

## **Art in Public Areas Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday August 13, 2025, (9:00 a.m.) / Mt Jefferson Room

**Attending:** Julie Donaldson, Ann Phelps, Bonnie Keller, Wyma Rogers, Evelyn Hicks, Elizabeth Olsen, members; Pamela Brown, Council Liaison; Kristen Larsen, Administration Liaison

**Absent:** Jody Everts, member; Monique Ziesmer, Property Development

Call to Order at 9 am

**Minutes** from July approved

### **Reports and updates:**

Chair Wyma Rogers:

- Three individuals have been approached and expressed interest in APA membership. APA members agreed by acclamation to recommend all three to the Personnel Committee.
- September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3 pm is the new date for the APA Planning Session to determine the final plan of work for next year and review Principles for Collecting Art, purchasing and accepting donations.
- Celebrate APA – Wyma will talk with Craig Van Valkenburg regarding funding a party for volunteers and former APA members. So far, 32 current residents are volunteers/former APA members and 5 administrative staff have been identified. The Terrace Auditorium has been reserved for November 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 to 4 pm to hold the space if this “celebration” idea goes forward. Elizabeth volunteered to assist Wyma with planning. A screen with rotating pictures of some of those being recognized is one idea to explore. Elizabeth and Ann will confer about photo possibilities.
- We will replace Lake Oswego Studio Tour with alternative, more productive buying opportunities. A recent ReSale Art X Gallery trip netted 5 new acquisitions for \$800. We decided to plan a trip to the Oct 3-5 Local 14 Art Show at the World Forestry Center. From then, we will select from options listed in “Upcoming dates” as funds and time allow. Interested APA members MAY attend Art in the Pearl.

Wyma has been in touch with the late Junpei Sekino’s son, Kenji, regarding acquiring a piece of Junpei’s fractal art <https://www.sekinoworld.com/fractal/>

Wyma has ordered two paintings we voted for via email by artist, Barbara Benedetti Newton.

We have aligned APA expenditures with WV Finance records.

Treasurer and Archivist Ann Phelps:

Most teams have finished their work photographing art on campus although the process is ongoing.

A procedure to respond to residents who hang personal art in common space areas is needed.

Discussions with Brett from IT reveal that a package to install RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) for inventory tracking would be around \$2,500. This system would not require a visual reader but would involve a significant amount of work to install on the back of artwork throughout the campus and that must be considered when pursuing such a project. Purchase could be part of the IT or APA budget planning going forward.

A recent balance of the budget for art in Independent Living was \$4,311 and did not include 5 recent purchases at ReSale Art X Gallery.

Discrepancies between APA and WV Finance reveal a small overage in the 2025 Neighborhood Art expenditures (\$64.31).

Council Liaison Pamela Brown:

Pamela reports there will be no change in how APA handles our budget request procedure. We will continue to make a grant request to the Blue Heron Foundation.

Staff Liaison Kristen Larson:

Wyma noted the exemplary recognition of the Artworks program from the recent CARF Accreditation visit. Discussion followed about Artwork presentations that have furthered understanding about the depth of the program over its 15 year history. Pamela and Kristen will follow-up to consider whether a segment could be added to the New Resident orientation to inform new residents about all Artworks does and can do for residents, beyond the obvious.

Kristen clarified that Neighborhood kitchen remodels take about 5 weeks. Wisteria will be done the end of August or early September. Remove August 25 art hanging from calendars.

Kristen asked about APA's role with art installations outside Campus buildings. Outside art installations are not included in our APA Inventory. Discussion concluded that APA is happy to consult and sees our role as advisory vs a responsibility.

PNWCA (Pacific NW College of Art) provides interns to Artworks and is inquiring about allowing interns to lead resident participants in outdoor art projects. PNWCA is now part of Willamette University.

Julie suggested that APA may want to tour PNWCA and perhaps, later, consider a resident outing there.

Wall Works Bonnie Keller, Evelyn Hicks, Jody Everts, Julie Donaldson:

Themes for next year are forthcoming. Group was enthusiastic about Mary Gayle's suggestion of TWISTED. Bonnie and Sally's upcoming Procreate classes may provide work to support topics linked to MANDALA, PAINTING and PORTRAITS.

Julie: Updates on Court refreshing and Neighborhood bathrooms

Neighborhood bathrooms, minus Glacier Lily's, are finished. Court Refresh is complete except for 2 South and the 5<sup>th</sup> floor that requires a redo. It is too hard to find a couple of pieces to fill in and refresh Court 5.

Bonnie:

Three Lindsey Fox watercolor and ink paintings were installed expertly at White Oak Grill yesterday morning by WV staff, Andy and Chris. Bonnie and Wyma provided guidance and Julie and Elizabeth took pictures. One abstract representation of Ramona Falls was featured in the Spotlight for Summer Willamette Views written by Ann Phelps. Ann has material to help Bonnie create signage about these works for the White Oak wall. Bonnie suggested that going forward, we may want to consider non-reflective acrylic to avoid the glass glare from light fixtures in certain locations.

Elizabeth: Portland Art Museum *Art and Conversation* update

Given the disruption and some safety concerns for ambulatory challenges created by the construction of the Rothko Pavilion, APA is delaying return to these events until after the opening of the remodeled PAM campus - slated for November.

**Jurying additions/withdrawals:**

We voted to deaccession 4 pieces of art from the APA collection

Adjourned around 10:30 am

**Upcoming dates:**

Wednesday, September 10: 9-10:30 APA Business meeting

Monday, September 15: 1-3 APA Planning Workshop

\*• August 30 – September 1 Art in The Pearl Fine Arts & Crafts Festival 2025,  
[www.zapplication.org/event-info](http://www.zapplication.org/event-info)

• October 3-5 Local 14 Art Show at the World Forestry Center, Miller Hall,  
<https://www.local14.org>

\*• October 10-12 Sitka Art Invitational Oregon Contemporary 8371 North Interstate Ave,  
<https://live-sitka-center.pantheonsite.io/sitka-art-invitational/>

\*• December 4 – 30 Oregon Society of Artists Annual 12 X 12 Show and  
Sale <https://canvas.osartists.org/exhibitions/90>

*\*These three outings will be determined based on interest and/or funds available*