



**Friends of the Klamath County Library  
Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes  
14 September 2025  
At the Library and via Zoom**

Elaine Deutschman, FOL Board Secretary, welcomed about 18 attendees to the fall meeting which was scheduled for a Sunday afternoon, instead of during the week, in an attempt to attract more guests. The meeting was also monitored by several Zoom participants as FOL initiated its own Zoom account and setup. Elaine spent a few minutes acquainting audience members with FOL's purposes and fund-raising activities; she indicated that the Bookie Joint would be open for a short period after the presentation with a nice special on art-related books.

The speaker for this meeting, Stefan Savides, noted Klamath Falls sculptor and taxidermist, presented a narrated slide show about his early training, his honors, his later work in taxidermy and his sculpturing. Mr. Savides moved away from primarily being a taxidermist and began work as a sculptor chiefly of wildlife after moving to northern California and then Klamath Falls from the Bay area. His slides displayed a number of these sculptures, from small pieces to the huge pieces he is known for. He spoke at length about developing these pieces, outlining the many steps in the process and noting his wife is one of his assistants who handles producing the wax molds that are part of the procedure. He talked about several of the pieces that one can see around Klamath Falls – the eagle at the roundabout on Homedale Ave, the red tail hawk at the traffic circle near Skylakes medical center, the mobile-style hangings in the hospital interior atrium, the pelicans at the Commons and the grebes at Putnam Point. He also showed an image of the huge Rocky Mountain elk that will be installed next to the Baldwin Hotel as soon as the park area there is developed.

Several questions came from audience members following his well-received presentation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Deutschman, Secretary  
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