

Board of Trustees  
Monthly Report  
February 19th, 2019



- The elephant statue known as Petal was moved from the defunct Burlington Center Mall on February 1, 2019, with the volunteer efforts of many organizations in and around Burlington City. The event was covered by local as well as Philadelphia news media. Petal will be stored and restored at the Laran Foundry in Chester, PA before it is moved back to a site in Burlington.
- The membership committee met at the home of Ran and Claudia Toby, Membership chairs. A result of that meeting was the idea of a three-month membership drive. In looking ahead, it would be beneficial to encourage local restaurants to become members in preparation for Restaurant Ramble II. Benefits to restaurants members would be in the area of marketing during Ramble.
- Some Restaurant are already offering discounts to Guild members; eg. Legends Pizza offers a 10 percent off bill at any time if a patron shows their Arts Guild membership card.
- Several proposals for events to be sponsored by AGNJ have been received for consideration. Keith Patton has offered to conduct art lessons and Hailey Bruinsma would like to conduct photography related workshops. Also, Raj Kaur has offered make up demonstration and Laura Wharton, a certified chef, would like to teach culinary lessons. She would be able to use Friends Meeting House kitchen for such an event.
- The Go Fund Me account, originally established to pay for the expenses to “save” the Petal statue, will be turned over to AGNJ as funds continue to be donated. Currently funds of \$1600 have been received and deposit in an account strictly designated for expenses related to Petal, such as insurance.
- Arts Guild is still waiting to hear from the Cultural and Heritage grant to help support mural arts in the city.
- Derrick Owings has spoken to Donna Gould of Investors Bank regarding setting up an account for the Care-to-Program that allows depositors to specify which nonprofit they would like to see Investors Bank to grant funds; a minimum number of ten people must ask for money to be designated to a specific non profit in order for consideration.
- Derrick Owings spoke to the Burlington Rotary to provide an overview of how Petal was acquired by AGNJ and to thank the Rotary for their generous financial support which enabled AGNJ to be awarded Petal. The Rotary would like to have input regarding the wording on plaque that will accompany the statue once it is placed in the city.

- The Many Faces of Burlington exhibit is completed. The exhibit is to be relocated in store front windows in the city and continue sales. An idea to be discussed is the application of the purchase of a photo to yearly membership.
- AGNJ owes Michael Kane from The Dime \$40 for a frame he purchased to display Murray Sonstein's photo. Murray's photo given to his wife, Genie, at no cost, along with the silk flower arrangement, wooden stand and carpet that were personally donated by Nancy Collier and Derrick Owings.
- General membership meeting will follow the Board of Trustees meeting. An agenda has been prepared for distribution at that meeting.
- AGNJ members Ashley and Tim Merle have volunteered to manage and update the Guild website, blog, and newsletter projects.
- Jackie Lombardo, former Arts Guild President from the Rahway location, has offered her digital design and marketing expertise.
- JB Bakery, Brickwall Tavern and Legends Pizza will be creating specialty items related to Petal. They will coordinate these items to be sold as part of the events of the day Petal arrives in town; this celebration will be coordinated with the city and school district.
- We should consider AGNJ membership in the Greater Burlington Chamber of Commerce as well as the South Jersey Cultural Alliance. Consideration should also be given to supporting the Taste of the Best at Diane Academy on March 1, 2019.
- A general membership meeting will follow the Board of Trustees meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Collier  
Board Secretary