

# Yakima Valley Artists Association

## Minutes - February 9, 2026

- 5:30 Social time- Visiting and viewing displayed art  
6:00 Welcome to members and visitors  
6:05 Presentation by Jane Gutting, ceramic artist  
6:35 Business Meeting

**Board Members Present:** Doug Lewis, president; Lyn Lewis, correspondence secretary; Mary Jepsen, recording secretary; Stephen Rice, treasurer; Stephen Stokesberry, assistant treasurer; Meldra Driscoll and Susan Hahn, members at large; Larry Duran, past president. Not present: Leslie Yamada, vice president.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stephen Rice

The treasurer's report will be made available to members via email.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Membership & Hospitality Committee:**

Lyn explained the sign-up sheet requiring permission to use members' contact information in a membership roster that will be distributed to all members.

#### **Presentations Committee:**

No business presented.

#### **Live Shows Committee:**

**Oak Hollow Members Show:** Doug encouraged all members to submit at least one piece of work to the YVAA Oak Hollow show beginning March 30 through May 29. Open house will be held 5–7 p.m. on April 3. Deadline for dropping off the art piece at Oak Hollow is March 27. Assistance is available through Membership Committee members to advising members how to present a piece for showing, if needed.

**Spring Barrel:** Doug outlined a new showing opportunity that YVAA is working on with area wineries and tasting rooms. Approximately 7 wineries or vineyards have consented to allow 2-4 artists to show and demonstrate their work at each location. The event, held April 26-28, has a Feb. 15 deadline for those wishing to indicate an interest in participating.

**Arbor Day Event:** Stephen R. talked to members about an opportunity to man a booth at the April 11 Arbor Day event at the Yakima Arboretum. Those interested may also participate in a plein air activity during the day. Stephen has created 10-page coloring book of Pacific Northwest trees that will be available for children. Those interested in participating may contact Doug or Stephen.

**Glenwood Square Booths:** Doug reminded members to notify him if they were interested in manning a booth with one or two other artists to sell and demonstrate their art during the dinner hour at Glenwood Square. The days open each week are Thursday through Saturday.

#### **Art Experiences Committee:**

**Volunteering:** Opportunities are available to volunteer with the Yakima Arts Academy and at Gayle's Corner Respite Center.

**Plein Air:** The event will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month now. In February, those interested may meet at the Yakima Museum on Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are encouraged to bring a lunch.

Kate Bowditch also introduced members to an opportunity to sign up for a trip in October to visit various Ellensburg galleries and museums. Further information will be available in the next few months.

**Website & Social Media Committee:**

Virtual Shows: Lyn read off the four titles receiving the most votes in January. “Agriculture” will be shown first in 2026 following a March 2 deadline to submit photos. The other three themes for 2026 are “Imagination” in June, “Culinary Delights” in September, and “Metal, Stone and Wood” in December. Further information on submitting the photos will be provided via email.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Toppenish Mural Society: Janet Mayer, a member of the Society, spoke to YVAA members about the 80 murals in Toppenish that need to be refurbish. Artists will be working with acrylic paint and large brushes. Those interested may contact Lyn.

Calendar of Events: Lyn spoke of the calendar of events covering February and March, now available on the entrance table each meeting for those wanting to take one.

**The meeting of the YVAA general membership will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026 at the Harman Center.**

The meeting was adjourned

Mary Jepsen, Recording Secretary