

Exeter Arts Committee May 2012 Minutes

May 24, 2012

The meeting of the Exeter Arts Committee was called to order 6:30 on this 24th day of May in the year 2012 at the Exeter Town Hall Gallery.

Present: Kathy, Jane, , Karen D., Bob

Absent: Karen N.

Guests: Lauren Chuslo-Shur, John Hauschildt, Hal Kirby, Janice-Marion-Bonnie from Seacoast Quilt Guild

- April minutes were read and approved as written. Bob firsted. Kathy seconded.
- Seabreeze Quilt Guild gave a very beautiful demonstration of its works, including scarves, wraps, quilts, towels, and framed art. (seabreezquiltguild.com, 80 members and going strong!) The Guild will be participating in the Charity Art Auction on November 10 and wanted to introduce itself and its members to us. For the Auction, the Guild will offer 12 items, with 2 priced under \$35. They will also set aside one larger project to be raffled off, with 50% of the sale price going to charity. The Guild will be working directly with Francesca Fay on the displays and details.
- **Buds & Blooms:** Was a great pleasure, as always. (May 4-20). The final fiscal report should be in the records soon.
- **The Vision & The Word:** Jane has agreed to chair the show. September 8-23. She hopes to get Water Street Bookstore involved, too, perhaps incorporating the Open Mike poetry nights, and the Poetry Society of New Hampshire (Bob Moore is the contact).
- Lauren presented a poster that she has created to put at the bottom of the stairs with a more prominent arrow pointing UP and naming it “The Gallery Upstairs” with a representation of the Town Hall as part of it. There was some discussion about the name of the gallery, the origin and use of the tradition blue logo and whether the current committee is at liberty to alter it, or use a different name for the gallery.
- **Treasurer’s CONCERNS:** Already, 1/3 of our budget has been used up, and there are outstanding bills!! (Signs of the Times?, Panels?) Karen would REALLY like to establish a budget so that we have enough! If any committee members know of any future expenditures in this fiscal year, please email projected costs to her before the next meeting.
- The committee received an email from Lana Summers who is doing pro bono work at the High School, working a encouraging creative artistic expression in special needs students. She is presenting a show at the school on June 4, 2012 and was hoping that a member of the EAC would help her ‘hang’ her first show. Bob Richardson said he would be delighted to help.
- **Panels:** are we still going to offer old panels to Danville Art Group? As it turns out, we are using both the old AND the new panels because of some restrictions caused by the size of the new panels. And there is carpet left that we could use in order to cover the largest old panels. We discussed meeting at a non-meeting date to ‘play’ with placement of the panels to help determine how we might best incorporate both sets of panels.
- Karen D. mentioned that Linda Anason and Scott Knuckler need to have a insurance rider in order to have their show in the Gallery in August. Jane will contact Linda to make sure she understands that. There was also discussion of whether or not there was a precedent for hosting an ‘individual’, non-EAC show in the Gallery. Do the rules (or laws) allow us to charge? Can we stipulate a clean-up fee?
- John Hauschildt from the Photographers’ group wanted to mention to us that there continues to be a problem with getting their members into the Gallery during their January show. All of the EAC members offered to be of assistance in letting photographers in so that we don’t have to send them to the Town Hall, or ask Water Street to help out. Kathy, Jane, Bob and Karen are all close enough to drop by to let them in.
- Adjourned at 7:45.

Next meeting is July 26. Same time, same place.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Kiernan, Substitute Scribe

EAC: Current Voting Members:

Kathy Lewis-Thompson, Chair; **Jane** Kiernan, Vice Chair; **Karen** Desrosiers, Treasurer;

Karen Noonan, Scribe