

Belmont Art Association Meeting: January 16, 2020

Location: Belmont Gallery of Art, Homer Building, Belmont, MA during the BGA's *Elemental* show.

Members Present: Alina Artyunova, Martha Bazakas, Paul Beckingham (Webmaster), Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas (Co-Chair), Beth Ann Fricker, Bert Halstead (Treasurer and Membership Coordinator), Richard Hill, Kay Hudgins, Linda Jurras, Susan Kottler, Mary Lee, Chris Neiman, Debbie Page, Dari Paquette (Co-Chair), Derrick Te Paske, Ken Stampfer, Fleur Thesman, Jane Wentzell (Recording Secretary).

Business Meeting

1. **2020 Vision Activities:** Our meeting was held a few days after the opening of our members' show. We discussed staffing the gallery during the show and the special events scheduled: February 2nd, the film "Faces Places;" February 9th, Nicole Bernstein's talk: "How We View Art;" and on February 15th, a still life painting setup organized by Paul Beckingham. At the reception, Dari and Naomi will be interviewed by the Belmont Media Center for the Belmont Journal weekly news program.

2. **Transformer Box Project:** During the previous two meetings we discussed our Belmont Cultural Council \$1000 grant to paint three of Belmont's transformer boxes. Martha Bazakas proposed a preliminary schedule which will be modified as needed:

January-February: Announce the project beginning at our show reception.

March: Write the RFP and publicize.

April: Proposals due by the end of the month.

May: Notify selected artists by mid month; generate publicity.

May-August: boxes will be painted.

A more detailed schedule will be developed and eventually published online when the RFP is completed. Meanwhile if anyone has questions, they can contact Martha, Naomi, or Dari.

3. **Sponsorship for BAA Members Show "2020 Vision: What We See:"** The opening reception for our show will be on Friday, January 24th from 6-8:30 pm. Naomi described her efforts to connect a local ophthalmologist with our show since its title would be appealing to an eye care professional as a venue for promotion. She had hoped for a donation to help defray the costs of the reception but had discouraging results. As she was describing the situation, a member spoke up who said he is a semi-retired ophthalmologist and that he would be glad to help sponsor the reception, anonymously. We very much appreciate his generosity!

4. **Proper Framing for Hanging Presentation by Richard Hill:** Member Richard Hill hangs the BGA shows. He expressed his frustration with the length of time required to hang our show because some of the work delivered to the gallery was not properly prepared to hang. Richard said his job should not include adding hanging wire to the back of a frame, changing the type of wire, adjusting its length and position, etc. Richard prepared a handout called "Picture Hanging Tips for the BGA" which is available on the BGA website. Dari also has a limited number of extra printed copies.

5. **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will take place on Thursday evening, February 13th at the BGA, from 7-9 pm. We will have the opportunity to admire our show, 2020 Vision, while discussing BAA business. The show ends on Friday, February 28th, when artwork pickup is scheduled from 10am – 1pm. People unable to make it during that time can come on Saturday, February 29th between 10:30 – 11:30. The BGA will be taking in work for their next show at that time and cannot hold onto BAA work beyond that date.

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