

Newsletter August 2017

Uniontown Ant Club, Inc.



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SINCE 1927 WE HAVE BEEN PROMOTING AND GENERATING AN APPRECIATION OF THE <u>VISUAL ARTS</u> IN THE COMMUNITY

August 15, 2017 Meeting Meeting Location: 86 W. Main Street Uniontown PA

Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA: Business Meeting

General Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

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Reading of minutes: Treasurer's Report: President's Report: New Business:

Secretary:	Ann Cehula
Treasurer:	Heleen Karpel
President:	Peter Pasqua
	General Elections

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From the PRESIDENT'S Desk:

This was my, Opening Message: as your new president 4 years ago. I thought it appropriate to print it again. I think I have lived up to what I said and wanted to accomplish. I didn't know what I was doing then, but maybe that is why you all did so well, I felt it important to be your servant not your king. I wanted the club to be yours not the Presidents. I think you all have taken ownership and are doing well.

Good luck going forward.

I would like to thank all of you for your vote of confidence; I hope I can live up to your expectations. I did not seek this nomination, so I am not coming into this position with an agenda that I want to promote. From experience I know it is easier to be just a member of a group than to administer to a group however I have accepted this responsibility and will do my best to live up to the position.

As your President I am not going to tell you what you are going to do, nor critique your art style, or pigeonhole art into acceptable categories. I would like to think this is an organization of individual artists who have come together; I believe to enjoy the opportunity to be in each other's company and converse and learn from fellow artist. My reason for joining was to talk with fellow artist and to learn from other artist how they approach and create their art. I was not interested in selling or displaying my carvings or sculptures, I only wanted to improve my art, by learning from other fellow artist and applying what I learned to my own work.

The by-laws of 2004 and the new by-laws just enacted have untethered us completely from the Friends of Art commitment of having fund raisers solely for the purpose of purchasing art for public display. We are now free to raise funds to promote our club, promote each other's work and create venues to do both.

We are a group of artist and as the President of this art club, I believe my responsibility to you as members, is to insure that all of our work and talent is promoted as a group. I would like to see all of our work promoted at club functions at all times. I do not feel as a club anyone should be excluded from the work nor the praise. If you would like to participate in an exclusive exhibition, that is terrific, let us know how it went for you. As a club I believe we should function as a club, in so much as a group of people who like and appreciate art and want to enjoy it with each other.

I am not sure if this is an agenda or a manifesto, or just plain rambling. The gist of it is that I would like us to be a group that enjoys each other's company as artist. I am not Mother Theresa or the Pope nor do I have the Wisdom of Solomon, however I do have a desire to do the best that I can. By accepting this Presidents position I am committing to you as a club and ask that you commit to me as its President, you are the organization I am just your administrator. Let's enjoy good fellowship and art together as soon as we can.

Thank You All: Peter Pasqua