



River Ridge Association of Fine Arts *Spokane, Washington*

RRAFA BOARD MEETING

Minutes – January 4, 2012

Present: Joanne, Reho, Connie, Bernice, Gina, Donna, Ellen

Treasurer's Report: \$468.22 + \$75 (door prize) + \$53 (X-mass basket) \$224.84 in door prize fund. Suggested we have two baskets next year. Door prize \$ will go into checking to cover donation to Monarch Arts.

Bernice reports that refreshment supplies are down and many things need replacing. Request budget for refreshments at the meeting. Approved \$50 for year's expenses.

RRAFA will implement rules for RRAFA sponsored shows: no business cards on art work, display cards and business information separately; information about RRAFA to be displayed along with artists' bio statements. Connie will get lucite frames for desk-top displays and print out RRAFA cards; 10% of sales go to RRAFA.

Ellen will make up some new member's folders for the new members. Membership dues are due at February meeting for members to be included on membership list and on website. New list will be available March general meeting.

RRAFA Founders month honorary show May and June with reception at Little Garden Cafe.

RRAFA will participate in "River Speak" to be better represented in Spokane's arts scene. Connie and Ellen will attend the meeting at the downtown Library, 21 January.

RRAFA members are encouraged to participate in the Peace Arts Festival and the Global Art Project.

RRAFA will be at the Lavender Festival again this year. Members are encouraged to create some "lavender" themed work.

A possible site for RRAFA is "the barn" Deer Park. We can do a show or event in August. We need to look into the details for doing this.

Minutes – February 1, 2012

Present: Reho, Ellen, Judy, Gina, Connie

Treasurer's Report: \$980.26 balance, deposit of \$515.00 membership dues and door prize money; 23 paid members

We have 2 or 3 new members; but we don't have several of the "old" members

New member: Penny Cannon; Connie will send a welcome message to her to encourage her participation in RRAFA shows and meetings.

Ellen, Reho, and Connie will contact some of the "old" members .

Goal: to get everyone represented on the website. Some members still do not have pictures and bios (need to be presented digitally) Connie will assist members who need to photograph art and/or write bios. Members who do not have pictures and bios on the site will have their names taken off the "members" page.

Several members who are comfortable with digital presentation of art work could be asked to assist other members and/or present programs on how to prepare artwork for display on the website.

Ellen is planning a "RRAFA Founders Week" show for honorary members. The show will be in May and June at Little Garden Cafe. Ellen will contact the founding and honorary members.

We should give more priority to our programs, as they interest the members and guests. The schedule of programs will be announced on the website/newsletter so that people can see ahead of time what the program will be. Interesting programs are planned for the coming year. Visitors and members can be invited to attend just the program if they cannot attend the full meeting.

Members are encouraged to submit articles about "art vs. craft" and other related topics to the newsletter. We will be having some discussion about "what is fine art" this year as we try to open up our membership to include more diversity in art media.