

**Meeting Minutes
Color & Light Society
September 2, 2026**

Members in Attendance (16)

Marianna Nystrom	Susan Jones Knight
Denise Benedik	Kirk Turner
Diane Preus	Pat McGrath
Theresa Ford	Sigrid Stiles
Barb Hak	Linda Talton
Brandy Blackstone	Dick Preston
Cynthia Martin-Brennan	Jeannine Finnacom
Linda Sanborn	John Okay

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Preston.

September Program: A comprehensive presentation on Photo and Art Editing was presented at the beginning of the meeting by Theresa Ford. The slide presentation can be viewed at this web address: <https://www.Cattail.Nu/colorandlight>.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Talton reports there is an account balance of \$5,590.96.

Artsfest and Three Notch Theater: Linda Sanborn presented an overview of the process of hanging and exhibiting at the Three Notch Theater. The October show will be The Adams Family with sponsor night on Oct. 1 and show dates October 2-25.. If interested in participating let her know.

Artsfest participation was reviewed with details to come in an email from Linda S. Participants are asked to submit your portion of the booth fee to Linda T.

SMCAC Fundraiser and Gingerbread Man Contest: Cindy Martin-Brennan presented information about the SMCAC fundraiser which is to be held on February 14, 2027. The location of the fundraiser is yet to be determined. It will not be at SMCAC due to limited space in their gallery.. The Gingerbread Man Contest will be held in December 2026. Interested members should contact her for either or both of these events.

Below is an addendum to the minutes provided by Vice President Brandy Blackstone as our meeting was cut short due to the need to vacate the room for use by another group.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Preus, Secretary

ADDENDUM TO C&L SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 MEETING

In-depth Photoshop Training with Theresa:

Theresa gave an informative training on editing your artwork photos. The training touched on Photoshop.

Based on the questions and interest from members, she has generously offered to provide a more in-depth Photoshop training for anyone who has the program and would like to learn more.

The training could be offered as a single afternoon session or as a series of workshops through our Professional Development Training program.

Several members have already expressed interest. If you would like to participate, please let me know. Once we have an idea of how many members are interested, we can determine the best date, location, and format.

Please note that this training would be held separately from our regular monthly meetings.

Solomon's Christmas Walk:

The organizers of the Dragon Boat Festival were so pleased with the community art project and kids' craft that C&L provided at the event that they have invited us to participate in the Solomons Christmas Walk as well on Saturday, December 12, 2026. The event is from 4p.m. - 9 p.m.

They would love for C&L to once again provide a community art project and craft activity for attendees to enjoy. Note: the organizers would provide the supplies and C&L would be listed as an activity sponsor for the event. Please let me know if you're interested in participating. Once we have a list of participating members, we can decide the projects as a group and finalize the details.

For more info on Solomons Christmas Walk visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1741151090353488>

C&L Art Show Opportunities with Annmarie Gardens

Dick, Cindy, and I recently reached out to Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center to explore the possibility of hosting a Color & Light show. While their gallery schedule is already booked for 2027, they have invited C&L to hold a show in their main gallery in 2028, most likely in March.

In the meantime, they have also offered us the opportunity to exhibit in the space above their classroom during one of their upcoming Makers Markets. This would give our members the benefit of additional foot traffic from market attendees.

The upcoming 2026 Makers Market dates are:

- October 10th
- December 5th
- December 12th

We have also been invited to consider a similar show in conjunction with one of their Makers Markets in 2027. Those dates have not yet been announced.

If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities, please let me know. I'd especially appreciate your feedback on whether you would be interested in one of the upcoming 2026 Makers Market dates, which date or dates would work best for you, and whether you would also be interested in participating in a Makers Market show in 2027 and/or the main gallery show in 2028. For more info on Makers Market visit:

<https://www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/content/makers-market>

Thank you, everyone! We have several exciting opportunities coming up, and your feedback will help us determine which ones will be the best fit for the group.

Please reach out if you're interested in participating in any of the opportunities above or if you have any questions. Once we hear back from everyone, we can move forward with planning the details.

-Brandy Blackstone, Vice President