

Arts & Culture in Public Places in Amherst Regular Meeting
Town of Amherst Municipal Building Councilmembers' Conference Room
Tuesday, October 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Board Approved December 10, 2024

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

Minutes Approval: Burt Merriam motioned and Debbie Doucette seconded to approve the September 2024 minutes with edits.

Chair Report: Sharon Seamans

- Thanks to all members for the brainstorming ideas.
- The November meeting is cancelled.
- Prepare your project's results to be presented at the December meeting.
- Approximately 80 people attended the Thursday, September 12 event held at Veteran's Canal Park. This was done in conjunction with Youth & Rec, Senior Center, and Let's Do Lunch.
- The Enchanted Forest Walk had approximately 1,250 people attend. (Youth & Rec event.)
- Williamsville Art Society is having an art show the last Sunday in the month.
- Sotta Voce is holding a gala on the last Saturday of the month.

Treasurer's Report: Maureen Cilano

- An updated budget will be emailed to all members.

Grants: Maureen Cilano

- No update at this time.

ArtStart: Burt Merriam

- Projects for next summer are being researched.

Let's Do Lunch: Sharon Seamans

- The 2024 season has concluded.
- Speakers are being contacted for 2025.

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)	27
Tom Haney/Wellness	August 15 (BNHV)	20
Dave Ruch, teaching artist/Erie Canal	September 19 (Amherst Veteran's Canal Park)	80

Traffic Boxes:

- Deborah Doucette reported that NYS has banned the sale of oil-based Rust-Oleum paint.

- Paint will be purchased soon for use during 2025.
- The boxes for 2025 have been selected: Sheridan Rd. & Millersport Hwy., Sheridan Rd. & Bailey Ave., Sweet Home Rd. & Maple Ave., Sweet Home Rd. & Skinnersville Rd., Tonawanda Creek Rd. & Niagara Falls Blvd., Dodge Rd. & Campbell Rd., Millersport Hwy. & Crosspoint Pkwy., Wherle Ave. & Lamarck Dr.
- ***Motion passed:*** Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf motioned and Joy Testa Cinquino seconded to accept the above locations for the traffic box painting during 2025.
- All thank you cards have been sent to the artists.

Informational Tables:

- Informational tables will continue at future events.

Publicity: Joy Testa Cinquino

- An interview was secured for the co-chairs on October 30, 2024 with WHTT radio.
- Next year's Let's Do Lunch flyer will be designed by the publicist.

Old Business: Aluminum sculptures for display at an Amherst location are still desired, but will not be approved by the Town Board in 2024, as per Jacqueline Berger.

Adjournment: Burt Merriam motioned and Debbie Doucette seconded for adjournment at 8:16 pm.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes were recorded by Mary Jo Kahley-Wolf.