

Artist Enclave of Historic Kenwood

MAY 8, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The AEHK met at 6:30 PM to discuss the following items:

Meeting Introductions

We welcomed 21 members, some of whom updated on their recent activities.

Annie Knowles shared that she enrolled in a two-year textile art program in San Antonio, Texas. In November, she will show in the biggest quilt exposition in the county in Houston.

Gabriella Valencia announced that her art will be on exhibit on May 23 at the Tampa Stageworks Theater Women in Art show.

Jim Woodfield announced that Woodfield Fine Art Gallery will host the Come Out St. Pete art exhibit as the Second Saturday event in September and will have selected art on display through October 11. More information on this show and event will be sent via email to members, including how to submit art.

HKNA Public Arts Initiative – Bob Jeffrey

Bob briefed the members on the efforts to add artistic touches to the 125 Historic Kenwood street signs to visibly emphasize the Neighborhood of the Arts. The goal is to mount 16"x16" decorative "finials" created by HKNA artists and neighbors. The HKNA is seeking artists who can give workshops to other neighbors to create suitable artwork. Workshop leaders will be compensated. The materials used must be durable and weather resistant. The goal is to have the first finial artwork mounted by November for BungalowFest. Bob provided handouts.

Bob also invited AEHK artists to participate in a second Dining for Art event. This event is intended to raise funds for public art in Historic Kenwood. Over three weeks, neighbors will be hosting various themed dining events in their homes. The plan is to include art in each dining event, with an artist chosen to attend (for free) and display, discuss their artwork with guests, and provide for sale a limited number of pieces to benefit the public art initiative. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent via email to all AEHK members with full details. Questions can be discussed with Brenda Gordon over the phone at 813-712-0796.

Spring Studio Tour

Jan Richardson asked that more artist participants in this year's event please send her more feedback. At the April meeting, she handed out survey sheets, but received few back.

Revisiting BungalowFest Participation

Charla Cribb reported that, after further discussions with HKNA Board members, the chairs for this year's November tour of historic homes (Brenda Gordon and Michelene Everett) are inviting artists to display one or a few more of their artistic works in the homes on the tour. A list of participating artists

and samples of their art will be posted on the HKNA website for homeowners to choose artists. A few questions remained, including Steven Kenny's question if the artwork shown in the homes will be insured. More details on this event will be forthcoming.

Website Presentation – Deb Von Cannon

Our official webmaster Deb presented a comprehensive review of our current website design, via a slide show. She stated that the site is not well organized and does not effectively promote the AEHK. She proposed an interim plan to revamp the site, giving it the "face of the enclave," with a simpler and more effective way for visitors to target the media they want to explore, more photos (she asked to have sent to her photos from our events), and a more artistic feel. Deb also will approach the HKNA Board with a request to gain more access to the site as the webmaster for a future thorough redesign. Members showed their appreciation for the *excellent* work Deb put into her very comprehensive presentation and plan of attack.

AEHK T-Shirt Proposal

Dwayne Shepherd brought up a proposal by Maurice Bartikofsky in April to create AEHK T-shirts to promote the artist community. Dwayne's reasoning is that people will see us wearing these and comment, presenting opportunities to discuss the AEHK and our artists. Sales should support the expense of creating and printing the T-shirts, and also could be made available at any event or meeting, along with the current HKNA merchandise to raise funds. Dwayne was authorized to bring three bids for printing back to the next official meeting. It was also asked by the membership if we can seek a sponsor to help cover the cost of the T-shirts.

Performing Arts Committee

Peentz Dubble stepped into the position of Chair of this Committee, along with members Jim Woodfield, Lance Dubble, Gabriela Valencia, Joy Rose and Charla Cribb. The committee met before the May AEHK meeting, and put forth several exciting proposals for recruitment and opportunities for performing artist. The committee will continue to meet during the summer hiatus.

Summer Hiatus and Information Get-togethers

During the AEHK summer hiatus, we will continue to get together offsite in a social setting. The first gathering will be hosted by Dwayne Shepherd and the second by Jan Richardson. Details, dates and more will be sent via email.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charla Cribb, AEHK Liaison to the HKNA Board.

