

Yakima Valley Artists Association Membership

Minutes for July 14, 2025, 5:30 pm

- 5:30: Social time while viewing displayed art
- 6:00: Larry introduced the slate of candidates for the election of the new board
- After seeing no nominations from the floor, Autumn and Jeremiah Britt passed out ballots and then collected them.
- 6:15 Janice Laverne Baker, from Tieton, shared her presentation with us telling a bit about her art journey, sharing some of her early work up until recent pieces and what inspires her. She shared about her projects, her residencies, making art chapbooks and encouraged us to consider trying similar ventures. It was a delightfully inspiring talk and great for us to get to befriend another valley artist.

- 6:45 Business Meeting

1. **After tallying the votes, the candidate slate brought to the membership by the Nominating Committee was unanimously affirmed. The 2025-2026 officers starting in August will be:**

President: Doug Lewis

Vice President: Leslie Yamada

Treasurer: Stephen Rice

Assistant Treasurer: Stephen Stokesberry

Recording Secretary: Mary Jepsen

Correspondence Secretary: Lyn Lewis

At-large: Susan Hahn (Membership committee)

At-Large: Meldra Driscoll

(As past president, Larry Duren, will be a non-voting advisor at meetings. This does not need a vote.)

2. **The board brought a motion for us to submit a \$250 check for Studio Fees to Pamela Searcy. The motion was voted on and passed.**

3. **Announcements:**

- **Shrub Steppe deadline is August 1**
- **Virtual show- "The Art of Music" deadline is August 5**
- **YVAA Tour of Studios update was given-Labor Day weekend at Stephen Stokesbury's for YVAA members. YVAA members can sell tickets which are also available for purchase online or at the tour on the days of the show. Early purchase offers ticket holders the Tour Booklet. Information is available at ARTEBELLAGALLERY.COM**

4. **Plein Aire painting - See Kate Bowditch for details (425-783-0337)**

5. We adjourned at 7:00pm.

-Next month's meeting is **Monday, August 11, 2025.**

ART HAPPENINGS:

Tieton- Art on the Square- July 19. Fun event with other happenings in Tieton.

Gallery One in Ellensburg- Featuring **YVAA member, Susan Hahn**, June 13-July 26. Show opening celebration is July 1 (First Friday) 5-7pm.

Oak Hollow Gallery- Sheryl Pickering, through July 25

Labor Day Tour of Studios- Stephen Stokesberry and Pam Edwards are hosting the YVAA artists. Let Stephen know if you have any questions 509-480-0776.

YVAA Virtual Show submission deadline: August 5- "The Art of Music" Submit photos and details to Jeremiah Britt at jeremiahbritt@pm.me by the deadline.

Boxx Gallery- Images of the Shrub Steppe Sept. 6-28. Juried submission deadline: August 1 (up to 3 pieces for \$35). Check out the website

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- **YVAA Stickers** are available for \$2.00- see Gary Hughes. **Shirt orders/bookmarks-** see Jack Cannon
- **Plein Aire (Fresh Air) Painting:** Monthly get-togethers to paint. Email Kate Bowditch at kbowditch60@gmail.com or text 425-783-0337 for more info.
- **Social Media & Website:** Send details and photos of your art to Meldra so she can post them on Facebook.
- **Displaying art somewhere?** Contact Lyn Lewis (lenakira@hotmail.com) and I'll add it to our announcement page.
- **Painting sessions at the Harman Center. Oil painting** on Thursdays 9-11, **Watercolor** on Fridays 9-11. Cost \$15 per quarter, or \$1.50 per day. See Jack Cannon or Kate Bowditch for more details.
- **Gary Hughes has a glass tumbler.** Bring glass pieces to the meeting and Gary will return sea glass to you.
- **Places to display art:**
 - ✓ Dept. of Ecology building- Email Jo-Anne Carlson
 - ✓ Yakima Healing Arts (509)759-7470, call Kristy Cannon
 - ✓ Antolin Cellars, call Linda Haralson at 509-961-8370
 - ✓ C&S Coffeehouse in Terrace Heights, call Cassie Gordon 509-452-8774