

Art Consortium Membership Meeting

April 6, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** 5:36 pm; Rita Verde, President

2. **Review and Approve Minutes:** *Reviewed, Moved, and Approved Kreps/Eastes*

3. **Introduction of New Attendees:**

Martin Collin - Exeter author and artist; Benjamin Jordan - artist, portraits, sequential art

4. **SVAT Update: Staff**

The Committee is seeking members for 2020 planning.

Full feedback on 2019 will be presented at the upcoming May meeting.

5. **Special Presenter:** Josh Banda, Executive Director of the Sequoia Symphony

Josh quickly shared his professional background in marketing and sales management, along

with personal participation in the arts in costume design, watercolor, charcoal, and scratch

board. He also plays saxophone, though not in the symphony.

Josh provided an overview of the schedule and some new plans for this year's 60th Anniversary Season. The season will kick off this fall with Raiders of the Lost Ark, with the

symphony providing live music as the movie plays in the background.

The symphony is seeking increased involvement and outreach to the broader community

through various programs. "Music Medicine" is collaboration with Kaweah Delta; symphony

musicians will provide the healing power of music, playing live at the hospital.

The Symphony is currently in talks with Cellar Door to provide a series where symphony

musicians, solo, or in groups, bring a variety of musical genres to the venue.

The organization is seeking sponsors and advertisers for their playbill and online formats.

The first week of September the symphony is offering a Buy One-Get One special to new

members. The symphony office is open M-F, 8-4 and is still located in the basement level of

the Montgomery Square building.

6. **Taste the Arts 2019: Michael Kreps**

This is the 10th year anniversary of the event, and the planning committee needs volunteers.

The April meeting is Thursday the 25th. Contact Michael or the AC office if you wish to be on the committee.

New This Year: more and more affordable Food Trucks, with a competition for a \$1500

People's Choice award, including free entry to 2020 TTA and a full page ad in the 2020 SVAT magazine.

7. CALL TO ARTISTS - Watermark Cover Contest: Ampelio Mejia-Perez

Theme: Celebrate the Heritage of Tulare County

Media: Any media accepted

Submission Format Required: JPG or PDF; 300 DPI

DEADLINE: May 31; Winner announced the first Monday in June.

AWARD: \$500 and the winning artist will have a Profile article in magazine

For more information see AC website or flyer.

8. Announcements & Events:

CALL TO ARTISTS: Visalia Visitors bureau is seeking work by local artists to hang at the bureau which is now at 112 Main Street. Contact Demea Metcalf at demea@visitvisalia.com

Congratulations to Toni Best! Toni had two pieces selected for honors and display at the Annual Gourd Conference in Bowling Green, KY. Only 85 were selected from 250 submissions.

Absolutely "Gourdgeous" gourd art and weaving by Toni Best, Sam McKinney, Diane Percy, plus Wendy McKellar's painted art. Exeter Courthouse; April; reception Sunday, April 14th, 2-4pm.

1st Saturday Three Rivers features artist Earl Thorpe along with artist Linda duMont at the Art Center as part of *The Storytelling Art Project*. 1st Saturday **MAY 4**.

Juried High School Art Show: Creative Center; 1st Friday in May; 5-7pm.

Book Reading and Signing: *But What about the Children?* - a memoir by Three Rivers artist and author Shirley Keller. Brandon Mitchell Gallery; 1st Friday, May 3; 5-8pm.

Open Mike: My Voice Media: Poetry, stories songs, sharing 1st Friday in the AC gallery.

PBS is paying attention to Tulare County:

- **Arts Visalia** is featured on Mark Oppenheim PBS series on what organizations do.
- **Sequoia Riverlands Trust** is featured in **The PBS documentary - *Nature: American Spring Live***. Look for it on **April 29-30, and May 1 on PBS**.

Tulare - Kings Writers and more will be at the April 13th Book and literacy event at the Library. Free to all; 10-4. Books, games, and activities for kids and adults.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Thorin, Secretary

Next Membership Meeting:
Monday May 13, 300 W. Oak; 5:30 pm