



## CHESHIRE PERFORMING FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

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### CHESHIRE PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**Artsplace**

**1220 Waterbury Road**

**Cheshire, CT 06410**

**Committee Members Present:** Ophelia Frazier, Katie Giampietro, Joyce Karklel,  
Donna Lodynsky, Denise Lohr, Signian McGeary, Youchung Torok, Jill Veiga

**Others Present:** Joan Pilarczyk (Director, Artsplace)  
Patti Flynn-Harris (Representative, Cheshire Town Council)  
Donna Mark (President, Friends of CPFA/Artsplace, Inc.)  
Deb Rutter (Cheshire Public Library, Assistant Director)

**Absent:** Monique D'Onofrio (CPFA member)  
Donna Myjak (CPFA member)

**1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - A quorum was present for this meeting.

**2. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chairwoman Lodynsky called meeting to order at 7:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME REMARKS** – Chairwoman Donna Lodynsky welcomed all members and Deb Rutter from the Cheshire Public Library, and prospective committee member Ms. Kristy Endriss.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** – The *Art Market* meeting held at Artsplace on September 11<sup>th</sup> adjourned at 8:30.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. McGeary**

a. Ms. McGeary reported that the budget is on target at 12.8% in this fiscal year.

*Ms. Lohr made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Torok seconded the motion.*

**6. APPROVAL of July 17, 2018 Minutes**

*Ms. Veiga made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 17th Meeting. Ms. McGeary seconded the motion.*

**7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ms. Donna Lodynsky for Ms. Donna Myjak**

a. A thank you letter was received from the Cheshire Food Pantry for the school supplies that were collected for Cheshire Public School children at Artsplace.





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- b. Ms. Gerry Woods sent a letter asking whether Artsplace would again take part in the *Pajamas and Books Program*.

### 8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT – Deb Rutter

- a. Ms. Rutter reported that a new director of the Cheshire Public Library is Ms. Beth Crowley, who comes from the Madison Public Library.
- b. The renovations are continuing, with new restrooms in the basement section and four private room. There will be a new art display section.
- c. The new children's librarian is Ms. Emily DePaolo.

### 9. ARTSPLACE REPORT – Ms. Joan Pilarczyk

- a. Marian Gansley has been hired for a five hour a week position.
- b. All furniture was moved and the floor cleaned and waxed in August.
- c. There is a Colored Pencil exhibit currently on view at the Cheshire Public Library.
- d. Ms. Pilarczyk thanked committee members for assisting Artsplace at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ball & Socket Arts Fair, held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. It coincided with the Ribbon Cutting of the Rails to Trails section that runs by the Ball and Socket Arts building. Members did face painting and shell painting activity for children from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- e. The Summer Session finished with 175 students taking part in 40 classes and workshops.
- f. Artist Patti Mollica gave a free to the public talk about acrylic paints on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>, with 40 people in attendance. Ms. Mollica conducted an informative three day workshop for students from several states, Friday September 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Friends group kindly provided breakfast items and coffee and tea.
- g. The Fall session currently has 245 students enrolled in 26 classes and workshops. Winter and Spring classes are being scheduled.
- h. An organizational meeting for the Art Market was held on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The *Third Annual Art Market* will take place November 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on both days. Ms. Rita Paradis is the chairperson of the event. Over 26 local artists will be selling their artwork to the public. More information will be forthcoming. It was requested that Library pages be utilized as greeters.
- i. Artsplace is waiting to find out about its presence in the *Cheshire Welcome Wagon* booklet for new residents, coordinated by Ms. Kathleen Moore.
- j. October 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:30 there will be a joint event between Artsplace and Cheshire Parks and Recreation held at Mixville. The first hour children will be able to carve pumpkins that they bring. All cutting materials will be provided. Afterwards a family film will be shown.
- k. Ms. Pilarczyk reported that she read the Kensett book on film at Cox communications in Cheshire. St. Bridget School requested 31 books for it's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. A reprinting is needed.
- l. There will be a John Frederick Kensett Birthday Celebration held at the Cheshire Public Library on March 22, 2019 from 3pm to 5pm.





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### 10. FRIENDS OF CPFA/ARTSPLACE, INC. – Ms. Donna Mark

- a. The *Improv Night* held at Artsplace was a fun night and open to the public.
- b. The calendar projects with images by Artsplace teachers will be available at the annual *Art Market* in November. The cover image is by the artist/teacher June Webster.
- b. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual *Author Night* will take place on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker is Matthew Dicks, a Hartford based author, columnist, playwright, blogger and story-teller. Books he will be discussing are *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* and *Something Missing*. There will be a display of the author's books on view at the Cheshire Public Library.  
This is an annual event that supports the *Art Heals Program*, which provides art lessons to homebound Cheshire residents for free. Sixty art items have been created with this program with several Artsplace teachers taking part. *Barbara's Framing and Gallery* frames all artwork so participant can take the artwork home to enjoy. The latest examples are currently on view in the front window at *Barbara's Gallery* on South Main Street.

### 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Patti Flynn-Harris gave a report about the Mural Project. It is still being developed.
- b. Ms. Flynn-Harris gave a report about the Ball & Socket Second Annual Art Festival that took place on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> during the time of the dedication of the last section of Rails to Trails in Cheshire.

### 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The *Cheshire Art League* is holding an auction at the *Farms Country Club* on Friday, September 21 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm.
- b. Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire has a "Tea" coming upon October 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 to be held at the Cheshire United Methodist Church on 205 Academy Road.
- c. New Haven Chorale's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Halloween Concert Saturday, October 27 at 2:00PM, Trinity Church on the Green, 230 Temple St., New Haven.
- d. The Cheshire Garden Club will hold it's 38<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon and Boutique on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 9:30 am. At the Aqua-Turf in Plantsville, CT.
- e. The next meeting will be held at Artsplace, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Torok made a motion to adjourn; Ms Karklel seconded the Motion.  
Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Agnes Wnuk

