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**Sky Valley Arts Council**  
**Board Meeting 11-2-2018**

Mary Ritzman, Kevin Pettelle and Debbie Copple

**Startup Update**

The Startup Event Center is going to be ready for a fund-raising party on November 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Debbie's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and help us raise money to support the project.

The footings for the handicap ramp are being installed today and the pour will be tomorrow. The mechanical permit is in the works, L & I permit for the hot water tank is approved, waiting on the bids for electrical to install the fire system, and bids on drywall. Dick King is on the last window to be repaired. Then the school will collect its scaffolding and we can work on cleaning the room for the event.

**General Arts Council News**

We are planning to participate in the group marketing effort with the Sky Valley Chamber. The purpose of this effort is to collectively market event venues in the Sky Valley. We have received a Tourism grant to support this work but it won't be available till about February.

The Arts Council is looking for some new board members and to begin a membership drive. Now that the building is nearly finished we can begin working on creating art classes and other events. Ideas for potential classes are welcome!

Debbie will be looking into creating a new bookkeeping system for the Arts Council.

Submitted by,  
Debbie Copple

**Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting**

**12-28-2017**

**Present: Mary Ritzman, Kevin Pettelle & Debbie Copple. Ken Walker was absent.**

**2017 Updates on the Startup Event Center project:**

Both of the grants for the gym are closing as of Dec. 29, 2017. Debbie has submitted all reports.

The Snohomish County Tourism grant paid for the new signs and the Snohomish County Historic Preservation paid \$10,000 worth of plumbing & electrical.

The new signs were installed by Sky Valley Excavation and Kevin Pettelle last Thursday. Kevin & Mary will finish installing the faceplates this Sunday. We'll work on landscaping around the signs when it's not so cold.

Debbie would like to set August 18<sup>th</sup> for a goal to host a Grand Opening Celebration. There's still a lot to do so this will be very ambitious but a good goal. Saturday work parties are going to begin this weekend.

Rick Cross helped us create a list of remaining construction projects:

**Exterior:**

Ramp

Front step repair

Handrail on kitchen wall

Kitchen step repair

Gutters

**Landscaping/Parks:**

Connex Containers for parks equipment

Landscape around the building

Create a parks maintenance plan

Get Equipment

**Lunch Room:**

Electric

Plumbing

Water Line

Fans for bathroom

Gas to the range top

Hot water tank installed

Drywall, Tape, Paint

Insulation

Cabinets for bathroom and kitchen

Flooring

**Main Gym area:**

Updated electric in the gym including a new panel, switches and plug-ins.

Plaster repair on Stage

Restore woodwork on the gallery and steps

Finish painting

Install new LED bulbs

Acoustics –make a plan.

Re-finish the main floor.

## **Business:**

Coastal Bank has increased monthly fees. Debbie requested that we close the account we use for paypal and the square reader. Mary and Kevin will change those accounts to the main bank account.

## **Sky Valley Community Awards Celebration**

The annual awards celebration will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, 5pm at the High School. Rick Cross and Mark Hopkins have been selected as our volunteers of the year. Debbie will send invitations.

The board authorized Debbie to pay the Sky Valley Chamber **membership fee** for 2018. \$40.00.

The **website** was discussed. Mary would like to take our website to the next level. Debbie will contact Rhonda Dickison to see what she would charge to help us create a website that could track donations better.

The Sky Valley Historic commission has invited Debbie & Mary to present an update about the building on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Mary will create a power point presentation for the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

## **Sky Valley Arts Council**

### **Board Meeting 4-28-2017**

Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker, Kevin Pettelle, Debbie Copple

Mary will be gone for the next few months but we will keep in touch via email.

## **Startup Event Center Sign**

The grant contracts are being finalized now that they have received a copy of the insurance certificate.

Kevin has the design worked out. The next step will be to get heavy equipment to remove the bollards and the vegetation where the signs will go.

Ken Walker will get Kevin the details on installation of the sign. How deep, etc.

Debbie will ask Amy Spain to send the County Logo in a format that will fit a 14" X 14" sign. Forward to Kevin.

Mary suggested that we create a series of banners to go on the signs.

*Seasonal, General Events (Shindig, Gold Dust Days, Index Arts Festival, etc), Classes*

## **Startup Event Center Work Party**

On May 20<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a work party with the members of the Home Depot Foundation. The plan is to paint the inside of the gym, replace the old gym light bulbs, load dumpster with the junk out front.

Travis and Teresa Brown have agreed to take on the park maintenance for \$200 per month.

Debbie is planning to attend the next Water District Meeting to ask if we can put a letter requesting donations from the Startup Water district members to support the park maintenance. And ask if we can use some of the storage in the water district storage place.

The Little League families are doing a great job of keeping the baseball field looking good.

Ken Walker will be filing our tax return next week. Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Recorded by,

Debbie Copple

## **SVAC Board Meeting 3-31-2017**

**Mary Ritzman, Debbie Copple, Ken Walker and Kevin Pettelle.**

### **Startup Event Center Sign**

Mary asked Kevin to explain his drawing and time line. We received a grant from Snhomish County Tourism to build two signs that will be installed where the current banners are. The contracts aren't back yet so we can't begin but Kevin is working on design plans. Ken is getting the County sign permit info and information from City staff about the installation of the sign they just put in which is very similar to ours.

### **Other Startup Event Center news**

The Home Depot Team has been out to the site to make a work plan and materials list. We are scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>. So far it looks like they are planning to paint the inside of the main room, finish the window trims,

replace the big light bulbs with LED's, and hopefully install new front doors. The school district has a lift that we can use. Debbie will get their Logo to Mary.

