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Important Upcoming Dates
 Aug 22nd. Art Night! 6-8 PM
 Sept 12th. MAG Bi-Monthly Meeting. 6:30 PM. Fitchburg Library
 Sept 16th. New member Jurying

Art Night!

Tuesday August 22nd, 6:00pm.

Our next Art Night is Tuesday, August 22, 6:00 pm at the home of Colette Girard, 21 Rustic Ridge Ct. Madison. Bring art to talk about, finger food or a beverage to share or just bring yourself!

Thanks to Karen Watson-Newlin for hosting our July Art Night.

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

September- Kerri Shannon, Fitchburg
 October – open
 November - open

If you are interested in hosting a future Art Night contact Chris Echtner at: cechtner@att.net

Next MAG meeting

Members at large are encouraged to attend the bi-monthly MAG meetings. Your participation is needed to help keep the MAG infused with new ideas on how to continually improve the guild's service to its members and to raise the community's awareness of this group of talented artists.

The next meeting is:

Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 PM

Fitchburg Public Library, 5530 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711 ([Google Map](#)) in the second floor small conference room. Please note the meeting time for September has been changed to 6:30 due to a scheduling conflict.

All MAG members are encouraged to attend.

Art Fair on the Square

This year's participants(Steve Ralser, Tom Kuchenbecker, Colette Girard, Marcia Nelson, Rick Raschik and Jessica Laux) displayed a wide variety of artwork which added to the attractiveness of our new tent. Friday night assembly could have been a challenge, but, fortunately, Steve Ralser was familiar with the setup process.

Pleasant summer weather on the weekend was a bonus, and each of us sold enough to cover our entry fee and more. The most notable aspect of the experience was a shared sense of camaraderie. We each made an effort to accommodate one another, and that made for a nice time.

Steve has agreed to be our tent coordinator for the next two years as the set up for our new Trimline tent is more involved than our former pop-ups.

Reported by Colette Girard.



Photos by Steve Ralser

Barrel Project Update

Thanks to all the MAG artist who participated in the barrel project. Unfortunately the organization, Make A Wish Foundation, choose not to use them for any fundraising project this year. They are going through a leadership transition and were unable to commit to a project. As you can see the artists created some incredible beer barrels. Rob Igl was able to donate the barrel he, Sherry Klinkner and Chris Etchner worked on to raise money for the Autism Association. Once again thank you to all that participated.



Volunteers

We still need a Vice President! This is a position that you can share with someone else. Volunteer with a friend.

MAG Dine Out

We are seeking a volunteer to organize a MAG dine out night at an area restaurant. The restaurant will donate 15-20% of MAG member sales that night back to MAG and MAG would donate those proceeds to a local charity. We hope to make this an annual event. If interested contact Tom Kuchenbecker at

kuchtom011@gmail.com

Website

All members are encouraged to put their art on the artists page of the website. To log in click on the 'member area' in the upper right of the website main page, you will be asked to login with your email address and your password. If you've forgotten it can be reset by clicking on 'forgot password'. An email with a link to reset your password will be sent to you.

You may now view instructions by clicking on the 'admin area instructions' box or click on 'my profile' to add your artwork, artist's statement, etc.

If you still need help contact: Tamara Tsurkan at tamara@art-by-Tamara.com or Chris Echtner at cechtner@att.net

Make Art Together

Get ready artists! In the spirit of MAG's successful Art Nights, we are launching a new initiative called Make Art Together starting Fall 2017.

We want to offer opportunities for MAG members to play with materials, share techniques, and work on art in a friendly and informal environment.

This fall we will be kicking it off with a meetup at a member's home on a weekend afternoon. The topic: Drawing - the basics for everything. This will be led by Ruth Manning.

Stay tuned for details at the end of this summer. If you have a particular talent you'd like to share, an art friendly space we could use, or topic for our new meet-ups, let the Art Making Coordinators know.

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Minutes from June MAG Meeting

Minutes from MAG bi-monthly meeting

Madison Art Guild

Minutes from July 11th, 2017

6:00 PM Fitchburg Library

In attendance: Sherry Klinkner, Chris Echtner Tom Kuchenbecker, Steve Wagner, Theresa Drinka, Colette Girard and Steve Ralser

1.) Art Fair on the Square

Positive reviews! The 6 participants had a fun time and a good show. Tent setup went smoothly thanks to Steve Ralser's expertise. Steve has agreed to be our tent coordinator for the next two years as the set up for our new Trimline tent is more involved than our former pop-ups.

2.) Treasurer's Report

Tom gave financial report.

He has filed our Charitable Organization Financial Report License Renewal for the year.

We have 14 members who have not paid their dues, all have been notified by Chris and Sherry.

3.) Membership Report

Theresa has scheduled the new member jurying for Saturday, September 16th

Theresa has also reworked the membership forms and all may be found on the website in the upper right under 'join.'

4.) Summer Salon

Sherry reports that the reception went smoothly.

The suggestion is to downsize the refreshments next year to beverages and dessert. And consider a time change to 6:30-8:00 PM.

5.) Barrel Project Update

The results of the barrel project was discussed. Jerry Kempfer, the event organizer reported that due to a leadership transition in the make a wish foundation the discussion was made not to use the barrels for fundraising. All of the artists were notified and thanked for all their time, effort and creativity. Some barrels were returned to the artists, some sold and Sherry is storing 2 of them. Rob Igl donated his to the Autism Association fundraiser.

6.) Dining Out Fundraiser

Thinking of participating in one in fall and possibly partnering with a school art department

7.) Open Positions

MAG is still in need of a Vice President

Chris and Sherry are going to meet with MAG members to discuss the possibility of taking on leadership roles.

8.) Website

Tom brought up the idea of listing the artists without art on the website to a list below the images of member work to clean up the page and have it look more professional. All artists are encouraged to put work on the artists page.

We also discussed keeping the website up to date and possibly having a volunteer who will regularly peruse the site for out dated information and changes that may not be updated.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM

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