

## **Wisconsin Visual Artists South Central Chapter**

### **Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023**

The South Central Chapter member meeting was held at the Abel Contemporary Gallery, 524 E. Main St., Stoughton, 6:30-8 pm.

There were brief introductions of those attending: Mary Tilton, Mary Martin, Jennifer Angelo, Ella Blame, Caitilin Stolle, David Williams, Annette Knapstein, Michael Knapstein, Barbara Vater, Rachel Durfee, Jen Graham, Pamela Grabber and Merikay Payne.

### **Business meeting**

No meeting in July.

August picnic proposal is to meet out of town.

Possible future meeting may feature Frank Juarez talking about how he juries.

### **Exhibits and shows**

Monroe SSM Hospital has 36 entries and artists. Exhibit is open, artists may view any time, contact Lauren Burkey if interested in touring more of the Monroe Arts Center.

Badger Prairie Needs Network last WVA SC "branded" exhibit starts June 30. The BPNN will then take over.

UW Hospital annual member show is September 2023. Entries open July 1 to August 12. Information is on the website, the prospectus will be posted soon.

Arboretum "A Brush With Nature" is November, December 2023.

Overture application, Theme: "Inspiration and Influence," made for 2024-2025 was not accepted.

The Biennial at MOWA in 2024 is open.

Chalk Fest in August at West Bend has openings.

### **Program**

Abel Contemporary Gallery, owner Theresa Abel, started in 2004 when the Paoli Artisan Gallery owner retired. Theresa had been the Artisan Gallery art director before purchasing the business, but not the building. The building was later sold. She and her partner bought the Stoughton building, formerly an 1890's tobacco warehouse, in 2018 and opened in 2019. The cost of running this business is less in Stoughton than in Madison. Two and 3-D art are on the first floor, installations are upstairs, and artist studios are for rent in the basement. Theresa is an oil painter exploring religiosity. Her recommendation for artists who'd like gallery representation is to find one that is just beginning and become part of their established stable.

Merikay Payne, secretary