Mary asked Debbie to find out what the health department rules are for just having a lunchroom kitchen with a coffee maker and microwave, not a cooking kitchen. Maybe use a portable roll around range top for demo's, etc. Debbie will find out.

Rick Cross has been working on our permits. We are ready to go to the County to get them.

Debbie was asked to contact Glen Parker about redoing the plaster around the stage.

Ken Walker will ask Chris Hendrickson to take over the Sky Valley Arts Council website as part of her new job with the City of Sultan. He and Chris will coordinate with Mary.

Debbie is working to schedule the tennis court improvements.

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

## **Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting**

**2-27-2017**

**Present: Mary Ritzman, Debbie Copple and Kevin Pettelle**

We were awarded the Snohomish County Tourism Grant to produce 2 signs for the Startup property. Mary signed the contract last week.

Kevin will line out a work plan for the project.

Debbie plans to apply for the REET grant fund that assists with parks projects. It's usually in the amount of about \$5000.00. Debbie was planning to apply for the County Historical Preservation grant to assist with plumbing expenses but just found out the application deadline has been moved up and has to finish it today.

The Community Awards Celebration was great! Standing room only and a lot of new faces which shows that the community is attracting new volunteers and activists. Trey Shelton was the Volunteer of the Year for the Arts Council.

Debbie will be working with the County Health Dept and the County Building Dept. to figure out the next steps. Hal Gausman drew a plan for the new restroom design. Debbie will report at the next meeting.

With Mary planning to take a leave, it was suggested that we ask Rhonda Dickson to manage the website for us. Debbie will follow up to see if she would be interested in taking it on.

Beer Garden—The Arts Council is considering running a beer garden at the Shindig Celebration. Debbie is researching costs associated with it.

There is a group working on preserving the Chief Sultan statue. He's in pretty bad shape. Might be able to use a new vacuum resin technology to preserve him. Kevin is working on it with Richard Morrisson.

Submitted:

Debbie Copple

## **Sky Valley Arts Council**

### **Board Meeting 1-13-2017**

#### **Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker, Kevin Pettelle and Debbie Copple**

#### **Sky Valley Community Awards**

The Celebration is planned for February 11<sup>th</sup> at Sultan High School. It was unanimously agreed that Trey Shelton will be chosen as our Volunteer of the Year for his work on the Startup Event Center.

**Mary** has given notice that she has decided to resume her retirement plans to travel more and will be stepping back from the Arts Council. She will not be stepping down immediately, just wanted to give us time to make a plan.

Debbie will discuss transferring the website duties to Rhonda, owner of Indigo Dog Design. She will get more info.

#### **Startup Event Center Update**

We are going to need money to pay for all of the upcoming government permits to work on the kitchen/restroom area. A rummage sale is planned for Jan 14 & 15.

Hal Gausman has volunteered to create ADA acceptable plans for the restrooms.

Home Depot Grant was approved. After we complete the rough in on electrical and plumbing Debbie will organize a work party with Home Depot volunteers working with our volunteers. The grant includes money for supplies.

**Snohomish County Tourism Grant** We have received word that we have been awarded a grant to produce permanent signs at the Startup Event Center. We haven't gotten the contract yet. Debbie is provided proof of insurance, W9, etc.

Snohomish County will be offering a small grant fund that's meant to support parks, etc. It's funded from real estate excise tax. Debbie requested approval to apply for landscaping materials. All in support.

### **Totem Carving**

Local artist Tony Rath, has decided to carve a totem as a gift to the Sky Valley. He will be using the Startup Event Center as his carving location but its final placement is still up in the air.

### **Kevin's Report**

His "Return of the Swifts" sculpture was dedicated last weekend. Great turnout. It's located at the corner of Main & Lewis Streets in Monroe.

### **Beauty of Bronze update**

Nothing's changed. Wenatchee is in a major state of flux. Mary suggested that Kevin pull the trigger on trying to set up the program in the Sultan Schools as it doesn't seem likely that they will be in a place to offer much support.

Wenatchee supports its program with a grant from the McMillian Foundation, PTA's, and the School District. Possible funding sources for a Sultan program: Sultan School District, Sultan Education Foundation, Snohomish County Arts, and other grants.

Kevin and Mary have already created a curriculum. They need to deal with transportation, supplies, stipends and food costs. Mary will create/modify a one page overview to take to the school and possible funding sources.

### **Bookkeeping**

Debbie has been keeping spread sheets for the Arts Council. She has purchased a computer and will install Quick Books for the check book. Ken requested that she set it up with categories for each event and/or funding source. Debbie will consult with Ken on this. Ken will complete the tax return when she is finished with the update.

Submitted,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

**Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting**

**11-18-2016**



Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker and Debbie Copple. Kevin was away on a family emergency.

Mary is working on a **year-end report** to send to donors and interested parties. Debbie will fill in the numbers for her report.

The **arts & heritage brochure** that Mary's team has been working on is complete. There is a printed and an online version. Mary is submitting her invoice and final report to Snohomish County Tourism for reimbursement.

### **Startup Event Center Update:**

Debbie is recovering from an accident on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> so things have slowed down for right now. The siding project is complete including the paint. Rick Cross and Dick King have most of the windows repaired and reinstalled. In August and September our volunteers put in 1177 hours on the building. The next step is finishing the electrical in the kitchen area, then plumbing rough in, then we can work with the Home Depot Team to finish insulation, sheetrock, paint, etc in that area. We are planning an electrical work party on Dec. 17 & 18. Looking for volunteers with experience in the field! We are also needing people who are certified plumbers to manage the new piping under the building including running a new gas line to the range.

We are planning a **rummage sale fund-raiser** on January 14 & 15. Debbie has begun collecting stuff. Call her at 425-238-2651 if you'd like to donate and she can meet you at the building to drop it off.

