



General Membership Meeting October 28, 2024

Location: 695 Riverside United Church, London

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President **Walt Klisht** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed current and new members.

Walt asked the new September and October members to stand up so we could welcome twelve new members attending tonight. Walt commented that we have eighteen new members this year.

**1. Meeting Conduct: Beth Stewart (Vice-President)**

Beth reminded members that the association uses Robert's Rules of Order for our meetings. They are posted in the Member's Section of the Website. Look under "More," then go to the "Member's Login." The **password is "Canvas123."** Beth explained what it means to be a member in good standing: you must attend three out of seven meetings to be a member in good standing. These rules are laid out on pages 4 and 5 of the Policies and Procedures Manual. Exceptions can be made for ill health or severe weather and members should contact Mary-Lou Ross for attendance questions.

The **LAA Constitution** and the **LAA Policy and Procedures** are both in the Members section on the website for reference.

Beth has been posting Facebook profiles, one per day, of our new members. Dave Illis's stunning white tiger painting is the banner artist. Please "Like" the Facebook entries to welcome new Members.

**2. Previous Minutes: Walt Klisht** moved to accept the minutes from the last General meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Accepted by Lois Fuchs.

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

**3. Treasurer's Report: Brian Glasspoole (absent)**

Lisa Staton read the Treasurer's Report.

The **2025 Operating Budget for the Annual Show** was shown on the screen for all Members to see. The budget is based on actual revenues and expenditures from last year.

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

The only new expense will be items to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Show. The new stands that were purchased last year were a one-time expense and the stands are owned jointly with the Brush and Palette Club. The membership fee was reduced (from \$50.00 to \$30.00) as no significant capital expenditures are planned for this year.

The updated **Financial Summary to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025** was shown, which reflects all transactions posted to the bank account as of October 25, 2024.

The last item was the **full budget** for the coming year (period September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025). This budget includes the Operating Budget for the Annual Show and should not change over the course of the coming year. We have planned a budget with revenues virtually offsetting operating costs.

We predict a **net profit** for the current year of \$113.00 However, we always plan to keep some cash reserves on hand in our bank account for unforeseen costs or lower than planned revenues.

4. **Membership Convenor's Report: Walt Klisht** (Mary Lou Ross – absent)

We currently have 125 members. Walt reminded members to sign in at the beginning of each meeting. There are two ways of counting attendance, one for our annual membership and the other for eligibility for the Art Show. Walt explained that association attendance is counted from Sept. to May meeting. Show eligibility is counted from May to March meeting. Mary-Lou Ross will be releasing the new membership list in 2 weeks. Today is the last day that fees can be paid.

5. **Show Convenor's Report: Cathy Bourgogne**

This year's Show is scheduled from **May 1 to 3, 2025**. LAA will accept members Art Show registration fees and list of up until the **March 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**. Alternatively, members can mail their list and fees to Mary-Lou Ross.

Artwork for the Show will be accepted on **Wednesday April 30th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** and on **Thursday May 1 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** You may submit a total of ten framed pieces, seven for immediate display and three in reserve. Members may also submit ten unframed works. Last year, the Show hung eight hundred pieces. All the information will be detailed in a "**Show Package,**" available on-line and at the next General Meeting in November.

**Eleanor Ovtsherenko** will put last year's Show Package back on the website temporarily so that new members can see how everything works

Please contact Cathy if you do not want to be a convenor this year. Members need to sign up for a minimum of **three shifts for the Show**. If you have a lot of artworks entered in the Show, please consider helping out with more shifts. There will be a Show judge who will award fifteen ribbons. There will be a Show Raffle with a member's painting as a prize.

Walt Klisht explained that the QR code will take you right to the website. It is a Quick Reference so that you do not have to do a Google search. Walt asked for help unloading the stands at the beginning of the Show.

## 6. Workshop Convenor's Report: Beth Stewart

- a. Beth reported that the first workshop, "Fall into Fruit", was a big success. There was full attendance and members' artworks are posted on Facebook.
- b. The February workshop with Angela Hardy has one opening and the March printmaking workshop with Susan Perry has several openings.
- c. Beth brought in her printmaking supplies to show what the Lino printing equipment and materials look like. The workshop will be a good class on how to learn printmaking.

## 7. Social Media Coordinator Report: Eleanor Ovtsherenko

- a. Heather Peel and Eleanor Ovtsherenko are managing the website, and it is up to date. Margret Bullock is working on Instagram and Facebook. You can send any questions you have to the general email ( [lambethartassociation@gmail.com](mailto:lambethartassociation@gmail.com)). Anne Pigott will direct your enquiry to the correct person.
- b. New Members may have an **on-line gallery** on the website with an artist's biography, artist photo, and up to eight images. Send everything to the Association email above. For directions on how to submit your artwork photo files, go to the Members Only section. Click on "Creating Artist Bio & Website Images. If you have any questions, please email Heather or Eleanor. It is important to name the file properly. The images in your gallery can be changed once a year. There is a separate section each year with photos of Members' artwork that will be in the Show. Sigrid Hynscht asked when those photos could be sent in. Eleanor said Members are welcome to start sending images in anytime and up until February or March. It would be a good
- c. Special Association events are posted on Facebook and Instagram. We have 1600 followers on Facebook and over five hundred on Instagram. We are trying to post daily or every other day.
- d. Walt reminded members to add **#lambethartassociation** to your own Instagram postings and they will go directly to our account.

## 8. Programs Report: Chris Alloway

Tonight's speaker, Arale Vallely, " Paints on silk".

Chris is still waiting to hear back from potential speakers for the November General Meeting. If she cannot find someone, she will be the speaker.

## 9. New Business: Beth Stewart

- a. Starting this evening, draw tickets will be sold to raise extra money for the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Show and Sale. A single ticket will cost a loonie, three tickets for a toonie.
- b. Tickets will be available prior to the business meeting and during the break at 8:00 p.m.
- c. The draw will be made by the guest speaker when the meeting resumes after the break.
- d. You may give your ticket to a friend if you have to leave early

**A big thank-you to all the members who purchased tickets during tonight's meeting for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary initiative. Congratulations to winning ticket holder Dianne Flemming who went home with \$80.00! The club portion was \$79.00. There will another draw at the November meeting so remember to bring your loonies and toonies.**

**10. Announcement:**

- a. There are twenty-five spaces left for a workshop with Art Consultant Joanne Pollock. The workshop is sponsored by the St. Thomas Art Guild and will be held at St. Andrew's Church. You can pay by e-transfer and the price is \$35.00 for non-members. More information is available on the Guild's website at [stthomasartguild.com](http://stthomasartguild.com).  
**Robin Baratta**
  
- b. Art with Panache, the miniature show, starts next week. The London Community Artist show is on November 7,8 and 9. **Chris Alloway**

**11. Coffee Break**

Lynn has graciously provided coffee and homemade cookies. There is a donation bin on the table. Please consider a small contribution to offset our costs. You are welcome to bring a travel mug to enjoy your coffee during the guest speaker's portion of the evening.

**12. Next Meeting**

The next General Meeting is on Monday November 25. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**No meeting will be scheduled in December.**

Lambeth Art Association

50th LAA Annual Art Show & Sale

LAA '24-'25 Workshop

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