

VIVA Board Meeting 2-9-2, via Zoom

Present: Chris Beck, Marc Pease, Lynne McClaine, Michelle Lassaline, Sy Novak, Lindsey Hart, Lin Holley, Annette Messitt, Brian Fisher, Janice Randall, Marla Smith

**Treasurer report.** B&O taxes and federal taxes filed; we owed nothing. \$2000 scholarship money sent to the Vashon Community Scholarship Foundation for 2 scholarships for 2021. We received a \$900 annual donation from Heidi Grimsley. The bank balance is \$15,500.

**Scholarships.** A copy of the letter from the Foundation, thanking VIVA, will be placed in the Feb. newsletter. At this point, with covid and online school, we don't know the timeline for student notebooks or if they will be actual 'notebooks' as previously done. When we find that out and receive copies, they will be viewed at Chris' outdoor conversation space. Marla, Marc, Lin, Chris, Brian would like to be on the review committee.

**Membership** In the upcoming Feb. newsletter, Sy will remind all members that membership is now due and non-members will be cut from the Newsletter at the end of February. She will remind them of the benefits of membership and that in order to be in the upcoming June VIVA-VCA show, current membership is required, (\$10). The June show will be mentioned but the CALL will come separately, at a later date. We will continue membership for 2021 for our most recent scholarship recipients.

**Upcoming VIVA show at VCA** We decided not to accept the offer of an April show but to accept the offer of a June show at which the high school will be displaying art on the main Atrium wall. We will have the gallery space, the kiosk, and the floor space of the Atrium. Lynann contacted Brian about meeting to coordinate the show. The VIVA group will be Brian, Annette, and Lin. Kristen sent Brian info about how she has curated VIVA shows. We will once again accept 3 photos for jury and hold art to the published standards for presentation/hanging. The VIVA group will decide size parameters for 2D work. Last VIVA show @VCA had 104 participants. As of now, VIVA has 200 paid members.

At the meeting about the June show, the VIVA group will ask for another meeting with Lynann and Allison to discuss a "permanent relationship going forward" for VIVA and VCA. We want to have a contractual relationship that is 'organization to organization'. Please send ideas about this prospect and what VIVA brings to the table. We want to work well together.

**Online gallery tour.** There were 11 affirmative responses to participate in a Spring Online Tour. We decided that this was not enough to make the effort/expense viable.

Individual studios would need to make their videos through youtube or vimeo because our website can't host the videos and that may be a big hurdle for participants in the future. Thank you's will be sent to those who replied to the call by Sy. Since the vaccine roll-out may not be as robust as hoped-for by November, it may be that we do a Holiday Online Gallery Tour. This will give us time to offer support, (Lindsey and Marc), to individual studios on how to make successful videos w/ youtube and vimeo. Also, time will tell us about the cultural appetite for going to artist studios/ artists hosting guests.

**Art by Appointment** Brochures are still being replenished at island locations. Janice will take brochures to The Lodges in Vashon. Have brochures at farmstands since that is Vashon- resident territory. The question remains; do we want tourists, at this point in the pandemic?

**Makerspace** Michelle is on the board of Makerspace and they are creating a survey for the island in order to explore interest in Makerspace. At this time, the term Makerspace includes the initiatives of the Tool Library and the Fix It Cafes. The Tool Library is at O Space. There is a non-mandatory \$40 membership fee and non-fuel-burning tools are accepted for Library donations. The future may hold a physical space for a woodshop, etc. Classes have been offered: how to use a chainsaw, how to build a shed. It's about sharing tools and knowledge. Makerspace and high school students have built receptacles for recyclables uptown...soon to be installed. At this point, the Secretary opines-Brilliant!

Michelle's question for the board was—can the link for the survey be placed in the VIVA newsletter? The Board said yes, and Michelle will write an article about Makerspace, Makerspace on Vashon and give the link for the survey and the logo will be included in the piece.

**Notes:** Subscribe to VIVA Youtube. Marc's video about the mini show and artists' interviews is on VOV TV every Sunday @4.

We have received 3 grants from 4Culture, thank you Chris.

Send ideas about a VCA-VIVA "contract" and lists of how VIVA supports VCA for the upcoming meeting, and thoughts on the matter.

Included in the paper Minutes is the letter from Vashon Scholarship Committee.

## **ONGOING**

**Ask An Artist** —to be announced in the newsletter and hosted by our website. Part of our educational program, providing an avenue for any artist to ask a volunteer 'mentor' technical questions. Lynn and Lindsey working on this

**Island to Island Show**—post covid? To collaborate with Bainbridge and host each other's work. Still in the conversation stage.

**Member survey**—from December meeting, how do you feel about buying art online?