Debbie is planning to work with Elizabeth Emmons to create a short video to work on a Go Fund Me campaign for the building.

### **Sky Valley Community Awards Celebration Feb.11<sup>th</sup>.**

Debbie nominated Trey Shelton as our Volunteer of the Year for his dedicated efforts to the Startup Event Center. Everyone agreed. Mary will create a framed certificate.

**Black Bear Mural:** Jim & Michelle Tinney are the new owners of the building on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Main in Sultan. During their remodeling they discovered an antique advertising sign for Black Bear clothing company. After doing a lot of research on how to best preserve it and working with the Arts Council, it was decided to hire an artist who specializes in historic painting restoration. He has done a detailed tracing and photos of the original work. The problem is the wood the sign is on now is rotting and can't be preserved. The plan is for the owners to continue the renovation including removing the rotten boards with the sign on them. After they

install new boards the artist will come back and paint the sign to look exactly like the aged sign on the new wood. Donations will be needed to finish the “new” old style sign in the amount of \$8000.00.

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

## **Sky Valley Arts Council Board meeting September 30, 2016**

**Present: Mary Ritzman, Kevin Pettelle, Ken Walker and Debbie Copple**

**Startup Event Center Update:** Debbie reported that they should be able to finish the new siding this weekend if the weather holds. The volunteer crew is doing an amazing job! The siding is perfect and they have started working on restoring windows. If they finish this Saturday then we can begin cleaning up again. Steve Yarborough, Titan Electric will get a permit and begin the work on restoring the electricity to the kitchen and workroom area. All of the old lathe, plaster and knob & tube wiring has been removed.

**Theft:** Someone stole our work tools and a sound system. We discovered the theft on the 23<sup>rd</sup> when the volunteers showed up to begin work. Some people have made comments about how stupid we were to leave tools but the tools were being used by a variety of people depending on the day. Shared equipment.

It wasn't a forced entry which leaves 3 other options.

1. Someone came in while the siding crew was working and propped an unused door open a little so they could come back later.
2. Or they watched the crew and snuck things out while they were there busy on the exterior wall.
3. Or it was someone with a key.

We know check all doors before we leave and try not to leave visitors unattended. We are also buying new doors with new locks. It was on our list to do this anyway. We were waiting to finish the bulking work that might scratch the new doors. We have a story by the Monroe Monitor, Everett Herald and KOMO news. It's helping spread the word about what was stolen and about the project in general.

We are planning a **rummage sale** fund-raiser for Oct 29 & 30. Thinking about a **St. Patty's** event featuring a local Irish dancer Lauren Carroll and live irish dance music. More details later.

**Schein Cabin:** the Cabin is the oldest remaining example of early cabins in this area. It was built by Amos Gunn. It is being threatened by the river and needs to be move. Rod Schein, owner, is planning to relocate the building at his

expense. He is looking for a good location to move it to. There are a lot of possibilities, including: Index Historical Society property, the Amos Gunn house in Index, the Startup Event Center site, etc. It will need a foundation, electrical, etc. He wants it to be actively used and not just sit empty. Louise Lindgren is compiling a list of interested parties.

The Arts Council board feels that it would be best if it could stay in Index but are willing to take this project on as a possible artist in residence facility. Debbie will get on the school board agenda to ask if they would support this project.

**Arts & Culture brochure update:** The cover art was discussed and Mary is going to make a few changes to that. We will review it and give our comments to Mary by this coming Sunday. It's looking really good.

Kevin suggested that we create an **info sign** by the gym so that people can see what's going on and how to be involved. Mary will create something and include a list of volunteers who have helped so far.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

## Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting

June 24, 2016

Mary Ritzman, Kevin Pettelle, Debbie Copple. Ken Walker was unable to attend.

Opened with Good News! Kevin Pettelle has received the commission to create a sculpture for the town center project in Monroe. His design pays tribute to the Swifts (birds) migration that happens every spring & fall. They use the school chimney at the Frank Wagner building for their stopping point.

He also received a commission to create a sculpture for the City of Puyallup. It will be placed as the entry into city at the new bridge.

### Startup Event Center Update

The plan is to have work parties every weekend in August. Debbie is planning a meeting with a couple of construction/building inspectors to create a work plan and be sure that she has all materials on site. She will be creating a list of tasks and tools needed so that people can figure out what they can do to help. Folks who want to bring food to the volunteers would be very welcome!

Debbie explored a State Grant that supports Building for the Arts but it wasn't a good fit for our project at this time.

### Art Education Update

Mary asked Beann Hull if she would be interested in helping create a curriculum & activity list for the SVAC. Mary will be setting up a sub-committee to address this issue. She'd like to include Frances from Index & Keven too.

### Beauty of Bronze Update:

Kevin talked to Adelle, Pres of the Art on the Ave group. They want to expand the program. Might have funding to expand over on this side of the state to do a pilot project in the Sky Valley. If it works out well they'd like to take the program statewide. . Adelle invited Sultan Elementary teacher Kathy Allen to attend the next program in Wenatchee. Kathy could stay at Adelle. Debbie suggested that we include Elizabeth Emmons in this trip. She is the SES PTA president.

### Shindig

The SVAC will have a booth at the Shindig festival to sell quilt raffle tickets to support the Startup Event Center. We will also be handing out info about the work parties in August. Mary will provide a canopy and Kevin has tables. Debbie will work on a volunteer schedule.

### Historic & Cultural Update

Mary is working on producing a brochure featuring historic, cultural and inspirational points of interest. She is working with a group of people from the area including folks from Monroe & Snohomish. The layout is complete, they are working on content.

