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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

Date: January 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom Meetings

A link to the meeting will be posted prominently on our website and is included below. The meeting will include Annual Reports on how the non-profit performed in 2021, a proposed budget for 2022, and we will tally and announce the results of the Board of Directors elections and whether the two propositions passed.

ELECTION: The following people are running for 7 available seats on the Board of Directors:

1. **Gloria Bonelli** Gloria is currently serving as Secretary on the Board of Directors. She has worked as an arts administrator and arts advocate since 1979. Gloria Bonelli is the founding principal at Gloria Bonelli and Associates, a talent management firm.
2. **Conor Eckert** Conor has been serving on the Board of Directors since August 2021. Conor Eckert is the Executive Director of the Town of Montgomery IDA, and Director of Economic Development for the Town of Montgomery, NY. Conor has formal training in financial management and budgeting.
3. **Louise Pedrick** Louise is an artist and retired businesswoman, she is currently volunteering as recording secretary and on the marketing and insurance committees.

PROPOSITIONS: The Board of Directors respectfully asks the members to approve the following two propositions:

1. **Changing the name of the organization to "Wallkill River Center for the Arts."** "The Wallkill River School" is a playful pun on the famous "Hudson River School" art movement, however, we have found that the inclusion of the word "School" in the name of the organization misleads some people into thinking we are an educational institution which issues degrees. Also, it does not seem to represent the full scope of our services, particularly our gallery and exhibit programs which are a key part of our activities. "Wallkill River Center for the Arts" is a substantial and broadly inclusive name which encompasses our gallery activities, community art programs, art classes and paves the way for future growth in other areas of art such as writing, music and performing arts.
2. **Granting lifetime memberships to the founders of the organization:** Shawn Dell Joyce, Steve Blumenthal and Gene Bove.

VOTING PROCESS: Due to COVID concerns, votes will be cast early, either electronically or by mail. Ballots will be sent in a separate mailing from this notice either via email or US Postal Service with the annual reports and budget. If you receive the ballot via email, please reply to wrsannualmeeting@gmail.com with the names of your candidates and Yes or No to the two proposals. If you receive your ballot via US mail, please vote by filling out the enclosed ballot and either depositing it in the ballot box at WRS or mailing it to the address below. Electronic votes or paper ballots must be received by January 21st in order to be counted.

ATTN: Ballot
Wallkill River School
232 Ward Street
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ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

The Wallkill River School Annual Members Meeting
Time: Jan 22, 2022 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84330429668>
Meeting ID: 843 3042 9668
One tap mobile +19292056099,,84330429668# US (New York)
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MEMBERS SHOW!

Our Member's Show will be on display March 4, 2022 to May 1, 2022 in the Devitt and Sandra Anderson Galleries. The annual teacher's exhibit will run concurrently in the Patchett Gallery. Members of all levels are encouraged to contribute a piece of original artwork to the exhibit. Works must be received by Sunday, February 28th at 5:00 PM. Reception is **tentatively** scheduled for March 12, 2022 5-7:00 PM.