

ALWCA Membership Meeting

January 8, 2026

OVERVIEW

- Discuss leadership positions that need to be filled
- Share information about current and upcoming exhibitions
- Provide updates on events and community gatherings
- Discuss artistic goals and grant opportunities for 2026

Topics	Status
Leadership Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer position needs to be filled urgently due to Susanna's relocation out of state• Secretary position available (Taryn currently serving as interim)• Communications Chair position open• Events Chair position open• Nominations Chair position needed soon
Current Exhibitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Resilience" exhibition at Lowe Mill through end of February• Closing reception planned for last Saturday in February

Open Calls

- All-member exhibition at Lowe Mill - deadline January 24th
- "Between Here and There" exhibition with Huntsville Hospital Arts and Medicine program - deadline January 24th
- "Source to Sea: Alabama Streams of She" at Birmingham Botanical Gardens - closing reception TBD
- "Borderless" exhibition planned for summer at Lowe Mill

Events

- Creative Coven virtual meeting scheduled for January 18th at 3pm
- The Gathering at Lowe Mill on January 31st from 1-3pm
- Monthly collage/junk journaling event being planned in the Shoals area

Website Update

- ALWCA website refresh in progress

Other topics

- Discussion about political climate and artists' responses through their work
- Members shared personal artistic goals for 2026
- Information about grant opportunities through Alabama State Council of the Arts
- Importance of community building and free art spaces

Action items

- **Sam**
 - Email grant information to Taryn for the newsletter
 - Bring art supplies and large paper for collaborative setup at The Gathering

- Coordinate with Jean regarding potential art transport to Huntsville Hospital
- **Taryn**
 - Complete newsletter by January 10th
 - Include grant opportunities in the newsletter
 - Host Creative Coven meeting on January 18th
 - Host monthly collage/junk journaling event in the Shoals
- **Savannah**
 - Send exhibition information to Taryn by the weekend for newsletter inclusion
- **Jean**
 - Potentially help transport art from Low Mill to Huntsville Hospital (Feb 23-24)
- **All Members**
 - Consider applying for open leadership positions
 - Submit information about upcoming shows/events for the newsletter by January 10th
 - Consider volunteering for the exhibitions committee