

Alexandria Art Guild

NEWSLETTER

January 14, 2021

**January Member meeting
Thursday Jan 21, 2021 6:30pm--
ZOOM**



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Monthly Get-Together

In order not to conflict with the presidential inauguration we are moving our January member meeting to **Thursday, Jan 21 at 6:30pm** log on to Zoom to interact with your artist community. It is our semi-annual member business meeting. On the agenda will be

- Voting on change in Bylaws
- Membership Dues
- Art deTour 2021 Update
- Discussion of other arts opportunities for the summer of 2021

ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82310911958?pwd=MUpvR3NyS0g0ZXJLU0pPdVlwVVISQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 1091 1958

Passcode: 743759

Proposed Change in Bylaws

After living with our Bylaws for a while we have found certain aspects regarding the Board and Officers to be a bit confusing and clunky. Any change of the Bylaws must be approved by the members at one of the biannual business meetings. We will be bringing this to a vote at our January member meeting.

Current wording of Article V, paragraph 3

Officers of The Guild must be members of the guild's Board of Directors (The Board). The Board shall be appointed or elected at the Annual meeting from the membership and by the membership. The Officers will be elected by the Board at the first Board Meeting of the next calendar year following the Annual Meeting and election of Board Members. The term of office for elected officers shall be for a period of 1 year and running from January 1 - Dec 31 after election. A vacancy of any office, for whatever reason, may be filled by the The Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

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Current wording of Article IV, Section 1.

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Art deTour 2021

Art deTour 2021 is on! June 18-20, 2021. We are moving ahead with plans. Bill and Mimi Seykora are the new Chairpersons of the Art deTour committee. The planning committee has started meeting. If you wish to be part of this committee, please contact Bill or Mimi.

Membership Dues

Membership renewals are due in January! Because of the irregular nature of 2020, the Board decided to make 2021 dues optional for members who paid in 2020. New membership is \$40. Benefits of membership include:

- Newsletter mailing list - you will be regularly updated with relevant AAG happenings
- Member Only access to Guild information on the website
- Artist Profile on the Guild website www.alexart.org
- Reduced fee for participation in the Art deTour
- Membership to Chamber of Commerce of Alexandria
- Knowing you are building the visual arts community in Alexandria

Dues can be paid directly on the website with a credit/debit card. Or mail a check made out to the Alexandria Art Guild to Melissa Werpy, treasurer, 13694 E Lake Milona Dr NE, Milona 56354

Website Member Login

Access the Guild's Bylaws and Board Meeting Minutes and any other members only information at www.alexart.org Login: artAAG2021

Rack Card Update

It's not too late! We're still in the process of updating the rack card. Only the participants will share the costs of this marketing effort. We anticipate the cost will be around \$35-\$50 depending on how many people participate. This card will be placed at the Chamber of Commerce and potentially other businesses around Alexandria. If you want your studio information and/or website included please email alexartguild@gmail.com subject line: rack card. Do this ASAP!

Mural at Handcrafted by Noni

Noni has proposed to donate \$500 to the Alex Art Guild in exchange for volunteers to help create a mural on the end of her building facing 3rd Ave. No further steps have been taken toward this project. But, if you are interested in participating please talk to Noni 320-815-9424.

Board Members

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