



The Art Quilt Association. Our mission is to explore textile manipulation and the diversity of mixed media as an art form.
Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2022

The November General Membership meeting was held in the upstairs space at the Redlands Community Center, Grand Junction, CO. A good number of members were in attendance. Highlights include the 8"x10" Trunk Show turn-in and show and tell. The meeting was followed by a Zoom workshop. Visitors included Donna Nichols, a "Founding Mother" of AQuA, and Svitlana Parsons, who brought her Membership form.

Treasurer's Report

Pam reported receiving funds from City Market in the amount of \$264.91 and said Art Fest cost \$168.09. This leads a balance of \$7517.21.

Dues for 2023 are payable any time. \$25 for the year. New forms are available at

<http://theartquiltassociation.com/home/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Membership-Form-2023.pdf>

Retreat Report

Enthusiastic applause filled the room for a wonderful retreat! "A good time was had by all" was the echoing sentiment. Jacque Weimer reported that the facility "made" the retreat. They moved tables, offered a wide range of beverages, and plenty of outlets for crockpots, sewing machines, etc. Highlights included the Kandinsky exercise, led by "the Sisters" Pam Sant, Susan Sanmann, and Bonnie Stenger. The venue could support a larger group in the future. The rate is very reasonable at \$100/day. There is general agreement to contact Tim at Chipeta to reserve for next year.

Workshop Report

Bev Hart announced the upcoming sign-up opportunity for the Workshop with Sandra Mollon, June 7-9, 2023. Sandra's style is realism developed from photos using fusing of materials such as batiks. A handout with a reminder of the sign-up instructions was distributed. An email blast was sent on Nov. 14 with instructions for registering for the workshop. Registration will open at 6:00 a.m. November 28, via email to Bev. There will be a 20-person limit. The cost is \$375 per person. A deposit of \$185 will be due in January with the balance due in April. Marian Velarde suggested that a lottery system be considered for the future.

Steers Report

The "All Steers" meeting of outgoing Steers, incoming Steers, and carry-over Steers date has changed to Wednesday Nov. 16 at 10:30 am. The baton will be passed, along with the books and records.

Survey – Mary announced a request for your input on a survey distributed by email. The survey asks about activities such as Member-led Workshops, Zoom lectures, etc. She explained the format of the survey given the limitations of a free service (saving us a \$119 subscription). There is room for comments in the survey in the form of additional questions. Your survey responses are anonymous. The answers from the survey will help for planning the 2023 calendar. One of the questions pertains to Zoom – do we want to continue having 1-3 Zoom lectures per year? The cost for paying a lecturer is typically \$400. Zoom is also a subscription expense.

Equipment Report

The list of equipment owned by AQUA is being updated. The Steers' goal is to keep as much of it together as possible. If you have some storage available, please let us know. Items include the projector, screen, promotional items for use at booths/outreach events, binders/albums of our archive, and so on.

Challenge – 8"x10" Trunk Show Turn-in

Approximately a dozen people turned in their "eight-by-tens", with some people making a few of them. The mini-quilts were displayed on a table, then held up as the maker described their concept and/or techniques. The range of artistic decisions was striking! "Exhilarating!" Members suggested this could be an annual event.

Discussion followed regarding the potential display of these minis at The Art Center annual Membership show. Julia started a sign-up list for those who are interested in having their minis displayed there; she will maintain correspondence with those interested and is coordinating details with the Art Center. To have one's work in the Members' show, one must pay their annual Art Center dues and pay \$5 per entry, maximum 2 entries per person. If you wish to participate, contact julia.crocetto@gmail.com to sign up soon (by Dec. 1). After discussion it was decided: 1) Each mini needs to have three loops (café rings work well) on the back for hanging; 2) Label the back; 3) January meeting will be the Turn-in; 4) each person will register their own work on the Art Center website and pay their fees (info on the back of the mini needs to match the label on the back); 5) all the minis will be delivered at one time and displayed together.

Show & Tell

Retreat attendees showed their Kandinsky exercise results as well as other projects. Some discussion of display/mounting methods emerged.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Steers

The meeting concluded with notecards of appreciation given to Pam Sant for 7 years of serving as Treasurer and to Susan Sanmann for 4 years as Secretary and 3 years as Head Steer.

After lunch, a workshop was held via Zoom "Head, Heart, and Hands: Developing Your Creative Voice" with Deborah Boschert.

Minutes by Julia Crocetto