

Arts & Culture in Public Places in Amherst Regular Meeting
Town of Amherst Municipal Building Councilmembers' Conference Room
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Approved on August 13, 2024

Attendees: Sharon Seamans (co-chair), Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf, Burt Merriam, Jenni Colwell, Joy Testa Cinquino, Maureen Cilano

Excused Absences: Debbie Doucette (co-chair), Jacqueline Berger (liaison)

Minutes Approval: Joy Testa Cinquino and Jenni Colwell seconded to approve the June 2024 minutes with edit.

Chair Report: *The chair thanked Joy Testa Cinquino for provided door prizes to be used for the Let's Do Lunch events.
*Cards of congratulations have been sent to the art club winners.
*Thank you was sent to Mr. Cinquino for his help in making the posters.
*Informational pamphlets were distributed at ArtStart.
*Joy Testa Cinquino will research to discover which garden club hosts the Garden Walk.
*A-frame information needs to be updated.
*Did the new banners arrive?

Treasurer's Report: An update was unavailable this month.

Grants: Information about how to apply for a grant was sent to The Bee, the town website, and to ASI (Art Services Initiative), which is a newsletter that goes to 100s of people. Joy Testa Cinquino will send the information to past recipients.

Artstart: Artstart is a popular event at the markets.

Workshop	Date	Number of participants
Rag Bracelet	June 11 (Bassett)	74
Stone Painting	July 6 (Village)	114
Origami	July 13 (Village)	
	July 20 (Village)	
	July 27 (Village)	

Let's Do Lunch: The events have been well-received.

Speaker/Topic	Date	Number of participants
Paul Kranz/Gardening	May 16 (BNHV)	27
Sotto Voce/Opera Performance	June 18 (Randall Church)	48
Crescendo Quartet/Barbershop	July 18 (BNHV)	(17 reservations)
Tom Haney/Wellness	August 15 (BNHV)	

Dave Ruch, teaching artist/Erie Canal	September 19 (Amherst Veteran's Canal Park)	
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Traffic Boxes: Two traffic boxes are complete:

Main & Sprindrift	Rebecca Patterson	"Aquarium"
Sweet Home & Rensch	Kim Gryckiewicz	

The traffic box at Daemen University is peeling and the artist has agreed to repair the artwork. One payment should have been mailed out to an artist.

Informational Tables: No new information.

Publicity: Joy Testa Cinquino has continued to advertise our events. Let's Do Lunch was in Olaf Fub and is on the Friends of Harmony and Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village websites. The grant information has been sent out to the proper places.

Information was gathered from the newly created Erie County Arts & Culture Grant Committee. This will be visited in February 2025 to look at the funding requirements for acquiring a grant.

Old Business: Aluminum sculptures displayed at an Amherst location are still desired.

Collaboration with Mary Diana Pouli will begin to display the old Maple West painted traffic box at Harlem Road Community Center and the "Giving Tree" box from Sheridan & N. Forest at the Audubon Library or Senior Center.

New Business: Keep thinking of new ideas to present at the September 2024 meeting. Include some direction and cost information with your idea.

Adjournment: Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf motioned and Burt Merriam seconded for adjournment at 8:01pm.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes were recorded by Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf