



General Membership Meeting January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

695 Riverside United Church, London

6:30 pm Doors Open, 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting, 8:00 p.m. LAA Guest Speaker

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**1. Welcome Members:** Walt Klisht

President Walt Klisht called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed new members, current members and guests to the first meeting of 2025.

**2. November 25<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Minutes :**

Walt Klisht moved to accept the minutes from the last General Members Meeting, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Accepted by Mary Lou Ross.

**3. Riverside United Church, Fire Egress,** Walt Klisht

Walt made members aware of exit routes during our meetings and were asked to assist those in need. He also mentioned that the elevator may not be operational under a fire alarm.

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**Executive and Convenor's reporting on respective portfolios**

**4. Policy and Procedure Amendment,** Beth Stewart, Vice President

- a. Beth Stewart provided clarification on the need to amend the document. Most of these amendments are minor spelling corrections. The wording under the role of Treasurer needs to be changed and these amendments are available for review on the LAA website. These amendments need to be voted on by membership at the next meeting. A copy of the Policy and Procedure is available on the LAA website under Member Login.

Beth explained that one of the specific wording changes under the Treasurer's duties that says "audit" will be changed to "review". An "audit" refers to using a CPA for year end report which is not necessary in our association.

*Lambeth Art Association Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Sale*

- b. Beth has also updated the Executive and Convenors Job Descriptions. These updates will also be posted on the website.

5. **Nomination Committee**, Ann Pigott, Former President

Ann announced that she will be heading a Nomination Committee for 2025 - 26 vacancies which will consist of herself, a member of the Executive and one member from the general membership. At the May meeting Ann will introduce the new executive members and the general membership will vote.

There are three positions that need to be filled: Vice President, Membership Convenor and Program Convenor. Ann provided brief descriptions of each role and members can refer to the website, under the Members Login for full descriptions.

Walt Klisht mentioned that Executive Meetings are usually held two weeks prior to the General Meeting.

6. **Show Submission Convenor Position**, Mary Lou Ross

Mary Lou Ross presented a description and outlined the duties of the Show Submission Convenor position. This is a role that she will be stepping down from. Brian Glasspoole has offered to head this position but is looking for another volunteer to assist. The basic duties involve collecting all submission sheets and fees, cataloguing submissions and making wall labels. A full description of the roles of this position can be found on the LAA website under Member Login.

7. **Treasurer Report**: Brian Glasspoole, Treasurer

Brian presented to membership the January Financial Statement reporting very little change. The proceeds of \$153.00 from the sale of surplus Art Show supplies had not yet been deposited.

He further explained the role of Treasurer, noting that the most important part is the annual Art Show and Sale. This involves collecting submission fees, collecting and processing sales and distributing payments.

8. **Membership Convenor Report**: Mary Lou Ross, Membership Convenor

Mary Lou reported that we have 132 members, eight of which are honorary members. There are currently 32 names on the waiting list.

**9. Show Convenors Report: Cathy Bourgoyne, Show Convenor**

- a. Cathy asked for a volunteer to assist with the 50th Annual Art Show and Sale Anniversary committee.
- b. Committee signup sheets are available prior to business meeting and at break. Members are required to volunteer for a minimum of 3 shifts. There are still a few spots available that need to be filled.
- c. The design of the posters and post cards was shared with members on the screen. The printed invitation will be ready for the February meeting. Fifty posters and 2500 post cards will be made available.  
Chuck Holden suggested that instead of “Free Admission” guests be asked for a Food Bank donation. Some discussion followed but it is probably too late to change this now.
- d. Digital, promotional postcard image to be shared with members to post in their personal Facebook and Instagram pages. Margret mentioned that the easiest way to share is directly through the post from the LAA Facebook or Instagram.
- e. Margret Bullock asked if there were any members who would have photos to share of past LAA Art Shows. Margret has been posting these types of photos on our Facebook and Instagram accounts, featuring them as “Throwback Thursdays”.
- f. Cathy asked if members have materials for the show, including: floor rep necklaces, raffle materials, table easels and hooks for hanging.
- g. Cathy has secured Mercedes Victoria as a judge for the Art Show.
- h. Amelia Husnik mentioned that she snail mailed some show invitations to individuals who purchased art at the previous show. These invitations included coupons for this year’s show. These were specially printed invitations with a tear off coupon. As an alternative, Michele Haley suggested stickers for the backs of the invitations and Eleanor Ovtsherenko suggested a stamp. Approximately 80 invitations require coupons. Heather Peel also suggested keeping a list of previous sales individuals at the sales desk for reference would be useful.
- i. Additionally, some invitations were emailed. Deborah Stephens offered to email these invitations.

**10. Workshop Convenor Report: Beth Stewart**

- a. The February 8<sup>th</sup> workshop, “ The Beauty of Birds” with Angela Hardy has three spots available.
- b. The March 8<sup>th</sup> workshop, “Linoleum Printmaking” with Susan Perry has four spots available.

## 11. **Social Media Coordinator Report:** Eleanor Ovtsherenko

- a. Eleanor asked for a show of hands from members about knowledge and use of QR codes.
- b. Eleanor reminded members to submit their work and biography to upload to the LAA Member's Website.
- c. Eleanor asked members to start sending their Art Show images to upload to the Art Show and Sale Gallery. These can be emailed to [lambethartassociation@gmail.com](mailto:lambethartassociation@gmail.com)
- d. Beth Stewart has finished posting shared member's profiles on Facebook. She asked that if you have not been contacted to submit a profile to let her know.

## 12. **Programs Report:** Chris Allaway

This evening's guest speaker was ill and Beth Stewart offered to lead a Paul Klee inspired exercise.

Next month's guest speakers will be Sharon and Daniel Brassard.

## 13. **New Business**

### **"50th Anniversary Initiative" Raffle: Beth Stewart**

- a. Proceeds from our November's Anniversary Incentive draw for the 50th Anniversary was \$47.00.
- b. Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative. Congratulations to this evening's winning ticket holder.

### **AGM Dinner Meeting**

A dinner meeting will be scheduled as our last meeting of the season in May following our show. This is an opportunity to socialize and cast votes for Executive members for the upcoming year. Also the Treasurer distributes cheques to the successful sale members.

Details will be forthcoming.

### **Coffee and Homemade Cookies**

Thank you to Lynn for providing coffee and homemade cookies. Remember to bring your travel mug to enjoy coffee with a treat during the guest speaker's presentation. Please contribute a small donation to offset costs.

### **Sales of Surplus Art Show Supplies**

Thank you, proceeds were \$153.00

## 14. Announcements

Eleanor Ovtsherenko announced that the family of the late Gail Jongkind will be hosting a viewing and sale of her art and antiques, this Saturday in Lambeth at Kidcents Consignment. Details will be posted on Facebook and Instagram.

Chris Allway announced that London Community Artists are hosting a watercolour workshop with Hilda Markson Gray, Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. If interested email the London Community Artist Treasurer.

[treasurer@londoncommunityartists.ca](mailto:treasurer@londoncommunityartists.ca)

## 15. Next Meeting

Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Riverside United Church, doors open at our regular time of 6:30 p.m. Postcards and posters for advertising the show will be available at this meeting.

## 16. Meeting Adjourned, 9:00 p.m.

Riverside United Church is a barrier free facility

Lambeth Art Association



50th LAA Annual Art Show & Sale



LAA '24-'25 Workshop

