

Belmont Art Association Meeting: November 30, 2022

Location: This Zoom meeting was brought to order by Co-Chairs Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas and Dari Paquette. There were 12 people present.

Attendees: Sheila Benedis, Karen Berman-Mulligan, Nicole Bernstein, Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas (Co-Chair), Irene Fairley, Bert Halstead (Treasurer and Membership Coordinator), Martha Heller, Kirstin Ilse, Anne Katzeff (webmaster), Lauren Palmer-Merrill, Dari Paquette (Co-Chair), and Jane Wentzell (Recording Secretary).

Business Meeting

1. Recommended by Naomi: *Water Always Wins: Thriving in an Age of Drought and Deluge* by Erica Gies and *Melissa Stewart's science books for kids* – Porter Square Books and elsewhere
2. BGA: Martha Heller is participating in the group show by i3C artists, "Inspiring Change for the Climate Crisis" from 12/3/22 - 1/15/23.
3. The Unitarian Universalist First Church in Belmont Social Action Holiday Gift Fair will be on 12/4 from 11 – 3 in the parish hall and upper gathering hall. Participation offers artists the opportunity to market their work at the fair while at the same time supporting either the church's Social Action programming or a charitable cause of their choice that is aligned with UU values. They split the proceeds 50/50 with the artists and the selected charities.
4. Arlington Center for the Arts Call for Entries 1/8/23 deadline.
5. Lexington Open Studios is inviting the BAA to participate in their two-day event on 5/20-21. It is held at two indoor and outdoor locations, plus home studios. Karen Berman-Mulligan will be using her front lawn and has room for a few additional interested artists. Early registration ends on 1/31 (\$50) and thereafter goes up to \$75. Volunteers are requested.
6. Gallery Twist's "Illumination" show opens this Friday, with a reception on Saturday. Masks are encouraged.
7. Lauren Palmer-Merrill contacted the Belmont Farmers' Market (Hal Shubin). This year for the first time they are allowing artisan vendors. There is a fee required for a vendor table of \$400 for the season. It would be around \$25/week per vendor for the table. Lauren has offered to manage scheduling and curating the vendors in order for the BAA to have a designated weekly table. Everyone who sells would be required to have liability insurance, but it can be a simple single day policy.
9. Trinktisch may have a monthly indoor art market during the winter, but they are still thinking it over.
10. As usual, to accommodate the winter holidays, we will skip a December meeting.

Presentations

Tonight's program features members showing what they are working on or have recently completed. Artists who shared their work:

Anne Katzeff: participated in Arlington Open Studios at the ACA with partner Peggy Kornegger

Shiela Benedis: poems + artist books + calligraphy + paper wall hanging – Miscues. She has work in the Philadelphia Center for the Book Annual Members Exhibition. She is inspired by Cy Twombly's asemic writing and calligrams such as those by Guillaume Apollinaire.

Nicole Bernstein: has been making photo books using her iPhone for ease of mobility, creating different series

Bert Halstead: Jekyl Island, GA silhouette at sunrise. Autumn leaves – Kaaterskill Falls in the Catskills

Martha Heller: started as a ceramic artist – made tile "quilts" out of ceramics. Moved to fabric. Uses flowers to dye fabric. Makes decorative wall quilts now. Uses natural dyes and repurposed fabrics.

Meeting notes by Dari Paquette, BAA Co-Chair