting. Thirty people were in attendance and welcome to our newest members; Cynthia Ablicki, Sue Dion, Jo-Anne Dominik, Linda Rogers.

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Deborah Sacon announced we are in the process of transferring over funds from one account into a joint corporate **Quabbin Art Association** checking account of \$852.00. All officers (Denise Fontaine-Pincince, Jen Turner, Deborah Sacon, Donna Cote and Susan Shea are signing paperwork at Country Bank in Belchertown to complete the process.

Expenditures include: Marketing materials and Attorney Fee for Filing Tax-Exempt Status

Agenda item: Shows / Exhibits

Denise Fontaine-Pincince provided QAA Upcoming Exhibit Reminders to all meeting attendees. You may access the information on our Website [Exhibits Page > Member Notices](#). Please be sure to review the Special instructions regarding [Bay State Medical Center Arts Alive Gallery](#)

Wilbraham Public Library: Take-Down: 10/31@10:30am

Bay State Medical Center: Hang: 11/7 @9:30am Take-Down: 1/9/18@10am Reception: None

Storrs Memorial Library: Hang: 12/4 noon Reception: 12/5, 6:30- 7:30pm Take-Down: 12/29, 10:30am

Agenda item: Exhibit-Scheduling

There is an opening on the **Volunteer Committee** for an **Exhibit-Scheduling Chair**. The role requires a good amount of time and energy to provide venue viewing and event coordination. View more information on our Website [Exhibits Page > Member Notices](#).

Agenda item: Hospitality

Thank you to Nancy Bird Roy and Darlene Burgeron Burns for your help to coordinate food and beverage at our events. If you would like to contribute items please contact Nancy Bird Roy nancybirdroy@gmail.com or call 413-896-5838.

Agenda item: Programs Demonstrations

Meeting program demonstrator, Bruce Rosenbaum, Steampunk artist, (MODVIC.com) brought us through his inspirations and his own work to show us how he is able to create virtual time machines by fusing the past with the present and future.

Our November 16th meeting presenter, Amy Green Carter, <http://www.amygreencarter.com> Artist & Art Educator will share the process of writing, illustrating and publishing her first children's book *Happy Accidents*. View more on our Website [Meetings](#) page.

Agenda item: Membership

Thank you to our members paid up-to-date on their annual dues of \$25.

If anyone is overdue in renewal, please print the [Membership Application Form](#) and send your payment to Quabbin Art Association at P.O. Box 216, Belchertown, MA 01007

Agenda item: Social Media

Jen Turner announced we now have an Instagram Account and she inquired on members' interest to see if anyone would like to manage the account.

Follow Us at <https://www.instagram.com/quabbinartassoc/>

Like Us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/quabbinartassociation/>

Agenda item: Website

Donna Cote and Kara Bigda are the Web Administrators of <http://www.quabbinartassociation.com>

Donna announced she is in the process of photographing artwork for the [Member Gallery](#) at our monthly meetings.

Search Engine Optimization of our Website continues. We will need to boost visibility and encourage people to visit our site to increase the Search ranking.

Members are encouraged to help by providing a link <http://www.quabbinartassociation.com> to Quabbin Art Association on their Websites.

Agenda item: Plein Air

Les Campbell offered scenic landscape for us to paint on his lovely Sky Meadow property located at Ballou Street, Belchertown, MA (off route 9) on Wednesday, October 25th. This will be our last Plein Air Paint of the season. Contact Bev Phaneuf dbphaneuf@aol.com for more information and to sign-up for email notifications. (CANCELLED)

Agenda item: Historian

Sandy Burke and Suzanne Dudley have been working all summer to develop our organizations archive of historical information in the form of a lovely yearbook, which was on display at our October meeting.

Sandy and Suzanne are asking for a business card from every member, handmade or printed, which they will add to the QAA notebook.

Please bring cards to the next meeting. The notebook will be available for members to enjoy at every monthly meeting.

Agenda item: Workshops/Education

Susan Shea plans on hold for Open Studio at this time.

Other Information

Member Announcements

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

Jewelry Making Workshop with Jackie Griswold on Wednesday, October 25, 6-8pm at [Interactive School House](#)

First Tuesday of each month Audrey Safford, artist and animal lover, will guide students through the steps of painting animal portraits at [Interactive School House](#)

Art in The Morning at [Interactive School House](#) Wednesday, November 8

The Artists at Indian Orchard Mills [Fall Art Show & Sale Open Studios // 50+ Artists](#) November 11 & 12