

Meeting Agenda
November Membership Meeting
ALWCA
11.6.23 via Zoom
Prepared by: K. Hart

Attendees

Kimberly H

Misty G

Lucy Julia H

Tara Stallworth L

Rachel L

Kami W

Anna Sue C

Amanda B

Lexie A

Sara G

Melody T

Sylvia

Elizabeth R

Welcome (Kimberly)

News From ALWCA

Thank you for all our help on the Moon Festival and those who helped with Myth in Form. You are amazing and doing wonderful things to grow and strengthen our thriving community. You make our community; THANK YOU!

- Please drop your first name and last initial in the chat as you arrive so that Elizabeth can check everyone in.
- ALWCA is looking for an Exhibition chair and volunteers to help with the Membership drive and the next call for entry. See Kami and Anna Sue.
- I'm looking for help with the Zoom Meetings in 2024. (Rachel L said she could help) LM is difficult to assess if you are handicapped, and Robert doesn't know when this will be fixed. Call or [email](#) me if you would like to help me out.
- Myth in Form - see exhibitions below.
- ALWCA is giving Leanna Lesley a landing page inside ALWCA's website for Embodied.

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- Membership meetings will be quarterly in 2024.
- We are adding an agenda to every Zoom member meeting. We will add it to our website under the Calendar tab by the end of November. The membership agenda will be posted on our website after meetings.
- An [ALWCA Calendar](#) is up and live across all our platforms. Let us know about a class you are teaching or an exhibition you are participating in. Email or DM through FB or IG with details or a link with all the information would be great.
- Show & Tell success! I am looking to do quarterly in 2024, possibly in February.
- Please go to the WCA [Member's portal](#). Add your headshot and other information. WCA recently developed a Member Tutorial to show you how to use the new features. Please download the PDF and take a look.
- Do you like to write? WCA is looking for writers for the website blog; check out the guidelines [SUBMIT TO THE ART Insights BLOG](#) and [Contact page](#).
- Cards and stickers are at Anna Sue's studio. Tara Lee has them for B'ham Pod.
- Calm - Call for Entries - more to follow in the newsletter and website. Tell your friends!
- Member Showcase Exhibition March 2024 at A&M - more to follow.

Treasurer's Report (Amanda)

- RFCU balance: \$2,275.84
 - +\$25 August member dues
 - -\$164 Call and Response shipping
- PayPal balance: \$1,445.20
 - Can I move the PayPal balance into our RFCU account? This was agreed to and is in process. It will simplify the transaction side of banking actions.
 - Action: Move to RFCU (will leave a \$50 cushion for emergency transactions)
 - Action: Resume Stipend payments to Qiyanni. (Next dist. 11/6/23)
- Total: \$3694.58 (after annual payment to Zoom and incoming member dues)
- All bills have been paid for the year. ALWCA is in a good financial position.

Vice President (Rachel)

- Rachel will be talking to members who have more established careers about what their needs are.
 - We've identified that new members need a lot of support regarding some art business basics, but we also want to make sure our established artists are getting their needs met.
 - If you have any suggestions regarding established members, please contact Rachel Lackey.

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- Something that came up when Misty and I met was the possibility of creating a “Best Practices” for exhibitions document that newer artists could refer to and perhaps share with venues who want to start exhibiting artists’ work (such as restaurants, etc.)
- Amy Jenkins from the Alabama State Council on the Arts offered to come to speak to the membership, especially about the artist’s grants offered annually.
 - Anna Sue will keep this in mind.

Birmingham Pod (Tara)

The first ever ALWCA Birmingham Pod // Salon Social
COME AS YOU ARE | Friday - Nov 10th - 5:30 - 8 pm at Tara’s house. Contact either [Tara](#) or [Alabama WCA](#) - everyone’s welcome to this casual meeting.

Exhibitions/ Events (Anna Sue/ Kami/ Sylvia)

From Anna Sue

Update: The Exhibition Picnic was a good turnout for the meeting, with lots of ideas that came out of it.

