

**Yakima Valley Artists Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2026**

34 in attendance

5:30 - Social time: Visiting and viewing displayed art

5:55 – Welcome: Susan Hahn

6:00 – Planning for 2026: Doug Lewis, president, explained the break-out session, including the five tables representing the current committees. Providing information on the function of the committees included: Membership & Hospitality Committee, Susan Hahn; Presentations Committee, Kris Knight; Social Media & Website Committee, Stephen Rice; Art Experiences Committee, Lyn Lewis; and Live Shows Committee, Doug Lewis. The YVAA mission was presented and members broke into the five groups to discuss the organization's future activities. A feedback page was provided to all members that also included a vote on four titles for virtual shows in 2026.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the report was provided at the entrance table. The balance as of Jan. 6, 2026 was \$2,785.40.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/NEW BUSINESS**

- **Oak Hollow Gallery Members Show**: Doug announced the gallery would be available for YVAA members to display limited pieces beginning March 29. The Live Shows Committee will provide further information soon.
- **Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser**: "Hoedown for Housing" event will be held May 30 featuring art made with Restore items which will be due April 10. Contact Habitat for further information.
- **Fresh Air Committee**: The next event will be held Thursday, Jan. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Glenwood Square. Those interested may contact Kate Bowditch (425-783-0337) for further details.

The next general meeting will be held Feb. 9 at the Harman Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Jepsen, Recording Secretary

**ART HAPPENINGS**

- Boxx Gallery: Closed for January
- Oak Hollow Gallery: February/March – Stephen Stokesberry and Pam Edwards. Opening TBD.
- Larson Gallery:
  - "Cheryl Hahn: Good Speech"- Jan 10- Feb 2. Artist's talk is 3 p.m. Feb. 7.
  - Senior mornings: 10 a.m.-noon, Thursday, January 15, Bessie Bill, weaving; February 9, Cheryl Hahn instructor. Free, art-making activity for those 65 and older.
  - Hotel Maison: Artwork by YVAA members, Mary Jepsen, Meldra Driscoll, and Geri Haml.

- 1997 Café and Cocina, 16 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, showing Mezcia Collective.
- The Clymer Museum, Ellensburg- including Stephen Rice
- Yakima Free Clinic: Artwork by Leslie Yamada and Mary Jepsen
- Larson Gallery Auction: March 21. Call for donated art items coming.
- Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser: “Hoedown for Housing” will be held May 30<sup>th</sup> featuring art made from Habitat Restore items. Entries are due April 10. Further information will be available.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

- **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.
- **Displaying art somewhere?** Contact Lyn Lewis ([lenakira@hotmail.com](mailto:lenakira@hotmail.com)) and I'll add it to our announcement page.
- **YVAA website** features information on art events/venues, meeting minutes, and artists' work and profiles.
- **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 outdoors. Email Kate Bowditch at [kbowditch60@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** are available through Yakima Arts Academy (<https://yakimaartsacademy.org/>) and Gayle's Corner senior respite center (<https://galescorner.net/>)

### **PLACES TO DISPLAY ART:**

- ✓ Dept. of Ecology building- Email [Jo-Anne Carlson](mailto:joanne.carlson@ecology.wa.gov), [josexpressions@yahoo.com](mailto:josexpressions@yahoo.com)
- ✓ Yakima Healing Arts (509)759-7470, call Kristy Cannon
- ✓ Antolin Cellars, call Linda Haralson at 509-961-8370
- ✓ Adelia Wine Cellars, 509-594-0632
- ✓ Kana Winery, 509-453-6611