

BELMONT ART ASSOCIATION MEETING - APRIL 17, 2018

The meeting was brought to order at the Benton Library by Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas and Linda Salter. The Benton Library is a volunteer-run library leased from the town at 75 Oakley Road, a lovely old stone building that in times past was the chapel for a boys school in this area. This was a trial run for the BAA in this location. We enjoyed being there.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas

Linda Salter

John Norton

Erika Hartwig

Dari Paquette

Jane Wentzell

BAA EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL

1. Carving Workshop: John Norton had arranged this and he gave us a report. It was a 3 hour master class in the technique of woodcarving given in a shop at Belmont Hill School. Tools for woodcarving were explained and demonstrated and students were shown how to transfer an image onto wood and carve it. John showed us a photo of the piece he carved. Very impressive.

The school required students to sign a disclaimer ahead of time. There were 6 students which was a perfect number for the room. Four out of the six had been to art school and they were educated and enthusiastic students for a class like this. This class was supported by the Belmont Cultural Council.

2. Talk, demonstration, and practice by the Chinese master landscape painter, Ma Qing Xiong. This event is brought to us by Linda Salter on Saturday, May 12, in the lower level assembly room at the Belmont Public Library. The time is 1:30 - 4:30. This is a free event to the public, supported by the Belmont Cultural Council.

The painter will talk about the culture and materials of Chinese brush painting. The final 20 minutes will provide an opportunity to try out brush painting. If you plan to stay for this, please bring an apron or wear black.

3. Fiber self portraits: Fiona will teach this class in the gallery in the Homer Building in September. Date and time to be announced. Bring a photo of yourself to work from.

4. Kumitimo: Naomi will bring this event to the BGA gallery in October. Date and time to be announced. This will be a continuation of a previous workshop. Yin Guang, owner of Ancient Moon Beads in Watertown will teach the class with Naomi's assistance.

5. Painting on canvas: Helen Marcus will teach this workshop the first weekend in November in the assembly room at the library. Date and time to be announced. Helen paints new sail cloth using acrylic paints and then makes it waterproof with shellac or resin polyurethane. This technique can be used to decorate floor cloths, but this workshop will teach the technique making place mats, as being more doable and appealing to different levels and ages.

THE PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

The programming committee met at the Black Bear Cafe in Belmont Center. There were 5 people attending: Erika, Nicole, and Fleur, Helen Marcus, and one other person who joined from another table. At this meeting they discussed vetting of teachers we hire to do presentations, and proposals from them. Nicole asked Helen Marcus to submit a proposal describing the sail cloth class she will be giving in November. Another programming

committee meeting is not currently planned.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT TEACHERS

It was agreed at the general meeting that perhaps outside teachers should be paid more than \$150. BAA members are not paid to be teachers. It was also agreed that Erika could tell Nicole (who was not present) that vetting of teachers is not required by BAA, although asking teachers for a proposal for their class is not a bad idea.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- The BAA has been offered a booth once a month at The Farmers Market. Is there interest among the members to do something with that?

- Mail Chimp lets us send messages to a lot of addresses at once. If you wish to forward an arts email through this channel, send it to Naomi using Ariel font # 12, and the image in JPEG.

- Constant Contact is another route that is not too expensive.

- Dari sent notices to 2 newspapers, neither responded with published articles. It was suggested that she call the newspapers and ask them why her notices were not published. The deadline for the Belmont Citizen-Herald is the Friday before the edition comes out on the following Thursday.

- Possibilities for PR include:

- Belmontian on line

- Wicked Local on line

- Rancatore has a bulletin board.

- The Senior center has a bulletin board.

- The Pilates Studio has a bulletin board, ask Jennie.

- Dari can make posters, she says.

- The library has a sandwich board.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next BAA meeting is in the Flett room at the library on May 15th, 7-9 pm. Bring something to show and tell, or show and ask, or show and get support, so we can have a discussion about art. Susan Kottler likes the critiques given at Cambridge Art Association meetings but not everyone enjoys this. A members' share is what we're going for.

The final meeting of this season will be at Dari's house. It will be a June Going Away party to honor our departing members: Anne Katzeff who will be moving to Florida in July, and Christine Chang who has decided to stay in Barcelona for at least a year. Christine will be visiting in June so this party can be arranged around her schedule on a weekend.

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