

MINUTES - MARCH 4, 2026
COLOR & LIGHT SOCIETY
Mac's Tap & Table, Leonardtown

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Preston.

Members in attendance (15)

Brandy Blackstone	Susan Jones Knight
Elizabeth Bygler	Deborah Kennedy
Pam Callen	Pat McGrath
Jeannine Finnecom	Dick Preston
Theresa Ford	Diane Preus
Barbara Hak	Linda Sanborn
Hana Horstkamp	Paula Soderlund
	Linda Talton

Treasurer's Report

Linda Talton reports a balance of \$6,521.30. She also advised that extra keys for the storage unit have been made. The lock itself has not changed.

New Business

Paula Soderlund reports that the club's submission for a possible exhibit at Green Spring Gardens has been completed. She briefly discussed her process of using shellac on watercolor paper to enable use with oils and acrylics and showed examples. She asked if anyone in the group would be interested in a workshop on the subject. Seven members expressed interest and she will move forward to set up a workshop in Lusby on April 7. Details to follow.

Barbara Hak presented the Art Show "Rules of the Road." These included sharing venue space, the show chairperson, how to package artwork, participant guidance, artwork delivery and pick-up, show evaluation and general courtesy. Handouts were provided. Also, Barbara will supply set-up information for the April Port of Leonardtown Winery show shortly. Currently, there is space for one more 3D artist. She discussed the artwork inventory form she uses, the need for clarity of pricing and identification for artworks, display of cards, and items for display in the bin. Dick Preston offered to donate his card display rack to the club.

Linda Sanborn asked the club to consider purchasing hangers that will enable hanging adjustments for the Pro Panel system used at exhibition. It was moved and approved to go forward with the purchase with an estimate of \$100 or less.

Linda Talton has a supply of artwork ID cards that she will have available at meetings. It is recommended that artists have these completed prior to drop-off of work for exhibitions.

Barb reminded the group about the Raining Cats and Dogs workshop on April 24 at her studio.

If anyone wants to help at the June 5 event at the St. Mary's County Arts Council please let her know.

Marketing Committee

Vice President Brandy Blackstone reported on the recent activity of the committee at their first meeting held on February 20. This committee was formed at the February meeting when Brandy asked for volunteers. Members Linda Talton, Susan Jones Knight and Cindy Martin-Brennan answered the call. They reviewed the marketing tools, press releases, calendar of event postings and website content. A blog/newsletter for the public was discussed and tabled due to the labor intensive nature of this effort. The focus will be on social media including Facebook, our website and the addition of an Instagram account. Cindy offered to manage an Instagram account for us. They are setting up an event promotion process including on-line calendars, Facebook, press releases, rack cards, post cards and flyers for core events. Our web address would be on all printed material. Brandy expressed the importance for members to post, like, share and comment on Facebook. Professional development training is in the works for interested members. The committee will meet again on March 23.

Elizabeth Bygler detailed the Great Works May meeting activity and asked for participants to sign up. She provided examples of last year's activity. The segments of the selected master work will be distributed at the April 1 meeting and it will be assembled at the May meeting. Please let Elizabeth know if you would like to participate in this fun activity. Also, Elizabeth offered to do a seminar on how to properly hang an art show. It was suggested that this could be part of the professional development training planned by the marketing committee.

It was reiterated that information regarding activities and events is available at the meetings as well as the minutes, in Brushstrokes and emails from event chairpersons.

Linda Sanborn said The Newtowne Players will be staging Pride & Prejudice May 1-17 at Three Notch Theater and she will ask if they would be interested in a Color & Light exhibit.

Dick Preston gave a heads up for the Saw Dust Trail workshop on July 21 and showed samples of the unique wooden boxes that will be the project. More details will be given at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Preus, Secretary