### Wallace Falls State Park

Debbie expressed concern about the DNR proposal to log the area right up to the Wallace Falls State Park. The whole Sky Valley has had extensive logging over the past 2 years and the scenic view corridor is looking pretty rough. Debbie asked for permission to send a letter from the SVAC requesting some changes to the project in order to protect the scenic beauty of the #1 tourist destination in the Sky Valley. Permission granted.

### SVAC Business

Our Annual Report and business license renewal are due. Mary said that she would take care of them. Debbie has purchased a new computer to use for events (logging contest, etc.) and would like to purchase Quick Books for Non-Profits so that she can set up a bookkeeping system for the SVAC using this computer so that Ken and Debbie can both use it. She will look into the purchase vs subscription costs.

### Snohomish County Arts Commission

SCAC is sponsoring a Smart Phone Photography Contest. Deadline is Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. For complete rules go to [www.snocoarts.org](http://www.snocoarts.org).

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting  
April 29, 2016

Present: Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker, Kevin Pettelle, Debbie Copple

The Annual meeting will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm at the Startup Event Center.

7pm Social time

7:20pm Greg Norgaard—will be playing guitar for us.

7:35pm General Meeting

Mary will provide beverages. Debbie & Kevin will bring snacks. Ken has City Council and will be unavailable.

Agenda:

- Review the 2016 schedule

- A dance on September 10<sup>th</sup>

- Rummage Sale on October 15<sup>th</sup>

- Holiday Party on November 12<sup>th</sup>

Talk about the 2017 art education programming

Membership Drive

Building Update & Review

Treasurer Report: Ken reported that Affordable Bookkeeping will be taking over the monthly bookkeeping for the arts council. The cost is \$25 per month. Ken is donating the money. He will complete the tax return by the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Debbie will get the bookkeeping info for Ken.

Frances Read AKA Edie Everett created a logo for the Event Center and one for the Arts Council. They are very nice and we will start using them immediately.

Building Update: It doesn't look like we will be awarded the grant for windows. We will begin working on the siding sometime the middle of May or so. It will involve removing the siding, scraping the lead paint off of it, installing new felted barrier paper, primer, reinstall, and paint. We are planning to frame in for windows but since we don't have the money just cover them with plywood for now. Mary will send Debbie the info for the people who did the windows at the Bush House.

Kevin's sister-in-law is connected to person who manages a facility in Portland that very much like ours. She had a lot of good advice for us. Mary's been researching fees for the rent of the building. Ken suggested that we use that as a baseline but set our fees based on the state of the building right now. And have a sliding range based on if it's a community group, activity or a private party or a fund-raiser.

Fire Fighters Mural Update

We have raised approx.. \$4500. But need a total of \$6000.00. Carrie Weideman and Cindy Button have created 4 quilts for us to sell raffle tickets for. They are planning to set up a booth at the Shindig to sell tickets. We are planning to have the project done by August 2016.

Sky Art Week is the week of June 20. Kevin is teaching a sculpture class. The theme is 'food'.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Copple

## Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting February 26, 2016

President Mary Ritzman, VP Kevin Pettelle, Secretary Debbie Copple, Treasurer Ken Walker

### **In Review:**

**Sock Hop Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.** It was great! We estimate that we have around 150 adults and several children. Net profit on the whole evening is \$1712.29. Several people asked about having regularly scheduled dances.

Breakdown: see the attached sheet.

Frank & Nancy Roesler 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Feb. 14. We estimate that we had between 150 and 200 guests drop by during the afternoon.

### **Startup gym update:**

Railing: We have a rail up on the main staircase. Al Wirta made it. We still need to get some rust resistant paint on it ASAP.

Outside Restrooms: We have cleaned the outside restrooms, bought new lights, doors, hardware, and some plumbing fixtures. We had to special order the flushing units. Bill Pichon is working on installation. This was paid for with rummage sale money.

Next: The goal for 2016 is to complete the siding and windows and continue working with Snohomish County Parks to restore the tennis/basketball courts.

- We are applying to Snohomish County Historic Preservation for a grant to help buy windows.
- We are also checking into a Sno. Co PUD grant called Planet Power to see if they might be able to help us upgrade.
- Debbie will be scheduling work parties to begin the siding work in April as weather will allow.

General Building: Mary suggested that we find someone to act as a scheduling agent/property manager for the building. The person would be paid a stipend as we rent or hold a revenue activity in the building. We aren't ready for that yet but down the line it will be necessary.

We will do some research to determine what appropriate rent would be for the building and we phase through the restoration and as a final venue.

We will have some draft logos for the 'Startup Event Center' to review next month at the board meeting.

### **May is Preservation Month:**

We would like to initiate a calendar of events in the valley to promote widely our cultural heritage and extensive historic preservation sites. Ellie & Clarence a gift shop in Index is promoting a heritage driving tour in the Sky Valley during May. On Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> The Bush House is hosting a photo shoot with classic cars and period costumes (weather permitting), and the Index Historical Society is planning a walking tour. Memorial Day weekend may venues open for the season. We are reaching out to the area preservation groups to complete the calendar of activities for May.

## **Rod Schein Cabin Relocation Project:**

Volunteers interested in saving and relocating a cabin that was built by Amos Gunn in 1890 and is the oldest cabin in the area will be recruited. A long time family cabin and historic gem is threatened by the river and needs to be moved. Look for upcoming information meetings to gather volunteers, raise funds and awareness of the project so the cabin can be relocation for productive future use for all to enjoy. The Index Historical Society's property currently is under consideration for the relocation.

## **Art Activities 2017**

Mary and Kevin will begin planning for the 2017 Art Camps – a day use of the Startup Event Center for multiple art forms / creative experiences targeted by age group

Ken reported that a classmate in his Master's program at the University of Washington, is interested in producing and directing a play. She also has an interest in doing something for World Aids Day. They have been talking about how the Sky Valley Arts Council can partner with her.

