



The Art Quilt Association. Our mission is to explore textile manipulation and the diversity of mixed media as an art form.
Steers Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2022

Meeting was held on first Wednesday of May be Zoom. All Steers attended: Susan Sanmann, Pam Sant, Bev Hart, Julia Crocetto, and Mary Grande who completed these minutes.

Pam gave the treasurer's report. Starting balance was \$9248.62. \$832.49 in deposits (including from City Market \$227.49, \$570 in Mancuso fees) and withdrawals of \$355 (donation for racks at SSQ, Gay Young workshop, Photos for Nature Shapes) for ending balance of \$9726.11.

First topic was a review of items from the AQuA participation in the April SSQ Monuments to Mesa Quilt show. AQuA has already committed to a double size booth for the 2024 show. Julia was the chair for the show, and is compiling notes of what went right/wrong/areas to improve while our memories are fresh. We also discussed the suggestion to buy racks like we borrowed. The unanimous decision was not to make such a purchase. AQuA has many several purchases that seemed necessary and are seldom used. Until we reach a period when we are doing multiple shows a year and the investment seems unnecessary so we will borrow or rent.

The discussion then segued into what AQuA owns, where items are, and is it worth keeping. Mary volunteered to find the last known inventory list that she removed from the website of 'who-has-what' and it was routed to the Steers. We need an updated inventory of where items are, and will query the members. Some items may be liquidated or brought to next white elephant auction.

Third item related to the SSQ show is making a new banner for our booth. It was suggested we make our own as a slice quilt, so many members can participate in making an arty banner. We will discuss this further later in the year and engage the membership on the design and construction.

We discussed how the surface design exchange, which ends this month, has been progressing. We considered adding a surface design demo/member workshop for 2023 agenda to take what we learned from this group challenge and add to members repertoire of skills in surface design.

Susan discussed the planned UFO challenge to begin in June, and decided it was too difficult to create sideboards of what this challenge would entail. So, we pivoted to doing a mini-trunk show like we enjoyed from SAQA (thanks Gay!) and challenge members to do a finished 8" x 10" piece. This will be explained at June meeting.

Mary is the temporary membership coordinator, and she and Pam reconciled their list of paid members. She will email the roster to everyone. (Done).

The turn in for Mancuso Nature Shapes was discussed in regards to status (photographs done) and the number of quilts (15) with our advance turn in date. 50% more quilts than last July turn in, so a positive trend. Decided to continue with participation in 3 shows/2 turn ins in 2023 and Terry Lee has notified Mancuso. We discussed querying the members on whether they will participate in 2 shows, ask for input on barriers to submitting quilts, and request new theme ideas. Mary will draft a survey for the Steers and then it will be distributed for member input.

Bev, workshop coordinator, discussed the June 7-8-9, 2023 workshop with Sandra Mollen. Members are already lobbying her to reserve spots. We discussed history of how workshops slots are announced and will use the same process we did for the last signup, now to be our standard 'ticket-master' process:

- The signup date will be announced at the meeting and by email. It will be at least 2 weeks later, giving reasonable time for all members to mark their calendars.
- On the signup date, members can begin to email Bev that they want to attend.
- She will keep a list in order of the emails. When the class fills, a waitlist will be created.
- If a member drops out, first waitlist spot invited, and so on.
- Members will pay for workshop. Date and amount TBD.
- If member drops out, and there is no waitlist, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.
- The class is 13 months away. Costs are yet to be finalized. Be patient, everyone will have an equal chance to sign-up.

Discussed the May meeting with a demo of paint sticks by Wendy and Susan VV. There are still spots open for the thread painting class Gay is doing after the meeting at Quilters Inspiration.