Alamance Artisans

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

Anita Vigorito called the meeting to order and introduced the new members in attendance. The new members each briefly shared their interests.

Mary Archer reported finances. The Alamance Artisans bank balance as of March 18 was $10,857.81. Included in that amount is $4,709.39 generated by the Extravaganza.

Anita handed out the beautiful new membership information cards and encouraged each member to take some to distribute in the community.

Anita noted that ITWorx will provide 2 to 4 hours of training for a few members to gain skills specific to our website. Christy Wright and Terry Cott volunteered to participate and assist with website responsibilities. An immediate goal is to inaugurate online shows.

Dottie Blanchard reported on the Center for Creative Leadership exhibit. The guild’s sales have surpassed $10,000, a notable record, and 2 members sold every piece they put in the show. The show ends this month, and members must pick up remaining works on March 28.

Dottie reported on efforts to contact 2023 Patrons to renew their support and efforts to attract new Patrons. Each member is encouraged to contact a Patron. Our Patrons provide the funds for the guild’s activities, including but not limited to website updates, online shows, and group shows at various venues.

Anita announced that Glenn Collins has donated funds for a free membership, and another scholarship membership for a student is available. The group agreed to offer the adult membership to Lauri Daughtry, the teacher whose students participated in the 2023 Extravaganza, and the student membership to Savannah McKinzie, a former member.

Anita reminded the meeting that Rita and Jim Duxbury would be showing at the mall on Saturday, March 23.

Donna Vitucci and Gia Woods represented the Exhibits and Events Committee. The group is investigating possibilities for venues and popup shows throughout the year, a 1-day event in the fall, and participation in Mebane’s fall Art Fest. Donna and Deb Barnett will represent the guild at Alamance Arts’ student competition awards night on April 26. Alamance Arts is offering each affiliate group a space to show artwork and membership information. Our members can sign up for shelves for 2-month exhibits beginning in May. A discussion of the Burlington Carousel Festival and other possibilities followed.

Alamance Artisans is scheduled to show in the Alamance Arts galleries May 27–June 27, 2025. Dottie and Carolyn Bell volunteered to be the liaisons with Alamance Arts for our exhibit. Artists’ contracts are due at Alamance Arts on January 25, 2025.

Wayne Drumheller presented the program Writing as Art, Editing & Publishing, encouraging Alamance Artisans to use the medium to help their art reach farther into the community. He shared advice and examples of successful publications.

Pat Scheible pointed out her display of books she’s giving away.

Anita adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is April 16, 2024, 6:30 PM, at Alamance Arts. Janae Lehto will present the program.