## **Activities Calendar for 2016 (draft)**

May 12, 7pm Open Invitation SVAC Meeting at Startup Event Center. Our Annual Meeting Report

June 11. Community Dance at the Startup Event Center. More info to follow.

Sept. 10, Community Dance at the Startup Event Center. More info to follow.

October 15, SVAC Community Rummage Sale at the Startup Event Center

November 12, SVAC Holiday Party at the Startup Event Center

A complete Sky Valley arts and heritage calendar is located on the 2016 Activities tab of our website. That is also where events can be submitted for listing on our calendar.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Copple

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## **Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting**

**December 11, 2015**

School's surplus sale at the Startup gym is tomorrow 9am to 4pm. We've decided to postpone our sale till Jan 16<sup>th</sup> because the school has so much stuff there's no room.

Community Awards Celebration is Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. We've decided to recognize Rick Cross for his contribution to the Startup project. Mary will create an award.

Startup Gym Update:

If the weather cooperates we'll have the new roof on by Christmas!

Debbie will create a list of plumbing supplies we need to restore the restrooms in the park building. The doors need to be replaced too. The whole building needs to be cleaned.

Mary suggested that we check out Second Use for recycled/reused supplies. Debbie will also contact Steve Slawson to see if the County has surplus stuff like that.

Sock Hop & Art Auction Feb. 13, 2016

Debbie will contact Dave Moon about the tech club doing a photo booth. Will get the name and info for the DJ that did the PTO dance. Sue Martin had some good ideas for decorating. We created a layout for the event. Plan to have Andrea & Amber's art on the stage and create a kind of gallery up there for the sale.

Next meeting 12- 18, 2015 8:30am at the Visitor Center

Debbie Copple, Secretary

## **Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting November 6, 2015**

Present: Mary Ritzman, Debbie Copple, Kevin Pettelle and Ken Walker

Mary opened the meeting by establishing a 2016 calendar. The calendar includes all the main area events as well as Arts Council General Membership meetings. It was decided to meet quarterly. March (Index), June (Skykomish), Sept. (Gold Bar), December (Sultan). 7pm Each meeting would include a featured artist or type of art, social time, and a business meeting.

Beauty of Bronze educational program: Kevin was asked to invite the management team from the Wenatchee program to see if they'd like visit.

### **Startup Gym News**

The School will be hosting a surplus sale to get stuff out of the gym. We will be able to share the space to host a rummage sale to raise money for construction. Debbie will co-ordinate with the school. The sale will be the weekend of Dec. 12 & 13.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm Grow Washington is hosting a fund-raising event called "Start-ups for Startup". They will be selling hard cider, etc. to help raise money and awareness for our work on the building.

Construction Update: Rick Cross has completed the entry façade. It looks great! Debbie has been working on finding a roofing contractor to assist with the membrane roofing. Loberg Roofing Company has stepped up to help us. They are a highly respected company with loads of experience. Their crew will do all the work on the roof. The County Historic Grant can be used for this. We still need to raise about \$9,000.00 as match to the grant. Working on the contract with the County right now.

We have gotten our L & I paperwork completed. This will cover our volunteers during construction in case anyone gets hurt.



The next big event will be on February 13<sup>th</sup>. A Valentine's Day Sock Hop at the gym. A planning meeting will be held Friday 11-13<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at the Visitor Center in Sultan. This event will include a silent art auction.

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

**September 15, 2015**

## **Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting**

Present: Mary Ritzman, Debbie Copple, Ken Walker. Absent Kevin Pettelle (had to work),

New Business: Sno-Isle Library is hosting a Teen Art Contest and a program called the Author Next Door. Bryan Schnell is coordinating them but just got news that he's being promoted and will be working at Oak Harbor as of the end of this month. Bryan has everything organized and ready to go.

Local teens (6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to submit their artwork at either the Sultan or Monroe library. The theme is Literature-Reading. Any medium is fine. Kevin Pettelle will be part of the judging panel in November. The artwork will be displayed in the Sultan Library during the Author Next Door program. 6 authors will be conducting workshops etc. The Arts Council will set up a display the week of the event in the lobby by the library. We will staff a table during the event to promote the Arts Council and the Startup Gym project. Ken will reserve the lobby for the Arts Council display on Nov 21st.

Old business:

Fire Department Mural-Debbie reported that she spoke to the Fire Department to ask for their help raising money to restore the mural. They seemed supportive. So far we have raised a little over \$4000.00 so we're about half way there.

Arts and Heritage trail map—Mary applied to Sno. Co Tourism for money to create and print a map highlighting arts & heritage vantage points in the Sky Valley.

Mary reported that she hasn't heard anything from Saeid (UW facilities person). It's possible that we might be able to get some surplus supplies to help with the Startup gym project. She gave Debbie his number to follow up.

Amber Strehle attended to talk about the Art Auction that she and Andrea Walker have been creating pieces for. We've decided to postpone the event till Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> because the building is still full of the schools stuff and

it's a real mess until after the roof is repaired. They have 15 finished pieces. We plan to invite other artists to contribute too. We are thinking about making it a Sock Hop event.

Startup Gym—The lease is signed and the project is moving forward. Getting bids on insurance. Rick Cross is going to start on rebuilding the entrance of the place. NW Pest Control owner, Trey Shelton is going to do a pest inspection and get rid of the rats. Debbie's working on the roof repair. Titan Electric is going to do an electrical inspection and correct any minor issues they find. We have applied for 2 more material grants.

Respectfully submitted:

Debbie Copple

## Sky Valley Arts Council board Meeting August 18, 2015

Present: Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker and Debbie Copple (Kevin Pettelle is working on a casting)

Mary's update:

She knows, Said Rastegar, who works at the University of Washington and has access to surplus inventory available to 501(c)3 non profits. We will be acting as the fiscal agent for the Index Arts Festival so that they can get some picnic tables and garbage cans.

