AHA MOMENTS

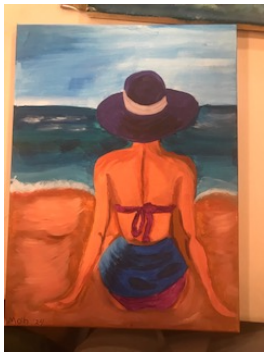
Sept. 12, 2024- 6:30 - Aromas Grange

1. Meeting Chair- Laurie Tholen

2. Introductions- Members and Guests, huge turn out and a special visit of Katherine Stutz Taylor who was visiting from Germany.

3. **Next meeting** - October 10- Leader Barb Scoles

4. **Art Sharing** theme was :
Blue



Art above by Peggy Hartman,
Louise Coombs, Maureen O'Hara and Tami Shankle

Art above by
Sandra Bragga, K Stutz Taylor, Paulette Suza and Don Jensen

Art above fused glass by Rhoda Bloom, Claudia Harden, Acacia Bark Design by Irene Hoey and Surfer by Kati D'Amore

Art above by Bill McQary, "autumn Rebecca"by Debbie and a bag design by Andrea McCann
I apologize in advance if I forgot anyone, it was such a huge participation.

Art Theme for October: Orange

5. **Paint Out-** Greenleaf rd. Robin's garden. Several members attended: wonderful views from high above

Art by Sandra Bragga, Tami Shankle and Peggy Hartman

Art by Linda Bjornson and Kati D'Amore

6. **Next Paint Out**- Thursday, September 19 - 1:00 pm
   Location: San Juan Bautista

7. **Grant Possibility** for AHA:
Jane Rekedahl reported that there was a request from the District Supervisor for more AHA visibility. The arts council also notified AHA that there is money available for grants. The Grant application period is not open yet but Jane wants members to consider how they could design a project that would benefit the community and give visibility for AHA. It could be something for the Aromas school. It could be an installation, You could partner with someone else, it could be after school or in the summer. It would not be part of the curriculum. One of the ideas was teaching Nature Journaling.There are lots of resources for that. The grant would pay for supplies and salary for the artist(s) and is up to $5,000. Jane Rekedahl is willing to help write the grant application. If you have any questions contact her.

8.- Andrea McCann entered art in the Monterey Fair and Santa Cruz Fair. She Encouraged all to enter and participate, maybe by helping with jurying or hanging art entries. The Fine Arts in both fairs need help. There was no printmaking section. Barb and Don judged the wood carving at the SC Fair. San Benito county fair is Oct.5
People are accepted from the tri-counties. Example: as a San Benito resident you can apply to Santa Cruz or Monterey as well. Speaking of AHA visibility: Laurie Tholen is working on the AHA facebook page. She has started an”artist of the month” feature and will proceed alphabetically.

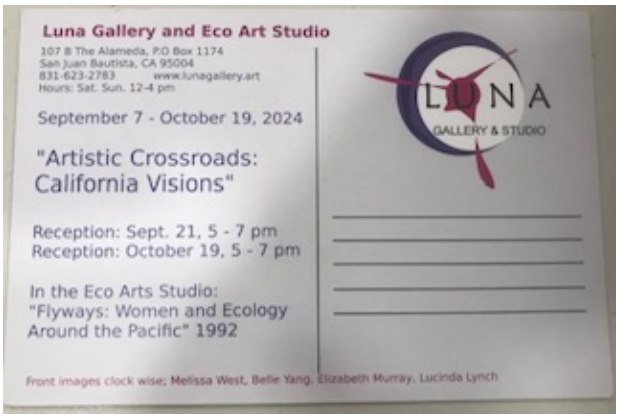
9. **Holiday Art Festival**- is coming a bit early this year. Nov. 16&17

spaces- 6'- $50.00 - 8' - $60.00.There are long time members that are grandfathered into some spaces and 8ft tables are few. New members have to be with AHA for at least 3 months to apply for a spot.

10. **Raffle Tickets** to sell- Andrea MCann handed out raffle brochures and two packets of tickets to all. Members owe the treasurer $40. You can either sell or buy them for yourself. Contact Andrea for more tickets. Drawing is on the last day of the Holiday Art Fair.

JoAnne passed around a sign up sheet for the Food Court. AHA sells chili, soup, baked goods during the event to raise additional funds to pay for the event and for Scholarships. Linda Bjornson explained AHA scholarships: a member can never receive more than half of a workshop's cost. It also depends on your involvement in the organization. One other requirement is that you share about your experience afterwards.

Announcements: New show at the Luna art gallery, reception Sept 21,5-7, Oct19, 5-7 Sally Diggory has pieces in the show.



Monterey open studio is OCt12, 13 and 19,20. Some AHA artists are participating at the Oldermayer Center in Salinas. Kati D'Amore is open in her home.

AHA has a collection of art books that are free to the members, as well as some art supplies that members brought in to share. Jacquee Palmer reported that the monthly grange meetings now have an activity after the pot luck. This time it was making sun catchers led by Laurie Tholen.
Meeting adjourned at 7.55pm