

Tuesday October 3, 2023

Tuesday Topics Summary

President Mary Lou Davis opened the meeting welcoming all members and guests. She made a few announcements, including announcing the profits from our recent fundraiser, "Purses with a Purpose" was \$3,000 that will be used for educational purposes.

Dennis Bosley announced the movie *Garden City* will open October 10, 2023 on Apple TV and later on KANOPY. The eight-minute movie is about the November 2016 attempted bombing of Somalian Immigrants.

Glennie Buckley introduced Barbara Waterman-Peters who spoke about arts in Topeka. The title of her topic was "The 90+List – Arts in Topeka." The title originated during a study of arts in Topeka when the group listed 90 art venues and found there were more. They stopped listing and simply said there are 90 plus!

Barbara said Topeka is a vibrant arts community. She then enumerated the multitude of art forms found in Topeka. Her list fell into large categories within which she identified many venues.

VISUAL ARTS: Museums including the Mulvane Art Museum and Art Lab, Ritta Blitt Gallery and Sculpture Garden, the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery that houses 3000 items at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library (Larry Peters, Barbara's husband, is the former director of the gallery.), and NOTO Arts Center – Morris Gallery and 785 Gallery. Barbara approached John Hunter about seeking arts from other states as well as local arts to set up shop in NOTO. She applied and owns Studio 831 at 831 N. Kansas Avenue, and Arts Connect that promotes the arts in Topeka.

PERFORMING ARTS MUSIC: Topeka Symphony Orchestra, Community Concerts, Topeka Blues Society, Topeka Jazz Workshop

PERFORMING ARTS THEATER AND DANCE: Topeka Civic Theatre and Academy, high schools, Washburn University, Ballet Midwest, Ballet Folklorico de Topeka, Kansas Ballet Academy and several dance schools

PERFORMING ARTS LITERACY: Kansas Book Festival, Speak Easy Poets, Inscape at Washburn University and magazines

PERFORMING ARTS MISCELLANEOUS: Architects, Graphic Design Forms, Printers, and Sculptors

Barbara entertained questions and suggestions. One person asked about placing a mural in the NOTO grain elevator. Barbara agreed that would be a great place for a

mural, but the owners have said no to the idea.