



## **Board Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2024. Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by President Kerby Smith**

Attending: Kerby Smith, Jennifer Moss, Wendy Denton, Barbara Liss, Monica Lasgoity, Vicki Thomas, Lura Schwarz Smith, Carolyn Hartling

### **REPORTS**

• **Secretary:** Sandee Scott.  
(Minutes distributed earlier to board members via email.) Wendy moved and Barbara seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept and approve minutes for the November YSA Board meeting.

• **Treasurer:** Monica  
We have 147 members and we have \$23,658 cash.  
Regarding money and donations, Wendy stated that she recently learned that anyone over 72 ½ with an IRA and subject to a minimum distribution requirement may donate an amount over the required distribution to a 503© 3 without penalties.  
Kerby moved that we accept the treasurer's report, then Barbara informed us that a vote to accept the treasurer's report is not necessary or required.

• **Technology** Jennifer  
Jennifer has made some updates and improvements to the website and the Visions of Self page. She has filled the 2025 website calendar with the recurring events. Jennifer asks that group chairs check the dates and let her know of any corrections that need to be made.  
Note: It's requested that items for the calendar be given to Jennifer a **week ahead of time**.

• **Art Demos** Wendy Denton

December 14 — holiday party potluck  
January 18, 2025 — pastelists Crystal Oskovich  
February 15th — Jennifer Moss on \_\_\_\_\_  
March 8th — not yet scheduled  
April 12th — Carolyn DeAnda possibly  
Carolyn Hartling recommended Sally Kent, who makes beautiful felted lamps and who enjoys doing demonstrations.

### **Board Members**

**President:** Kerby Smith

**Past President:** Barbara Liss

**V.P. - Demonstrations/Non-Profit:**  
Wendy Denton

**V.P. - Community Outreach:** Gina Mims

**V.P. - Technology:** Jennifer Moss

**V.P. - Hospitality:** Vicki Thomas

**Secretary:** Sandee Scott

**Treasurer/Membership:** Monica Lasgoity

### **Committee/Event Chairs**

**Marketing Assistant:** opportunity available

**Portrait Group:** Lura Schwarz Smith

**Photo Group:** Autumn Ensign & Jennifer Moss

**Plein Air:** Mary Beth Harrison & Lisa Zylstra

**Women's Voices:** Wendy Denton & Jennifer Moss

**Art Center at Gallery Row:** Carolyn Hartling

**Community Galleries:** Barbara Liss

**United Security Bank:** Sheila Boyd & Sandee Scott

**Fundraising:** opportunity available

**Education:** opportunity available

**Historian:** opportunity available

Reminder Note: Contact Wendy via email to give her suggestions for presenters.

- **Marketing** Gina

No one has stepped up to do the newsletter yet. One person mentioned as someone to ask was Andrew Regner, a relatively new member who has attended art demos and the photography group, and who has technology skills.

Gina recently attended the Women in Business luncheon and will be co-chairing the Banner project with Steve Montalto.

## **GROUPS**

- **Portrait group** Lura

There was light turnout for Decembers's portrait group. Models are booked through March. Jennifer recently did a great short video featuring the portrait group. It was mentioned that the video could be uploaded as a youtube short also on our youtube channel.

- **Plein air** Mary Beth Harrison submitted report

No Plein air outing in December.

January's outing will be at Blue Heron Lake at the Yosemite Lakes Park clubhouse area.

- **Photo Group** Kerby (Autumn not present)

The group is getting a fairly good turnout. Members are appreciative of the space at the college and the technology there that allows participants to bring images on a thumb drive and have them projected on the large screens. The college is most helpful in facilitating our use of the premises.

One recent photo group member was looking for a photo group that's more focused on the technical aspects of photography; she may start her own group.

The next group is the 17th of December — theme is Hot and Cold.

## **GALLERIES AND EVENTS**

- **Community Galleries:** Barbara

Visitor Center — currently work by JoEllen Wyatt is up. Next up (end of January) will be Wendy Denton, followed by Jennifer Moss. So the next 5 months or so are covered.

Regarding the Madera County government center — the center is now open. Kerby is waiting to hear back from Macaulay's office on the Call to Artists announcement that's been drafted.

Kerby will follow up. Barbara has yet to check out the space, but will do so.

- **YGAC (Yosemite Gateway Art Center)** Carolyn

The current exhibit features works by artists Monica Lasgoity, Carol Wagner and Mary Beth Harrison. Next exhibit will go up mid-January and Carolyn is looking for interested artists.

Members should contact Carolyn Hartling if interested in future YSA spotlight exhibits at YGAC.

- **United Security Bank** Sandee and Sheila not present

The next changeout will be mid-February. Stay tuned for announcement.

- **Women's Voices, Women's Vision** Jennifer

There are 15 submissions for the Visions of Self exhibit so far. Most entries are submitted in January. There may be some expenses for ribbons. Jennifer is wanting to have ribbons specifically for the local exhibit of Visions of Self. Jennifer will send out the YSA member discount code to members. Exhibit opens March 1st in recognition of Women's History month and the opening reception will be held on Saturday, March 1st at the gallery at Oakhurst Spirits.

### **Old Business:**

1. Mariposa Gazette featured artists: The second featured artist was Mardilyn Georgio, which came out Dec. 1st. Other suggestions for featured artists have been forwarded to Kelly or sent to her directly so Jennifer thinks the next 6 months are covered.
2. Holiday party update — The party is scheduled for noon to 3:00 pm Saturday, December 14th at Yosemite Wine Tails in Oakhurst. Twenty-eight are signed up. We will be paying Colette \$800. There will be a show and tell and a gift exchange (\$25.00 limit).
3. YSA Online Gallery — Barbara and Jenn will meet after the holidays to discuss the possibility of an online YSA gallery.
4. Membership fee will be \$45 starting in 2025. Renewing will add a year to one's membership, even if renewing a little early. Fees for the different types of membership were discussed and agreed upon and Jennifer will post the fees online. There are some questions that need to be answered on the technical side and it will take time to set this all up. Barbara moved, Jennifer seconded and it was unanimous that the fees will be the following: \$20 for students, \$45 for individuals, \$75 for family or business with and price increases effective 2/1/25. For those with a recurring membership renewal in January, the renewal will be at the old rate.
5. Newsletter — We'll be talking to Andrew and maybe Nick Adelizi about doing the newsletter.
6. Kerby reported on the Art Hop event at Sorensen's. It was a lot of work; Kerby did a lot of cleaning up. Electric Motor Shop would welcome us back if the place hasn't rented. One issue is the overall status of Fresno's Art Hop. Kerby stated he can't see us going back there until Spring and that would depend on whether the space is available and if the Fresno Art Hop is viable. There are still large movable walls that we can have, but we need storage space for them. They are 8' x 8' x 2', and too big for our storage container. Status of the storage container — it's still there; it's free; it's accessibility is somewhat inconvenient. There's also stuff stored in Norma Roger's barn. Wendy will ask Annie, Norma's daughter who's living there, about it.

**New Business:**

1. Voting rights for group chairs — Barbara will review the by-laws to see if this is a possibility.
2. The next board meeting is Thursday, 1/9/25 at 4:00 pm on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 5:05 pm

Minutes written based on the recorded meeting and submitted by Sandee Scott