



NORTH SHORE ARTS ASSOCIATION

On historic Gloucester harbor • Since 1922

ANNUAL MEETING President Report 2018

Dear Members of North Shore Arts Association,

I love walking into this building it has been an important part of my life. Has NSAA had the same impact on your lives, the art community and Cape Ann?

This 100 year old structure is where we are welcomed by our friends, and the small but mighty staff. We then immerse ourselves in another world, the inspired creations of others; and we share thoughts and laughter.

The all-volunteer board of trustees is diligent in their fiduciary responsibilities, but at this annual meeting they will inform you of just how difficult their job is. Although it does not appear so by our well-attended receptions, we run a bare bones operation through your donations.

Over the past four years we have found that despite good sales of member artwork, marina income, the auction and weddings, we just cover the bills. It requires 'an event' each year to sustain NSAA.

The board of trustees has used your past donations and grants funds, to repair the waterside wall, replace windows, add lettering to the building NORTH SHORE ARTS, Est. 1922! The lighting has been replaced, alarm system upgraded, the staff painted and repaired the classroom, the front of the building, and the entire marina area has been restored.

On the 2019 agenda, we must replace the old gas heaters, paint inside and outside back walls, and with the help of abutters repave Pirates Lane.

Finally members, I cannot say this often enough, like Deep Throat...Follow the money!
Closely follow the money and the leadership in every organization that you belong to, if its existence is important to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Demeter, President