

Guest: Hillary from Majestic Gallery in Nelsonville to share a few projects:

- 1) October 5-6 an event in Nelsonville on the Public Square: The First Annual Appalachian Literary Arts and Storytelling Festival Celebrating Our Appalachian Stories. Organized by Hocking College instructors and a fellowship endowment. The Gallery will be hosting an exhibition of conceptual based art and Book based artwork in the gallery. They are looking for outdoor vendors (and demonstrators), with live music and beer for the event with the street shut down. This will be a low/no cost for vendors. Mike said Hannah would be on this committee, Mark will as well.
- 2) The Majestic is also interested in bringing back something like the former Final Friday concept partnering with Paper Circle and Stuart's to get a monthly evening event. This will be a low/no cost event for vendors.

Old Business:

1. Socials:
 - a. Most recent social at The Union was well attended and had good information.
 - b. Discussion of potential presentations and locations for socials: tax prep help and product photography.
2. Farmers Art Market: payment is not getting tracked correctly. We need an updated method for this process.
3. Membership
 - a. The application form online looks good.
 - b. The jury process for adding new members needs to be expedited.

New Business:

1. Mark suggested using Google Calendar for reminders for events (farmers market, etc) and publish the calendar on the website.
2. Mark had concerns over unread emails to the main email account. Mike, Lisa, Rod, and Mark have access.
3. Athens Farmers Market is trying to grow their Wednesday Market by adding community endeavors like Ohio Health Mammography and Athens Bookmobile. The Wednesday market is open/free to all juried guild members who are participating in the Saturday markets for 2024.
4. Rack cards: we need clarification on who to contact about getting our cards into the Hocking Hills. Jeanna will bring a few sample rack cards from the Hocking Hills to the next meeting.
5. Discussion: Member badges and member T shirts at vending events, socials, Maker Space for discount.
6. Rod suggested a guild incentive for members to add "member of Athens Art Guild" to their business cards as one more way to advertise the guild.
7. New board members should have bylaws. We discussed adding them to the website.
8. Committee organization was discussed and will be added to meeting agendas.
 - a. Holiday Shoppe dates were discussed; and generating a Survey Monkey questionnaire to get all membership input on a date.
 - b. Winterfair Committee - Dustin
 - c. Mom's Weekend

- d. Membership Committee to track contact info and new members
- e. The Newsletter Committee is Dustin, Marjorie, and Elizabeth. They have an “Artist Spotlight” feature, recent social, committee membership. Newsletters will be numbered by volume and added to the website.
- f. Membership grant: discussed last one and next one. ODC also has one available for their members.