

Tarpon Spring Art Association

General Membership Meeting, May 3, 2021, via Zoom

Sherry Orr, Vice President, convened the meeting at 1 PM EDT. She greeted the members as they joined the meeting via Zoom. (Lynn Pierson, President, previously announced that she would be away.)

Secretary's Report: Lynn Hudson Kopala, Secretary, said all TSAA General Membership meeting minutes are up to date. There are no minutes for the April General Membership meeting, because the April meeting did not include a business portion. It consisted of a picnic and members' show, as covered in the TSAA Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Martha Hickey, Treasurer, reported the TSAA balance. She mentioned that one check had been written in April. Her report was accepted unanimously.

Membership and Newsletter: Patsy Renz noted that the membership total is unchanged since last month. In addition, as is TSAA precedent, there will be no TSAA Newsletter until the September issue. Patsy Renz emails a notice in advance of the September newsletter to remind members to submit news.

Venues:

- **Library:** Mary Silvia said the Library is still not ready to have us hang work.
- **Valley Bank:** Lynn Hudson Kopala reported that Valley Bank work will be exchanged in May. An artist is still needed for the September-October slot.
- **Hospital:** Lynn Hudson Kopala said that we are not ready to hang at the AdventHealth Hospital yet, since it is still largely closed to the public. However, she noted that the gift shop at the hospital, where we keep the records of work hung and business cards of artists who display, reopened in April, so perhaps things will change soon regarding public access, at which time we will once again mount a display. She will track this matter and keep the membership informed.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** Heather Risley announced that she needs work for the Chamber of Commerce for July through September. She asked members to contact her if they would like to display.
- **Hampton Inn:** Heather Risley reported that she needs an artist to display two pieces at the Hampton Inn in July. This venue prefers work featuring Tarpon Springs. It hangs in their main lobby.
- **The Performing Arts Center** is still not open for hanging artwork.

Programs:

Honoring the late Petera Semple: Sherry Orr mentioned that the reception honoring the life and work of Petera Semple held at the Tarpon Art Guild in April was very engaging and moving. TSAA plans its remembrance of Petera Semple for September.

Artist of the Month (AOTM):

- **May:** Kathy Detrano declared that today (May 3) is the opening day for submissions for the next AOTM. She will be sending out a schedule for an program entire year. It will include themes starting in September. She said themes will be interpreted broadly.
- **Winner of April AOTM:** Kathy Detrano announced that **Bess King's** painting won April's AOTM. Kathy showed the slide of the work, and Bess received general congratulations. Bess King answered members' questions about her work. She and her art will be featured in a future program portion of a TSAA General Membership meeting.

Luncheon at Tarpon Bistro on June 23: Sherry Orr reminded TSAA that the luncheon honoring Dan Jenkin's support of TSAA and our Plein Air event is June 23. She urged everyone to email her or phone her to reserve their places. Diane Wood will be the special speaker, covering Tarpon Arts. Note: The Tarpon Bistro is located at 17 N. Safford Avenue. There will be plenty of inside and outside seating. Please make your preference known when you call or email Sherry. Guests are welcome.

June Demonstration Online: Sherry Orr stated that Robert Simone will be giving TSAA members a virtual demonstration of his oil painting techniques in June via Zoom. Watch email for an announcement regarding joining the Zoom meeting.

Member News: Trish Gregory won second place at the recent photography show at Tarpon Art Guild. Fritz Johnson mentioned that a new gift shop in Largo carries local artists and that members might be interested in exploring possibilities there. It is called "Artistic Home."

There being no additional business, Sherry Orr adjourned the business meeting at approximately 1:35 EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Hudson Kopala, Secretary, May 8, 2021. Updated and resubmitted May 23, 2021. (Version 1.1).