We are also going to submit a request to them for the Startup Gym project. Mary would like for Debbie to create a list of projects with an estimated cost.

Debbie Requested permission to apply for Sno. County Tourism grants to support the gym renovation project. Approved.

Debbie requested permission to apply for CDBG grants to support the gym renovation to make the building handicap accessible. Approved.

Mary requested permission to apply for Sno. County Tourism grant funds to produce a brochure called "Sky Valley Arts and Heritage Trail Guide". She asked to apply for \$2100.00 grant funds. Approved.

We will both be needing letters of support for all of the above projects.

Ken thought that creating a poster of the Startup gym might be a fund-raising idea. Mary suggested using antique doors as the marketing angle.

Ken would also like to buy a couple of historic prints to donate to the Rotary Club for their auction as a way for the arts council to support their efforts. Mary will do the research and make the choice of which prints to make. Ken will pay for the prints and framing.

Debbie's report:

The Startup Lease will receive final review on Monday at the school board meeting. Mary will sign the lease when she gets back after her vacation. Ken and Mary will review the lease one more time.

Debbie was instructed to order banners for the gym property. She will also begin to make a promo video and work on a "Go Fund Me" website.

Debbie attended the All Classmates Reunion on Sunday. It was a great place to share about the Startup Gym. Most of the elders there have a Startup story. They were very excited to learn of the progress toward saving the building.

Art Auction on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> by Andrea Walker and Amber Strelhe. Debbie hasn't heard from them lately so we really don't know what's happening. Debbie will call them and see what's up.

Firefighters Mural: The Mural has earned a little over \$4000 toward its renovation. Q13 News in Seattle did a story about the mural and how it has deteriorated over the last few years. The artist David Hose, came up with a plan to use digital screening to copy the artwork onto a more stable surface.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

**Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting  
July 21, 2015**

Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker, Debbie Copple, Kevin Pettelle present.  
Guests; Donna Murphy, Susie Walker

**May 19, 2015**

Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker, Debbie Copple present. Kevin Pettelle was absent.

Guest Donna Murphy

Donna presented the information about the Paint the Fire Hydrant project. Mary will review, edit and then she'll present it to the group at the general meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Startup Gym. The goal is to find a project manager for this.

Startup Gym Update: Debbie is working with Dan Chaplik and the school district lawyer to hammer out a lease agreement. After the first round of changes Debbie will send it to the board for their consideration. If we have any concerns we can run it by an attorney to offer some advice.

Mary will ask the Index Arts Festival people if we can borrow their reader board. Mary wants to create banners to hang on it and put it on the highway pointing to the gym to raise awareness. Mary will get the exact size of the banners when she goes back to Index.

Debbie, Ken & Mary will be attending a Crowdfunding Class at the Marysville Library on June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 10:30am.

Next General meeting: June 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm. We are hoping to have the lease finished and hold the meeting at the Gym.

Mary will provide beverages, Debbie, Ken & Kevin will bring snacks.

Debbie will create sign up forms for people who want to work on the building.

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

## **Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting April 21, 2015**

Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker, Kevin Pettelle, Debbie Copple

Startup Gym:

The entire board met with School supt. Dan Chaplik and attorney Timothy J. Reynolds, Porter Foster Rorick LLP. Mr. Reynolds number is 206-622-0203 tim@pfrwa.com. 800 Two Union Square, 601 Union Street, Seattle, WA 98101. We discussed the lease contract. It looks very favorable that we will be able to work out an agreement to go forward on the restoration project. After the meeting we took Mr. Reynolds to the site to look at the project. We are expecting a draft lease around May 8th.

We are planning to launch the major fund-raising at the June 16th meeting of the Arts Council. The meeting will be at the Gym 7pm.

## Beauty of Bronze:

Kevin reported that he presented to the Index school board and staff. A great response from the board but not as much from the staff. He expected that as teachers are feeling really stressed over all the new testing and not sure they can make room for anything else. He plans to talk to them in the summer or at the beginning of the school year. Mary suggested that he arrange a meeting in the summer between some of the Wenatchee teachers and local teachers.

Mary also suggested that he invite local teachers/students to attend his session at the Sky Art Week.

## Paint the Hydrant:

Ken reported that he almost has the paperwork finished to begin promoting the project. It will be modeled after the Chicago program. It will cost \$25 to 'adopt' a hydrant. People will submit a proposed drawing of what they are planning. September 19th will be the event date. We will host a communal gathering place for all 'artists' to gather for food and to share paints/supplies. Ken will work on the press.

## Sky Valley Arts Business:

Mary is continuing to work on the website, calendar of events, and the road trip blog posts. She will continue to reach out to area groups and help promote them as well as the Sky Valley Arts Council.

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple

## **Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting Feb. 17, 2015**

Mary Ritzman called the meeting to order. Kevin Pettelle and Debbie Copple attended. Ken Walker was sick.

Next general meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm. Decided not to have a board meeting that day. The meeting will be at Brandee Leafy Photography Studio. The format will be to spend ½ hour giving brief updates on each of our projects then break up so that people can really talk to the folks who are working on their interest area and to socialize. Mary will bring wine & cheese. Debbie will bring some appetizers. The main projects be shared are: Startup Gym project, Membership, Advisory/Working Board members needed, Art Education and the Fire Hydrant project (if it's ready to be public.)

Mary ordered some A Board signs. We'll borrow the Chamber frames for now. The cost was \$96.66. Debbie made a motion to reimburse Mary for the expense. Kevin agreed.

Mary needs the Chamber admin code for facebook and she will post art happenings to it for me.

