Poulsbo Artist League Newsletter

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A Message from Your New President

Hello, Fellow Artists!

I am excited and honored to serve as the new President of the Poulsbo Artist League.

I believe PAL is more than just an art club. It is a community of artists who inspire, encourage, learn from, and support one another.

One of my goals as President is to make PAL more visible in our community while sharing the warm, friendly, and welcoming spirit that makes our art league so special.

I hope to encourage new members to join us, knowing they will find a supportive group of artists who enjoy sharing their creativity, learning from one another, and building lasting friendships. One way is to possibly make a bifold or trifold brochure to put in places around our communities. I know our members will have other ideas as well. Let's "toot our horn!"

My hope is to bring fresh ideas, fun activities, and opportunities for all of us to grow as artists. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced artist, everyone has something to learn and something to share. Let's make this a wonderful year filled with creativity, friendship, laughter, and, of course, lots of ART!

Pam Sessions

POULSBO ARTISTS LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2026

President Kay Boyce called the meeting to order at 1:08. There were 16 members in attendance making a quorum so meeting commenced.

Annual Report and Highlights

Kay delivered the annual report of the past years activities.

Bylaws were updated which were sadly out of date and did not reflect PAL's 501-3-c status.

PAL successfully participated in the Poulsbo Arts by the Bay for the third year in a row.

Continued our show at the Treehouse Cafe changing it out three times per year and now has a more standardized procedure for taking in and hanging art.

The third Wednesdays continue to be a success.

PAL is sponsoring an evening Artist's Social at Black Barn. Kirsten Laher Klanahan is chairing. Kay is hoping for new artists and ideas.

After a big rent increase PAL has remained solvent.

Financial Report delivered by Libby Anderson, Treasurer

Libby delivered a comprehensive financial report (which will be attached separately from these minutes) and a comparative financial report on the last three Poulsbo Arts Festivals. PAL will be switching bank accounts to Kitsap Credit Union from Wells Fargo so we can continue having a free checking account without a minimum balance.

Committee Reports

Tree House Cafe Venue-Chairman Kay Boyce reported that the venue was switched to a change of venue from four times a year to three times a year. The current show is the celebration show of Jill Newkirk's work. We are selling more there overall. The next show will run from November 28 to March 27. Pam Sessions will be the feature artist. Kay Boyce will continue to chair. Pam Sessions remarked that there could be more than one feature artist in the future. The next theme is seasons of light.

Art Festival-chairman Sheri Comfort and Barbara Forrest reported that the festival went well with more sales than previous years and plenty of volunteers. There will be a comparative table attached to this document showing the financials from the last three festivals which Libby has compiled. Pam Sessions volunteered to chair this committee for next year. She was impressed at how well the show was set up. Sheri stated we need an official policy that if you have art at the art festival, you must be required to volunteer or find a person that will volunteer in your place. There are lots of ways to help without manning the event, such as working intake. Pam S. Would like to see more miniature paintings for sale at the festival.

Third Wednesday- Chairman Becky Calder was out of town but had spoken to Kay. Becky and Val West will continue to run this committee. She stated that ideas are welcome for demos and challenges. This has been a very well popular activity.

Plein Air- Garven Kinley and Pipper Watkins will be leading this group and coming up with locations.

Web Master-Bill Fulton will continue to act as Webmaster.

Evening social-Kay Barnes reported that Kirsten Laher Klanahan will chair this committee. The first gathering will be at the Black Barn Fine art studio October 8, tomorrow at 6 o'clock.

Christmas Party-Linda Goeb will call Becky to coordinate. Kay has lots of Christmas decor and utensils.

Christa Shores-Chairman Judy Guttormsen reported that she has contacted Sandy Cassi who is the liaison at Christa Shores. There will be a change of art in November.

Village Green – the next show will be November through December 2028. The chairmen will be Margot Baeder and Sheri Comfort.

Sunshine- Pam Cathey is to be the sunshine person. Pam asked that if you have any information regarding a member that needs a card, please contact her.

Media-Val West and Pam Cathey will share this committee. Pam Cathey will send Val texts, pictures, etc. and Val will post those to Poulsbo artist league social media sites. Val said she can do that from her second home in Arizona.

Calendar-Renata Knutson has volunteered to keep producing the monthly calendar which has been an invaluable service to PAL.

Election of officers

The slate of officers was elected unanimously. They are:

President-Pam Sessions

Vice President- Becky Calder and back up Margot Baeder

Treasurer-Libby Anderson

Secretary-Judy Guttormsen

Board members at large-Kay Boyce, Cherron Papillion

New President's Introduction and remarks

Pam introduced herself and shared her art journey. Her philosophy is that we are a" community of learning". She would like us to share our art knowledge and ideas by having a no more than ten or fifteen mini lesson every Wednesday except on days of the third Wednesday. She passed out a small survey so she could get to know everyone a bit better.

New Business and Discussion

Barb Nickerson shared her new abstract acrylic painting. Pam Sessions talked about a business that prints your art on items called LE GALERISTE.com

Meeting was adjourned at 2:31pm

Minutes taken and submitted by Judy Guttormsen, secretary

Third Wednesday

October 21-Marcy Lynn Cyanotype Artist -- Marcy's cyanotypes will be at Salt and Pines Gallery on Bainbridge Island for the month of November. Reception on November 6th.

November 18 – Bring your latest project and show and tell or ask for a critique

Member News and Views

Val West had her painted ponies series accepted unto the juried Sonoran Arts League show called the artistic kaleidoscope symphony of color.

Don Hazeltine is the guest artist at Collective Visions Gallery in Bremerton.

Janie Ballard- has work at various locations. Little Works of Art at Saltwater Bookshop and OVER THE MOON COFFEE ROASTERS. She will have paintings hanging at Java Hot Shots coffee shop in December and starting in November she will have work at Bon Cheveux Salon in Poulsbo.

Kirsten Lauer Karahan has paintings hanging at the Millstream Specialty Shop on Bainbridge Island.

See her blog http//of paintandprose.wordpress.com

Margot Baeder has cards and paintings at Over the Moon Coffee Roasters

Judy Guttormsen will have cards and paintings at Bon Cheveux Salon in Poulsbo.

Ingrid Amirault is participating in Art in the Wood at her own studio and has a show in December at Sotheby's on Bainbridge. She will also have a show at the Collective Visions Gallery in Bremerton in November. Ingrid Amirault.com

Poulsbo Arts Festival

The festival was very successful this year with wonderful weather and lots of volunteers making a successful venture. Sales were more than double than the previous year. We continue adjustments to the layout to welcome more people into the display. Next year PAL will add more grids and add more miniatures.