

VOM Arts Council Agenda
Monday, June 2, 2025
Regatta Conference Room at 123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Approve May Meeting Minutes
2. New Member Welcome
3. Random Acts of Art: Recap and Upcoming
4. Juneteenth
5. Summer Pop-Ups
6. July 4th Concert
7. Summer Concert with Emelin
8. Open Items/Ideas

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
Draft MEETING MINUTES
The Regatta Meeting Room
Monday, May 5, 2025

Attendees:

- Members: Cristina Lerchen, Katherine Graham, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Megan Rutherford, Piper Stevens, Yasmin de Soiza
- Volunteers: Joycemarie Washburn, Jane Dorian, Solange DeSantis
- Trustee: Nora Lucas
- Guests: Pam Hamingson, Kate Dehais, Julie Rubin

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Graham, seconded by Stevens.
- O'Rourke made a motion to approve April 2025 minutes. Lerchen seconded the motion to approve.

Members

- P. Hamingson is joining the meeting as an interested potential Council member and/or volunteer.
- Y. de Soiza has been approved and is now an Arts Council member.

Afternoon with the Arts

- New Ro Brass Quintet performed on Saturday, April 26th – the chapel was at capacity with 37-40 attendees.
- Great response to the performance and the Arts Council would love to have the quintet back for another response.
- Plan another Afternoon with the Arts event for fall – perhaps Moth Storytelling in a new venue. Would need to coordinate venue and program in the early summer, as well as disseminate a "Call for Storytellers."

Poetry Pebbles

- Light showing at this year's library Children's event; however, the adults and children who did participate painted about 50 rocks.
- Arts Council will consider additional events in the upcoming months to augment the pebbles collection in the Poetry Garden.

Poetry Post

- The Council stamped and mailed at least 280 postcards on behalf of students, community members and artists!
- Post traveled to Daniel Warren Elementary, F.E. Bellows Elementary, Mamaroneck Library, Mamaroneck Avenue School, Poetry Live at the Emelin, Afternoon with the Arts at St. Thomas and the Mary Louise Cox Poetry Garden.
- Very well received by all of the hosts and those who chose to write and mail a postcard.
- The Arts Council would love to bring back the Poetry Post in April 2026.

LMC Media

- The Random Acts of Art sub-committee met LMC Media Studio Manager, Tim Whitney, in regards to event/art installation promotion, event recording and video production.
- Whitney had great ideas of how to bolster the awareness of Random Acts of Art, and Arts Council events and programming, in general; however, it did feel time consuming for the Council's current bandwidth.
- We will utilize LMC Media free equipment rentals to try to gather more professional photography and video during "Mandalas in Mamaroneck" in May. There is a strong desire to have both time lapse and drone footage of a completed mandala by artist H. Yeman.

Juneteenth

- A great program is coming together for Thursday, June 19 in Columbus Park from 10 am to 1 pm (final program timing tbc).
- Arts Council confirmed Van Ranst PI will be closed to traffic on Thurs, June 19 for the program in order to refresh the Black Lives Matter mural.
 - Need a sign-up genius to be created for painting shifts
- In addition to the mural refresh, the program will include REALM presentation about the Unearthed: A Remembrance Memorial and historical walking trail to show history of enslaved people in Mamaroneck (a MHS student-led and organized project), jazz program with Wayne Henderson, reading of Melba and Her Big Trombone with a related trombone craft.
- O'Rourke is reaching out to the bakery which provided sweet treats at last year's Juneteenth event.

Little Art Gallery

- M. Rutherford is leading the re-launch of the Little Art Gallery and is working on ideas for a mural to bring the visitors and interest to the gallery set in the Poetry Garden.
- Sub-committee will put together a "Call to local visual artists" to submit proposals for an exterior mural within a certain theme (e.g. Arts in the Garden) on the Gallery box.
 - Depending on selected design(s), the Gallery may need to be removed for mural design and then re-affixed to the post.

Random Acts of Art

- May's Random Act of Art is a partnership with Hugh Yeman, a local resident, who has been using chalk and a hand-crafted bamboo compass to create beautiful mandalas in various locations around the Town of Mamaroneck.

- Yeman created a 21' mandala in Florence Park this past weekend which attracted many adults and children who came to assist in creating and filling in the chalk patterns.
- The next installation is the weekend of May 17-18. P. Stevens will send out a Sign-up Genius for 60-90 min time slots to ensure Arts Council representation is with the artist to answer any general Arts Council questions, invite parkgoers to come see the mandala and participate if they'd like, and to help color in the gorgeous patterns.

Summer Pop-ups – Motown & Funk

- 3 Concerts are all planned for Fridays in July with the following bands:
 - July 11 – Florence Park – Seeing Red
 - July 18 – Columbus Park – Good Vibrations
 - July 25 – Florence Park – The Saints
- P. Stevens will start to create promotional signage that includes all Summer Concerts.
- A line-up item needs to be added to the Board of Trustees meeting for contract approval and signatures.

July 4 Harbor Island Concert

- A line-up item needs to be added to the Board of Trustees meeting for contract approval and signatures.

Emelin Summer Concerts

- One evening concert will be August 6 at Harbor Island (rain date is the following Thursday).
- Rubix Cube has been selected as the performing band – they play broadly-appealing 80's music.

Pollinator Garden Tour – Committee for the Environment

- Meeting guests, Kate Dehais and Julie Rubin from the Committee for the Environment, gave an overview of their upcoming Native Pollinator Garden Tour on July 26. They plan to have live music at the end of the tour.
- The Arts Council suggested the addition of a children's scavenger hunt to attract families who may be looking for a weekend activity.

Closing Protocol:

- O'Rourke motioned to close the meeting at 8:05 pm and de Soiza seconded.
- Next meeting will be Monday, June 2 at 7 pm at The Regatta.