**Alamance Artisans Guild**

**Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2017**

The May AAG meeting was held at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Burlington on May 16, 2017.

Steve Cann called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Carolyn Langley, Cindy Biles, Martha Sink, Pat Scheible, Steven Cann, Carolyn Bell, Ross Strange, Belinda Hardin, Nancy Pickens, Beth Hill, Loretta Partin, Debbie Martz, Lynn Pownell, Daniel Frost, Fredric Wiegel, Priscilla Starling, Joseph Asterita, Anne Stuhlmuller, and .O’Neal Jones.

Anne Stuhlmuller was introduced as a new member. She works in Acrylics. Joseph Asterita was visiting. He does metal welding.

The March minutes were approved, motion by Ross Strange and 2nd by Daniel Frost.

Beverly McAnulty sent in the treasurers report. The AAG account has $6461.67 and the studio tour has $3465.80. She is writing a Grassroots grant to support marketing for the Art Extravanganza.

Ross Strange, membership chair, stated that so far this year, we have 64 members. We received 3 renewals since the March meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Events and Exhibitions:**

Beth Hill reported that Carole Donavan is replaced by Milton Hall at the Paramount for the July 18 – August 29 exhibition time. Theresa at the Alamance Arts has filled all slots for the year at other venues. She gave an overview of all venues for new members.

**Community Relations:**  No report

**Art Extravaganza:**

Debbie Martz reported that they will not have large postcards but rather a large brochure to promote the event. Eight thousand will be printed. June 1 is the deadline to register. We must have at least 25. At this point only 16 have registered. Debbie gave a brief summary of Vailtree for those who were unable to attend the April meeting. During the Preview exhibit, a Book Club meets. They are asking for 3 guest art speakers. Those who have volunteered are: Pat Scribble, Steve Cann and Nancy Pickens. There was a concern about extra lighting during the event.

**Communications:**

Susan Kern is pleased to have two new members on the committee, Marta Sink and Carolyn Langley. They would like one additional person. They can promise a small and doable job. Contact Susan Kern if interested susanh.kern@gmail.com. Please note the member resources section of the website has a new password. It is pen&ink.

**Programs:**

Some programs have been determined. Cary Worthy is the speaker tonight. Bob York will talk about how to get into a Gallery in June. There is no meeting in July. August is our covered dish and social. Committee members are needed! Please contact Carolyn Langley if you are willing to help.

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**Old Business:**

Steve Cann asked if we would like to have an art event at Life’s journey United Church of Christ in their front yard. This would not be a garage sale. It was recommended that the Events and Exhibitions committee look into this possibility.

**There was no new business.**

**Announcements:**

Please send any events you have to Ross so he can post to the webpage.

Lynn Pownell announced that she has 3 spaces currently available at Glencoe Studios if anyone is interested. GlencoeStudios.com

The meeting was adjourned. Cary Worthy, Director of Alamance Arts, gave the program on Pop-Up Art projects in Alamance County.

AAG member Cindy Biles, kindly summarized Cary Worthy's presentation. This was also posted on Facebook.

Cary wants to bring art to more members of the community, particularly those who don’t typically have much access to art. Funding from the NEA.

He has several venues in mind, including:

1. Trailer parks (he has four in mind). Artists would give demonstrations and offer hands on experiences where people can create art. He envisions a two-hour session, perhaps in the evening or on a Sunday afternoon, during the summer. Alamance Arts would pay for supplies.

2. Grocery stores, probably the fruits and vegetables section. Customers who would like to participate would be given small canvases are be guided by the artist. There is the possibility of a small stipend for the artists.

3. Pop-up galleries. For several years, Cary wanted to have a gallery crawl in Alamance county. Some of the galleries he would have liked to include have since closed, so he would like to create pop-up galleries in those empty buildings and perhaps stores, located in Burlington, Graham and Mebane. Artists would set up temporary galleries in these venues—and have shows that would be up for three hours or so. He would like to do this four times a year.

4. Cary would like to create a new festival in downtown Graham, in the same location as Arts Around the Square, perhaps the third week in May, starting in 2018. This would be an all-day event, going until quite late (perhaps until 10 or 11PM), with artists in the Square area, and booths of different themes down the adjoining streets.

Each street would have a different theme (with food, music and activities to go along with them) to appeal to different demographics and interests: Baby Boomers, Millennials, Children’s, Agricultural (with farmers market, BBQ)

5. Cary would like to have visiting artists work with the teachers to integrate art with other subjects such as math and science.

Alamance Arts is currently working with Graham Elementary School and plans to add a second school (Silvan Elementary) next year. Cary’s long-range plan is to include 5 elementary and middle schools.

Carolyn Langley, who is the Round Representative for Visual Artists, serves on the Arts in Education Committee, which is working on a brochure for this project

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Langley, Secretary