- All chairs take note we can do PSA at WLRH now, but they need a couple of weeks' notice, and Anna Sue is the liaison. This is not finances - do not recall it being mentioned - should this be removed?
- A&M Member Showcase (Here I Am)
 - March
 - Not just 2d
 - 1 per Member
 - Could drop off and pick up both (A&M and Hospital) at the same time
 - Dates forthcoming
 - If doing 2 events and have work ready by the end of January, we could do both.
- Myth in Form Update - pick up work
- ALWCA Gallery Wall
 - **Sonja Rossow** - State of Affairs - 10/4/23 - 11/18/23
 - Closing Reception: 11.18.2023 from 5 pm - 7 pm.
 - PLUS
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- **Sara Gevurtz** - - 11/22/23 - 2/3/2023

- The meeting with A&M went well, and we hope to have details by the time the newsletter goes out.

- Calm - HSV Hospital - Call for Entry (Sylvia) family event, 2d
 - Show in Hallway at Hospital they have finally say
 - The intent of showing art is to give people a feeling of wellness
 - Corinna came up with the title
 - Wide Open to images that make you feel calm.
 - The art call is coming in a week or so.

- Call & Response - Pickup work contact Anna Sue. Kimberly is taking work to Birmingham; watch for an email reminder from Kimberly.
- Moon Festival update - see above.
- Amanda - the 6000 Circle Project
 - Begin making your circles
 - Find more in ALWCA's Instagram BIO
- **Aka Membership Drive:** January 28th, 2024, 2-4 pm North Huntsville Public Library Free Gathering - If you would like to share a handmade book or art for a pop-up exhibition, bring it with you. Enjoy a speakers' panel With you to share. Join with setup at 1 pm or clean up at 4 pm.

We are still tying down the date. We can't call the membership drive because we cannot solicit, so it is an info session. It needs to be free and open to the public. We are waiting for the speakers. Going into the newsletter as save the date.

- Let's have more meet-ups outside our Member's Meeting

Membership Report (Update from Misty)

- Membership update
 - 5 new and renewed for October: Tara Segars, Lauree Ashcom, Juliana Maddox, Stephanie Weaver, and Ashlee "René" Thompson. If you know them, be sure to welcome them to the chapter!
 - I mailed their postcards today.

New Member Resources document in progress!

Communications (April Updates)

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ALWCA Newsletter

**Your audience has 234 contacts. 172 of these are subscribers.
2 new contacts/subscribers this month**

Birmingham Pod Invite - 103 opens

Myth in Form Artist Talk - 115 opens

October News - 118 opens

Update from Qiyanni - could not make it.

Excellent work on the Newsletter and all the other work you do for ALWCA -
Thanks, April & Qiyanni!

Secretary (Elizabeth): nothing to report

Book Club (Kimberly)

- Book Club Meeting: Sunday, November 19th at 4 pm at Lowe Mill first floor gallery
- Book Choice: Your Brain on Art: How the Arts Transform Us - Susan Magsamen

New Business

Second Saturday Sessions <https://nationalwca.org/programs/>

ART & MINDFULNESS with Kelly Darke

Unlock your creativity and deepen your self-awareness through an Art & Mindfulness session. Kelly's unique approach combines art therapy, neuroscience, coaching, and self-compassion to help you develop strategies for self-improvement.

November 11, 2023 | 1–2:30 pm EST / 12 Central / 11 Mountain / 10 Pacific

Member shows/exhibitions in Nov

Sonja Rossow | State of Affairs| ALWCA 2nd Floor South Gallery | October 4 - November 18

Heather Baumbach | Submerge 2.0 | First Floor West Gallery | October 4 - November 9 | Closing reception November 9 | 5- 7pm

Make —> Forward | Ground Floor Contemporary| The Open Studio Night reception is Saturday, November 18 from 5-7 pm.

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Open Discussion

Question from Anna Sue: When someone says they are not getting the emails, who should they contact? Kimberly said to send the general email to alwca, and April will look into it to find the problem.

A&M Looking for Assistant Associate Professor Graphic Design
<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/aamu/jobs/4251635/assistant-associate-professor-graph-design>

And looking for adjuncts as well. From Melody Tiemann

Kimberly Hart thanks everyone for attendance. The meeting adjourns at 6:30 pm.