## Advisory/Working board:

We discussed the need for a 'membership' Advisory Board chair who would be able to take on this task. Create a membership card, identify opportunities, etc. Be an ambassador for the arts council by attending area meetings. Debbie will handle the donations and keep the database current for the membership person.

Kevin's report: He was wondering about how the Monroe art scene fits in with us. What's our relationship to other arts groups? Suggested we talk to Una (Monroe Chamber) about these issues. He also has some questions about the fire hydrant program. Would be more comfortable if we could provide some support to artists. At least the paint.

Art education—The meeting with the Sultan Elem 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers didn't happen yet.

Mary reported that Washington Arts Council offer grants. Artswa.org \$5000 and \$20,000. To encourage arts to partner with public schools. Kevin will meet with Donna Murphy to get more details and how to proceed.

Startup Gym report: The school is going forward with the lease. It's at the legal office, public notice will be in the newspaper this week then we have to wait for 45 days. Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, says to go ahead with any fund-raising and grant applications. Debbie got an estimate from State Roofing for a PVC membrane roof \$28,000-\$35,000.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Debbie Copple**

## Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting January 20, 2015

President Mary Ritzman called the meeting to order. Ken Walker, Kevin Pettelle, Debbie Copple and guest Donna Murphy.

The board and Donna spent the morning learning how to use the grant research library at Marysville. Very interesting! Further visits will be necessary to really narrow down some good grant matches for our projects.

Startup Gym: Debbie reported that the school board has invited the Arts Council to attend the meeting on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss our proposal to renovate the building. Mary volunteered to do a power point presentation for the meeting. Debbie will find out about the technology requirements. Debbie will also put together a list of known improvements that will be needed to get the building to a state where it can be used. She will also put together a list of what we'd like from the District. And a list of possible uses and benefits to the community.

Beauty of Bronze: Kevin got a lot more information from Jeanette, the program manager for the BoB program in Wenatchee. She gave him lots of great input and information based on her experiences working with schools and grant funders. He also received detailed information about the budget and other management aspects of the program. He is thinking that a scaled down version will be the best way to approach this. Make it more manageable and a better fit to local schools. Kevin would like to meet with Sultan Elem 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Donna Murphy knows them and will make the call to arrange a meeting.

Kevin also reported that he will be teaching a one day class at the Skykomish Art Week.

Ken Walker's report: He will be meeting with a representative of the Bezo's Foundation this weekend to talk about funding the Beauty of Bronze educational program.

He also introduced the Hire Hydrant Art Project. He and Donna have been doing research on the idea and found that several cities have done them but none in Washington State. (that they know of) They have already gotten permission from the Fire Department. They want the Arts Council to sponsor it as a fund-raiser for the Arts Council. Their idea is to have people pay \$25. to paint their art on a hydrant. The arts council would screen the art that would go on the hydrants.

Grow Washington has received a grant to promote some of their businesses. They need a 501c3 agency to administer the grant. They asked if the Arts Council would take that on in exchange for a portion of the grant. Ken made a motion that we act as the fiscal agent for this grant. Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes.

Mary Ritzman's report: She's been working to increase traffic to the website. She's been connecting to festivals and activities in the region. She is hoping that this will increase traffic to the website because of the enhanced content as well as do a better job of promoting events interesting to our members and followers.

The blog post about a road trip by watercolor artist Catherine Gill's 'Almost perfect 'lousy' day in the Skykomish Valley' has generated new visitor to the site. Kristin Kowiewicz, a photographer & poet offers a road trip for inspiration in next month's February blog.

Sky Art Week will be June 22 – 26. Mary is working with Beanne Hull, the director. Mary offered to help with the marketing of the event.

Pop Up Shop Update: The group started creating a list of potential locations for our bi-monthly meetings in different businesses featuring a variety of art. We will add locations and reach out to owners as we set our dates-we want to offer venues throughout the valley.

Galaxy Chocolates

Blue Boy Café

Cascadia Inn

Maloney's in Skykomish

River House

Brandee Leafy Photography

Stevens Pass

Outdoor Adventures

We talked about the general meetings for the group and what form they should take. We decided to rotate meetings between all the towns and to adopt a format of business meeting social gathering. That way people can learn about our projects and have time to visit with/ share ideas with a project leader. And have time to socialize with other artist and arts/heritage supporters. Serve wine and appetizers. First General meeting/social is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mary would like to feature student art at one of the meetings. Donna suggested that we write down members ideas (with the name of the person who suggested it) to create a potential list of projects and activities. Get a feel for what people would like to do.

Fund-Raising and Membership development: Think about establishing an advisory board to take on important tasks like:

Membership

Grants Research & Writing

Education programming

General programming & activities

Each board member is going to recruit one person who might want to join us.

Respectfully submitted,

**Debbie Copple, Secretary**



## Sky Valley Arts Council Board Meeting 12-16-2014

Present: Mary Ritzman, Ken Walker, Kevin Pettelle and Debbie Copple

**Startup Gym:** Debbie reported that building inspector Kevin Naslund and Kevin Pettelle spent several hours with her poking around the building. It has a lot of serious issues but both Kevin's feel that it is salvageable. We have talked to the Superintendent to discuss the transfer of the property and they are very willing to go forward with the project. Debbie needs to get a digital copy of the blueprints so that Kevin Pettelle can create a 3D model for the website. We need to create a list of major construction projects and the costs. Ask for professional help. Ken will ask the City Engineer to request some pro bono help from some of the contractors doing work with the City.

**Grant Research:** Mary will set a meeting with staff at the Marysville Library to begin doing research for the Building Project and other art programming, including the Beauty of Bronze program. Ken asked that Donna Murphy go with us to learn the new program too.

