



Annual Membership Meeting

April 15, 2023

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

ArtSmart, Columbia, MO

Submitted by Annie Webster

Present: Patty Muenks, Annie Webster, Don Crozier, Tresa Killion, Nancy Brickner, Nina Miller, Melanie Henry, Pat Berkgigler, Wanda Tyner, Peggy King, Kim Carr, Nancy Koehler, Marcia Menendez, and BOMH members

President's Report, Patty Muenks

Patty welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced board members, contracted staff, and advisory board members. Patty was appreciative of the board's efforts in putting together ArtSmart 2023. She also announced that McKenna Hallet provided "Find loving homes for your art" stickers for all in attendance.

Vice President's Report, Annie Webster

Annie reported on changes to the Professional Development Grant. The grant provides artists opportunities to expand their work through the purchase of supplies, workshops, travel, etc. The grant application is now a digital PDF form filled out and emailed to Best of Missouri Hands. In addition, recipients now receive their funds when the grant is awarded, rather than being reimbursed for purchases after the fact.

The 2023 Professional Development Grant winner is Barb Byrne.

The deadline to apply for the 2024 Professional Development Grant is February 15, 2024.

Treasurer's Report, Don Crozier

Don reported the organization is in good shape financially. BOMH has about 500 members paying dues, and we currently have more than one year's budget in the reserve at the bank.

Don also reported that we continue to run ads in Missouri Life magazine featuring juried artists. Allison Norfleet Bruenger does the artwork for these ads.

Committee Reports

Jury Committee, Marcia Menendez

Marcia reported juried membership in Best of Missouri Hands indicates that an artist's work is at a high level of excellence. We have two jury sessions each year. Artists are required to be a general member for 90 days before applying for juried status. Good photographs are paramount in achieving juried

status.

The next jury session will begin July 1, 2023.

If current juried artists are interested in serving as jurors, please contact Marcia privately.

The Winter 2023 jury session had 10 applications. Seven members juried in:

Wanda Taylor, Drawing
Melissa Whitaker, Digital Art
Jill Calvert, Jewelry
Virginia Fischer, Metal
Janelle Patterson, Painting
Diane Epstein, Photography and Sculpture

The Summer 2022 jury session had 9 applications. Seven members juried in:

Mari Moore, Clay
Barb Hueting, Jewelry
Angie Johnson, Clay
Gregory Holden, Photography
Gloria Gaus, Painting
Garrett Jackson, Painting

Ruth Walker commented on the importance of maintaining membership dues while a juried artist. If a member becomes inactive, they lose juried status.

Grants Committee, Patty Muenks

Patty reported the Missouri Arts Council has been very helpful in the grant application process. BOMH has been awarded partnership grants from MAC for many years, where BOMH matches the amount of money awarded by MAC. This year, Best of Missouri Hands was awarded \$7000. Patty has finished the application for next year's grant and requested \$9000.

Professional Development Committee, Wanda Tyner

Wanda reported BOMH has hosted 48 Zoom workshops since April of 2020 on a variety of topics. Workshops are held on the second Tuesday of each month. They are presented live via Zoom and are recorded to access on our YouTube channel after the meeting. We have had 613 attendees in the live workshops and 1,178 views on YouTube.

Artists who would like to lead a workshop should contact Wanda, Allison Norfleet Bruenger, or Kim Carr. They also welcome suggestions on topics to be covered.

Lorraine McFarland praised the committee on their ability to help with technical issues during her pastels workshop.

Kim Carr reminded the group that the Carolyn Edlund of Artsy Shark presentations on YouTube are available through direct link only, not on the public BOMH YouTube page. Contact Kim for a link to these videos.

Communications Committee, Kim Carr

Kim reported on our social media followers:
4,100 on the BOMH Facebook page
1,031 on the BOMH Instagram page

348 in the BOMH Members Only Facebook Group
722 subscribers to the In Touch newsletter

Kim encouraged members to create a business page for their art on Facebook to make sharing to the BOMH Facebook easier. She also encourage juried members to update their juried page on the BOMH website. This page can serve as a website, and many arts organizations, agencies, and galleries look at the BOMH juried pages to find artists.

Meike Akon encouraged members to like our YouTube videos.

Visiting Artists Committee, Nina Miller

Nina reported there have been 11 classroom visits with demonstrations by BOMH members between September 2021 and March 2023. Visiting Artists included Tresa Killion, Cindy Larimore, Marcia Menendez, Cheryl Cooper, Pat Berkbigger, Janis Burgin, Nina Miller, and Claire Hasemeier. These juried artists brought samples of their work, demonstrated skills used in their art, talked about their lives as artists, mentioned the support BOMH provides, and, in some cases, provided materials to create a project. Nine hundred and fifty six students have participated in these school presentations. Nina reports that she feels renewed by these visits—the kids ask great questions, they love watching the process, and they often create their own designs with the provided materials.

Four artists (Allison Norfleet Bruenger, Cindy Larimore, Nina Miller, and Marcia Menendez) have created Visiting Artist YouTube videos.

Artists receive a \$100 stipend for each visit or video and may be reimbursed up to \$100 for supplies. There is still time in this school year to do a classroom visit or video. Contact Nina for assistance.

Membership Committee, Nancy Brickner

Nancy reported she works with Melanie Henry on this committee. Nancy focuses on communications with our existing members, while Melanie works on growing membership. Nancy sends welcome letters to new members and sends compassion cards when needed. She likes to use cards created by BOMH members for these sympathy and/or get well soon cards—artists can donate cards to Nancy for this purpose.

Thus far in 2023, BOMH has gained 7 new members:

Region 3 (Suburban St. Louis): 2
Region 5 (Central Missouri): 1
Region 7 (Northwest Missouri): 1
Region 8 (Southwest Missouri): 3

We currently have 385 juried members.

Regional Events Committee, Angel Brame

Kim Carr reported on a new “On the Road” show Angel is organizing. The exhibit will be at the Spiva Center for the Arts in Joplin in August 2023. Details will be available as the event gets closer, but the exhibit will be open to general and juried members across the state.

Cory Lawson asked if jewelry would be included in the exhibit, and if that could be specified in the call. Angel will confirm.

Members were encouraged to contact Angel with suggestions for places to have “On the Road” exhibits.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM.