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President's Message

Spring is finally here...thank goodness! The June Salon is also almost here and I am looking forward to this important event. The Salon provides an opportunity to showcase your artwork, view others' work and to meet and socialize. It's also a time for recognition of outstanding work, and ideally provides art making inspiration for us all.

As you may already know, we are asking members to donate original artwork to serve as prizes for award winners. To clarify, these do not have to be original paintings or limited edition prints,

	Calendar
Salon Intake	June 4
MAG Board Mtg	June 13
Salon Reception	June 26

they can also be less costly items like note cards featuring your artwork or reprints of artwork or photos. If you have any questions about something you are thinking of donating, please let me know (238-6578 or pandros@att.net).

The salon is a great event but is also a great amount of work, so we need volunteers. The greatest need is for the art drop-off and check-in process. Please let me or a Board member know if you are able to help. Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing you in June!

Pam Andros

Salon News

The MAG Salon intake is scheduled for June 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m. At the same time you are recording this date on your calendars, be sure to include the date of the Reception on Sunday evening, June 26, 6:30-8:00. You will not only be able to meet other MAG members at this gathering but the award winners will also be announced.

In the past we have canvassed businesses for gift certificates, but since the economy is suffering, the MAG Board decided that instead of tapping the business community, we would create our own awards by asking members to donate a small work of art to be used as an award. So far Gene Summers, Char Olson, Cindy Koshalek, Merikay Payne, Kerri Shannon, Pam Andros and Norma Hove have offered to donate items to be used as prizes. Since about 20 awards are needed, we hope more of our members will step forth to donate in order to make this award night fun. (Of course, the traditional award certificates will be given to individuals whose art work is chosen by our judge to be worthy of recognition.) Please contact Pam Andros (pandros@att.net or 238–6578) and read her President's message on the front page of the newsletter for more details.

This year Ed Binckley, MATC instructor, is the 2011 Salon judge.

FYI Box

Under Gov. Scott Walker's budget proposal, funding for the Wisconsin Arts Board will be reduced by 73 percent. The state agency and independent funder of the arts will become a program within the Department of Tourism, and its staff will be reduced from ten to four. This reduction in funding places Wisconsin No. 38 of all the United States.

To receive the *Wisconsin Art & Craft Fair Directory*, you may call the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, 8:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday: 1-800-432-TRIP (8747) OR you may send a 9" x 12" or larger <u>self-addressed</u> envelope with <u>\$1.73 postage</u> (cash or checks not accepted in lieu of proper postage). Mail to Wisconsin Arts Board, First Floor, 101 E. Wilson Street, Madison, WI 53702.

PUCCI'S GALLERY OFFERS OPPORTUNITY

Pucci's Gallery, 555 S. Midvale Blvd, in the Sequoya Commons Shopping Center would like to feature MAG artists on an ongoing basis. The initial plan is to feature four artists per month, with each artist displaying five or six pieces of art work. Anyone interested in this opportunity should call Loretta Dooley for specific information. Artists will be featured by chosen media in the order in which contacts are made with Loretta (271-7472 or peter @h2ocolorart.com).

Artists are not to contact Pucci's directly on a piecemeal basis. This show is to be coordinated by Loretta as the MAG representative in order to simplify the process. Loretta will then consult with Linda Cowan, President of Pucci's, in order to determine which media are needed for a given month.

Pucci's, by the way, has extra mat board scraps (like half-sheets -20" x 32") that are available at bargain prices. All mat board is in good condition.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR ZOO ART PROJECT

In celebration of the 100 Year Anniversary of the Henry Vilas Zoo, a community project of making a mosaic polar bear bench is planned. MAG member Don Spencer will be the lead artist, who will be teaching volunteers how to "mosaic the bear." If you have the desire to learn a new art form and want to take part in some community spirit to work on this project, contact Don at 828-5185 or donspencer43@gmail.com.

FALL HILLDALE ART FAIR

The application for the All Guild/Invitational Fall Art Show at Hilldale Shopping Center is in the second attachment of this e-mail. (The newsletter is the first attachment.)

If anyone is interested in sharing a booth with another artist, please let Loretta Dooley know, and she can make the arrangements. There are usually several artists that do not want full booths. Loretta can be contacted at 271-7472 or peter@h2ocolorart.com.

DISPLAY CASE FOR UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

In past years, MAG has given a \$200 gift to Friends of UW Hospital in appreciation for Sarah Grimes' extensive efforts in hanging our annual Salon show. Additional display space is badly needed for art exhibits in the Surgical Waiting Room area, so MAG is joining with Friends of UW Hospital to purchase a large display case. We are hoping it will arrive in time for the 2011 Salon. A donation of \$1000 will be made in lieu of the \$200 donation for the next five years....this way there is a tangible gift from our donation, a gift that will benefit many artists and art fans.

May Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kerri Shannon, Norma Hove, Loretta Dooley, Pam Andros, Cindy Koshalek, Merikay Payne, Susan Baez, Don Haugen

- 1. April minutes approved.
- 2 Art Fair on the Square update: MAG members participating in Art Fair on the Square are planning a dry run for tent set up /display. The Art Fair on the Square coordinators have placed new rules in effect beginning 2012 for art guilds applying for the art fair.
- 3. Salon update: MAG members will be donating prizes (21 needed) for the Salon. The Salon intake is Sat. June 4, 9-11 at UW Hospital. It was voted by the board, in lieu of an annual gift to Sarah Grimes, the Guild is donating one half of display case, value \$1000, to UW Hospital as a joint gift with Friends of UW Hospital.
- 4. Treasurer's report: The total balance is \$10,568.94. Operating expenses in 2010 exceeded what was allocated. The possibility of raising membership dues and Salon fees was discussed for 2012.
- 5. 501-3-c filings are completed.
- 6. Nominating committee for V.P. A committee will be assembled to find candidates for vice president of the Guild.
- 7. Agenda for the next meeting: The Guild is looking at different venues for selling, possibly at Pucci's and Westgate for MAG shows.

Respectfully submitted, Kerri Shannon