**Beauty of Bronze Program:** Kevin will put together an outline for Ken to present to the Bezo's Family Foundation on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. The focus of their contributions need to be connected to education. This project seems like a good fit, art education for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

The current 5<sup>th</sup> grade population of the Sky Valley is:

Sultan 85

Gold Bar Elem 37

Home School 12

And we're guessing about 10 combined for Index & Skykomish.

Kevin will manage the actual instruction and casting of the project but will need a project coordinator to help him work with the schools. Ken will ask Marianne Naslund if she'd be interested in doing this.

### **POP UP SHOP**

Mary reported that the Index Cabin project is still meeting and moving forward but has a long way to go. She is continuing to look for other temporary high traffic areas to set up and promote art. She is wondering at the Toot Sweet Candy Shoppe in Skykomish or the Bush House Inn. She's brainstorming with others to come up with potential locations. Some other ideas: Grow Washington, the lobby at the Sultan City Hall, etc.

**Catherine Gill, Seattle water color artist,** spent the day exploring the Sky Valley and painting scenes that inspired her. It was freezing but she still had a good time. Catherine has made notes about her day in the Sky Valley from an artist's perspective. Mary will use the notes to promote the valley as a place for creative inspiration and an interesting road trip. She will continue to work on the "Inspiration Road Trips" project.

Events Calendar: Mary gave an update on the website events calendar and how it relates to her tweeting schedule.

**Membership Drive:** We are just beginning to work on creating a membership base. Mary is putting the form on our website. Kevin suggested that Mary use 'Weebly' to set up the paypal part of the site. Kevin volunteered to set it up.

Debbie will create a donation receipt for the Arts Council. Needs to have the following info:

Sky Valley Arts Council

320 Main Street PO Box 18

Sultan, WA 98294

[www.skyvalleyartscouncil.com](http://www.skyvalleyartscouncil.com)

Tax ID #47-1916495

When Mary finishes the articles of incorporation and the bylaws she'll sign and submit to the Washington Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

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## **Sky Valley Arts Council Meeting Notes 10-13-2014**

President Mary Ritzman called the group together for our first meeting in Skykomish. We began with introductions.

Mary gave an overview of the Arts Council and its mission as we see it right now.

Asked for input and ideas of how the Arts Council could be beneficial.

Work to promote existing events.

Co-ordinate events so we don't plan things on busy days.

Promote local artists

Try to contact all artists

Create "Open Studio" events that are juried with a different studio tour each week.

Education: teach children the 'language of art' and the importance of art socially.

Create opportunities for kids and adult to experience art.

Establish art resources in the community and schools. Teach how art is connected to everyday life.

Create artist retreats

Make a list of 'Destination for Inspiration' favorite spots

Other news: the Old Maloney's siding building is going to be renovated to become a theater type of place.

The Arts Council won't be meeting again until after the holidays and we receive our 501c3 paperwork.

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple

In Attendance: Mary Ritzman, Kevin Pettelle, Ken Walker, Lucy Hitchcock, Federico Seco Delucena, Teddy Jo Ryder, Madelle Quiring, George Simanis, Nancy Yarges, Karen Molesky, Marilyn Martin, Debbie & Steve Koch, David Gardner, Henry Sladek, Richard Yarges, Jacquie Miner

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Sky Valley Arts Council Meeting  
8-25-2014

Present: Mary Ritzman, Debbie Copple, Jacquie Miner, Pat Carlson, Warren Carlson, Barbara Kalinoski, Kevin Pettelle, Lucy Hitchcock

Pres. Mary Ritzman called the meeting to order.

Update on legal status. The State UBI non-profit number has been received. The articles of incorporation and the bylaws are complete. The board met and completed the forms to apply for the Federal non-profit 501c3. Ken Walker will send it in with a \$400.00 payment.

Our official mailing address:

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Sultan, WA 98294

Startup Gym project update:

Mary and Debbie attended a school board meeting to discuss our idea to restore the Startup Gym to a functioning building to serve the arts and culture needs of the Sky Valley. They were open to the idea as they don't have the financial resources to spend on this historic building. It was built in 1925 and is in serious need of help. It is currently being used as a storage area.

Jim McDaniel from Harmsen & Associates, came out to look at the building with Brian & Debbie Copple, Mary Ritzman and Inessa Pearce. Brian brought his bucket truck so that we could see what was happening on the roof. It appears that the membrane is separating and causing leaks. Debbie asked the school district to research who installed the new roofing and see if it is still under warranty. Supt. Dan Chaplik will find out.

Other findings: the beam that is bowing doesn't appear to be structural but made of lath and plaster.

Needs new windows, gutter systems, paint, repair to exterior wood, plumbing, electrical, heating.

Grants and major donations will be needed.

Warren Carlson has written grants and would be willing to assist.

Debbie Copple will take the lead on the building project. Mary will take the lead on the marketing, admin and programs.

Membership: Mary did a lot of research to see how other non-profit arts groups handle this. It's all over the board. Mary explained that the group is really being formed to act as an umbrella to support arts and culture Sky Valley wide.

Lucy H. suggested that we come up with a list of benefits for members. Membership is important as a way to generate a little operating capital and to gain moral support. Mary will create a membership proposal and send it to everyone for their input.

Mary suggested the idea of having a mobile Art Truck (like a food truck or bookmobile) to be able to take programs on the road. She also is working on a map project to identify cultural, historic, scenic viewpoint, plain air opportunities, local favorite spots. Recharge your Heart & Soul Map.

One of the goals for 2015 is to work with other groups to better promote the activities and events that already happen in the Sky Valley.

The next meeting will be at the Skykomish museum on Oct. 13, 7pm. Contact Debbie if you'd like to car pool.

Respectfully,

Debbie Copple, Secretary

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