

Exeter Arts Committee December 2011 Minutes
(Held on) January 5, 2012

The meeting of the Exeter Arts Committee was called to order this 5th day of January in the year 2012 at the Exeter Town Hall Gallery at 6:30pm.

Present: Kathy, Karen N., Jane, Francesca

Absent: Karen D.

Guests: Bob R., Rebecca Longley, Bonnie Porter

- **November Minutes** were read and approved as written (with spelling correction)
- **Holiday Show Wrap-up:** Karen D. was absent, so no formal report was available yet.
- **YAM:** No one has 'stepped up to the plate' to Chair the show. Kathy will send a letter to art teachers and school principals asking for someone to chair the show.
 - Historically, EAC members have hung and taken down the art and have occasionally returned the art to the schools.
 - Maybe we should ask Bev T. and Deb WB if they think we can pull the show together in time.
 - Becky has participated in school art shows in NYC. In those shows, the art teachers hung their own selections.
 - Tentative dates (as of Jan., they are now firm):
 - Drop-off- March 14
 - Opening- March 17
 - Take-down- April 1, delivery back to schools to follow immediately
 - Jane will check with Dean for info on YAM
 - Bonnie suggested that a letter also be sent out to the Superintendents, as a specific plea to them to encourage the SAU's participation in YAM. (Note: Bonnie also intimated that she might be willing to chair a YAM in the future.
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- **BUDS & BLOOMS:** Dates were set:
 - Drop-off- May 2, 4-7
 - Opening Reception- Friday, May 4, 5-7 with harp music by friend of Francesca
 - Close May 20, 4-6
- **Large Town Sign-Board:** The EAC needs to apply for dates ASAP. In the past, we just had to walk into the Town Offices and ask Carole. There is a new AA in the Town Manager's office named Sherry. She is the new go-to person. Jane or Kathy will seek her out and get dates, preferably the last week BEFORE the scheduled shows.
- **SOS Show:** is all organized and taken care of by Francesca and the artists. Show dates are February 17-26.
- **The Vision of the EAC:** Kathy is concerned about the small number of voting members, although we are certainly lucky to have retained a great cadre of loyal 'friends'!
 - Karen N. will write a blurb for the Seacoast papers. Francesca will then distribute it. It will invite people to our next meeting.
 - It was also briefly discussed that the EAC might, in the foreseeable future, a working relationship with the new Exeter Theater Group, aka IOKA.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Noonan, Scribe

EAC: Current Voting Members:

Kathy Lewis-Thompson, Chair; **Jane** Kiernan, Vice Chair; **Karen** Desrosiers, Treasurer;
Karen Noonan, Scribe; **Francesca** Fay, SOS Rep ☺; Is Bob Richardson 'approved' yet?