



General Membership Meeting March 24, 2025

Minutes of Meeting

Location: 695 Riverside United Church, London

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting, 8:00 p.m. Speaker

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## 1. President Call to Order

- i. President Walt Klisht reminded Members to promote our show on our Instagram and Facebook accounts. He also encouraged all members to participate in the Executive.
- ii. Walt thanked the members for supporting the coffee and homemade cookies.
- iii. Walt reminded us that raffle tickets will be sold up to the end of the break and he explained this evening draw prizes.
- iv. The AGM is scheduled on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 6:30 pm held at the Mandarin Restaurant on Wellington Road. Those choosing to attend the business meeting only are asked to arrive by 7:15.
- v. There will be more than one painting being raffled at our Art Show and Sale which the Show Convenor will explain. The family of a former member who passed away donated a painting for the raffle. We are looking for donations of three works of art from members. Please send a digital image to Cathy to see if yours will be accepted.
- vi. President moves to accept the minutes from the last General Membership Meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2025. Seconded by Ann Pigott.

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

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

### **1. Nomination Committee, Ann Pigott, Beth Stewart, and Patty Fisher**

#### **a. Upcoming vacancies as follows:**

- i. Membership Convenor – currently Eva Henning has put her name forward.
- ii. Secretary (a shared position with Lisa Staton) – recording minutes. Michelle Stewart has volunteered to be the other half.
- iii. Social Media – Margret Bullock needs an assistant.
- iv. Webmaster – Heather Peel needs an assistant.
- v. Program Convenor, schedules guest speakers, needs to be a shared job, Elizabeth Laying has volunteered but wants a helper - Sigrid Hynscht volunteered.
- vi. Vice President – Lynne Lavoie has stepped up to do this job starting January, Ann Pigott will do it for the fall.
- vii. President – Beth Stewart

#### **b. '25 – '26 Executive and Convenors vote to be held during the business meeting of AGM**

*Full descriptions of each of the positions are available on our website*

### **2. Treasurer's Report, Brian Glasspoole, Treasurer**

- i. Brian reported that there have been very few transactions, as is normal with the Show approaching. \$6,300.00 is the current cash position, which means we will have a cash buffer throughout the summer.
- ii. A member asked how artists are reimbursed for their sales after the Show is over. Brian will bring cheques to the May AGM at the Mandarin Restaurant and those that are not present at the meeting will receive the cheque by mail.
- iii. 88% of a sale goes to the artist, with 12% commission kept for the Association's expenses. The 10% discount for members and previous buyers is taken out of the 12%.
- iv. The issue of the discounting of 10% will be reviewed next fall. Whether the 10% applies to more than one piece of art will also be reviewed.

### **3. Membership Convenor's Report, Mary Lou Ross, Membership Convenor**

- i. Reporting on current membership and waiting lists. We have 34 people on the waiting list, 129 total members. Of those 122 are active, 7 are honorary, and 1 person has retired.

### **4. Show Convenor's Report: Cathy Bourgoyne, Show Convenor**

- i. Cathy has brought in the sign-up sheets for the Show again and there are still a few empty spots. She especially needs a floor convenor on the Friday from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- ii. All job descriptions have been updated and are in the Art Show section of the website.
- iii. Cathy thanked the membership for bringing in their submission forms and for the money handed in. The final date to hand in the forms and fees is April 17<sup>th</sup>. She still has some extra copies of the forms if anyone cannot print them out at home.
- iv. We were reminded to make sure our square inch calculations are correct on our submission forms and to indicate any oversized work.
- v. When preparing our paintings for hanging, we must have the proper "D-Ring" fastener.
- vi. Cathy asked if anyone had any easels we can borrow for the Show.
- vii. If you wish to donate a painting for the raffle that Walt spoke earlier about, please contact Dana Garrett at [danagarrett@rogers.com](mailto:danagarrett@rogers.com).
- viii. This year's judge for the Show is Artist Mercedes Victoria Schuster.
- ix. Chris Bartels asked if the size of our work that we put on the submission form includes the frame. The answer is yes.
- x. Cathy asked if anyone had outdoor LAA Art Show signage we could borrow for the Show.
- xi. There are postcards at the back of the room with the sign-in sheets, and there are posters there as well. Each person can take 20 postcards to distribute. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banners were picked up today. We will also be balloons. Dana Garrett asked where the additional raffle artwork will be displayed at the show and Cathy said we will have to accommodate.
- xii. Robin Barass suggested putting the LAA Art Show poster in your car window.

5. **Workshop Convenor's Report** – Beth Stewart regrets

6. **Social Media/Webmaster Report** – Margret Bullock, Website Administrator – Heather Peel

- i. Heather mentioned the Tourism London Website and LAA had been added to their website.
- ii. The email address to send photos of our artwork posted on our website is [lambethartassociation@gmail.com](mailto:lambethartassociation@gmail.com). During the summer, Heather will be reworking the member profile pages. Please send updated work to her attention because the website is going to be re-done. Members can send in up to 8 pieces of artwork to add to the site.
- iii. Members can increase our exposure and improve our marketing by liking, commenting, and sharing on our Instagram and Facebook posts. All of this will send traffic back to our website. Margret gave an example of how to share. She will also be doing stories that appear at top of the Facebook feed. We have 1,683 Facebook followers and On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Margret will post the LAA Art Show and Sale postcard, and she requested that everyone share that post to generate more activity.
- iv. These posts are cost effective in promoting our Art Show & Sale through our Social Media.

7. **Programs Report** – Chris Allaway

- a. This evening's guest speaker is Maksym Nechytailo.

8. **New Business**

**"50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative" Raffle:** Walt Klisht

- i. Thank you to our members who support our initiative raffle. Tonight's raffle winners were as follows: Angie Squire, Hilda Gray, Christine Bartel, Ann Pigott and Dianne Paquette.

**AGM Dinner Meeting**

- i. Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> LAA will be hosting our AGM dinner meeting once again. It will be held at the Mandarin, Wellington Road. Sign-in sheet will be available at this evening sign in desk.

## **Coffee and Homemade Cookies**

Thanks to Lynn Lavoie – Social Convenor and her volunteer(s) for the preparation of fresh brewed coffee and homemade cookies. Thanks to the Members for their support in donations to offset the costs.

## **London Community Artist Workshops**

London Community Artists will be hosting a “Brushstrokes for Children,” April 4 & 5. The flyer was included with our meeting agenda within our group email.

## **Next Meeting**

- ii. We will not be holding an April, General Members Meeting as members will be busy supporting the Annual Art Show and Sale.
- iii. The next meeting scheduled will be our AGM held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>. The dinner and meeting will be at the Mandarin Restaurant, Wellington Road.
- iv. Members wishing to attend only the business meeting are welcome to attend, by arriving at approximately 7:15 p.m. Those interested can sign up for the AGM on sheets provided at the sign in desk.

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LAA '24-'25 Workshop

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