

*Because there is too large a lapse of time between Madison Art Guild bimonthly newsletters, the MAG Board has decided to send out a message to all members during the months that the newsletter is not published. We hope this will keep members more informed and aware of MAG activities.*

## **TOUCHING BASE**

### **SALON PACKETS:**

Packets for the 2011 June Salon will be sent during the third week in April. Watch for your packets and buckle down to some serious creativity so that you can offer the best work possible for this year's Salon show at University Hospital & Clinics. If you have had a recent change of address, please notify Pam Andros ([pandros@att.net](mailto:pandros@att.net), 238-6578) or Susan Baez ([dbaez@tds.net](mailto:dbaez@tds.net), 231-9176) so that your packet is sent to the correct place.

A huge thank you is due to Beatrice Williams for doing all of the printing for the packets despite having an unbelievably busy schedule

### **A NEW APPROACH TO SALON AWARDS:**

Because these are times when approaching businesses for gift certificates and in-kind donations is very, very difficult, the MAG Board has decided to take a different approach to the Salon awards this year: **the awards will be created from within our organization!** Anyone who is willing to create a piece of art work, which would be of modest value, can donate such items at Intake on Saturday, June 4. Certificates and memorial awards will still be given to Salon winners, but gift certificates will be replaced by our own members' art work. We hope this will lead to more interchange among members...it's a way to meet someone you ordinarily would not have had a chance to talk with when recipients thank their benefactors.

This is a way in which every member can become involved in the Salon. Let us know if you are willing to donate some of your work of modest value to this event. Call or e-mail any Board member: Pam Andros ([pandros@att.net](mailto:pandros@att.net)), Susan Baez ([dbaez@tds.net](mailto:dbaez@tds.net), 231-9176), or Kerri Shannon ([kshanjewels@aol.com](mailto:kshanjewels@aol.com)) to report your willingness to donate a small piece of your art work.

## WEBSITE INFORMATION:

We thank Tamara Tsurkan for her excellent response in constantly updating the web site.

Remember, if you cannot find your newsletter and want to reference it, it is on the web site, along with other pertinent information. (More artists need to submit images of their work for the "Artists" section.)

We are now offering a new topic called "Opportunities." This will include information on area art fairs that are seeking participants, chances to display work in area retail stores, gallery calls for art work, and local contests.

## SPRING HILLDALE ALL GUILD/INVITATIONAL ART SHOW:

Loretta Dooley reports that the turnout for the April 2 & 3 show was very good.

Special recognition for Alaine Johnson should be noted. Loretta states: "As a faithful, long-time member of the Madison Art Guild, Alaine has always willingly done her share when asked. She has never refused us to help mark spaces in all the years Peter and I have coordinated the Hilldale show. Thanks a million to Alaine...you are the best."

## FALL HILLDALE ALL GUILD/INVITATIONAL ART SHOW:

Dates for the Fall Hilldale Show will be November 5 & 6, 2011.

Tentative dates for the Hilldale Shows for 2012 are: March 31 & April 1 and November 3 & 4.

**An application form for the Fall Hilldale All-Guild/Invitational Art Fair is attached to this newsletter.**

## CHRIS ECHTNER SHOWS AT GRACE CHOSY GALLERY

Scenes of everyday life with a clever twist of humor portrays Chris Echtner's special show at Grace Chosy Gallery, which is on display through April 23.

## SECOND SESSION OF SALVATION ARMY ART PROJECT

About thirty children participated in the community art project held at Worthington-Darbo Community Center on April 8. Each child was given a set of watercolor paints, brushes, pencils, erasers, markers, stickers, and even glitter paint.

Meriter Hospital awarded Madison Art Guild a \$300 grant to carry out this two-session program, and local businesses Artist and Craftsman Supply and Wisconsin Craft Market gave us generous price breaks and additional supplies.

Kudos and a huge thank you to Louise Joyce, who coordinated the most recent art session. Chris Echtner and Norma Hove assisted her. Lucy Taylor, Mark Dilley, Kerri Shannon, Chris, Louise, and Norma volunteered at the first session.



*Chris Echtner guides the children in mixing paints.*



*Jose discovered the joy of watercolor painting.*