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Important Upcoming Dates

- Jan 6th. January Showcase drop-off. 9-10:30 AM
- Jan 9th. MAG Bi-monthly meeting. 6 PM.
- Jan 24th. Art Night! 6 PM
- Feb 3rd. January Showcase pickup. 9-10:30 AM

Letter from the Presidents

Happy new year! What a terrific year 2017 has been for MAG!

Our January Showcase and Summer Salon both had an exceptional showing. We had a fantastic Art Fair on the Square in our impressive new tent. Our monthly Art Nights are thriving and in October we introduced a new opportunity to explore our creativity with ‘Make Art Together.’ We welcomed 7 new members this year and were able to introduce many of them and see examples of their art at our annual banquet.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to chair positions and who have helped our events and administration run smoothly. We couldn’t do any of these things without the help and support of our members! Presently we are looking for a member(s) to step into the role of Vice President, this role has been vacant for some time and we truly need to fill this position.

Thanks to everyone for participating and helping to make 2017 a great year, may 2018 be even stronger!

Chris and Sherry

MAG Bi-Monthly 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, January 9, 6:00 PM

Fitchburg Public Library, 5530 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711 ([Google Map](#)) in the second floor small conference room.

All MAG members are encouraged to attend.

Opportunities / Volunteering

Office Building Art

MAG has been contacted directly for this special opportunity:

IA Management is seeking 2D and 3D submissions from MAG artists for their new office building currently under construction in the High Crossings Corporate Park. They are interested in working with one or more artist(s) to purchase several pieces for the building. Please see the links below for more information about IA Management and the building.

Include 3 or 4 examples of your work, dimensions, and medium

Submission deadline: January 31st.

Send submissions to:

Richard Marvin

rmarvin@iamgtllc.com

<http://investorsassociatedllp.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/marketing-brochure-2.pdf>

<http://investorsassociatedllp.com/developments/>

14 South Artists

Save the Date!

14 South Artists will be holding their first annual spring fine art show at the Madison Masonic Temple, [301 Wisconsin Av](#), on Sat April 21, 2018.

There is room for approximately 30 vendors total. MAG artists will be invited to apply sans_jury process and fee. More details about show application and entry fee will be forthcoming in the Feb newsletter.

MAG Positions

We have the following open positions:

Vice President. Can be a shared position.

MAG Dine Out coordinator

We are seeking a volunteer to organize an annual 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. If interested contact Tom Kuchenbecker at kuchtom011@gmail.com

Art Night!

Our next Art Night is **Wednesday, January 24th**. Join us at the home of Ruth Manning, 4133 Meyer Ave, Madison, at 6 PM. (608-509-6421) Bring art to talk about, a beverage or finger food to share or just bring yourself! And bring happy birthday wishes for Ruth!



Thanks to Theresa Drinka for hosting our December Art Night.

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

February – Christine Echnner

March - Barbara Vater, Middleton

April - Annette Knapstein/ Marcia Nelson,
Madison

May - Mary McCormick-Wilson, Verona

June – Aileen Musa, Deerfield

If you are interested in hosting a future Art
Night contact Chris Echnner

at: cechnner@att.net



January Showcase

Exhibit

The January Showcase at UW Hospital is here! The showcase is one of two annual MAG exhibitions at the Hospital.

Art Drop-Off: January 6, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Art Pick-Up: February 3, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

We need volunteers to help at the drop off January 6 from 9:00 to 10:30am and the pickup February 3 also 9:00 to 10:30am. It is easy to help. You arrive a few minutes before 9 and stay until 10:30. As a thank you, the parking fee is covered. Please let Barbara Vater know if you can help with either date or if you have any questions. 239-3032 or barbara.vater@gmail.com.

Directory of Members

The board has made a decision to distribute the directory via Email attachment this year. This will allow us to save on both printing and postage costs associated with printing and distributing the directory booklet. We will print paper copies for those that do not have the ability to receive the directory via Email. Please let me know if you need a printed copy.

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MAG Member Exhibitions

Portage Center for the Arts at Tivoli presents

“Connections” By David O. Williams

January-March 2018

Portage Center for the arts is delighted to partner with Tivoli at Divine Savior Healthcare to bring original art to its residents, staff and visitors.

Join us at Tivoli, 2805 Hunter’s Trail, Portage, WI for our Meet the Artist event or anytime through the month of March.

Meet the Artist. Friday, January 19th 4-6 PM

Guidelines for inclusion in the newsletter

It is important to celebrate MAG members’ achievements. MAG members are encouraged to put announcements about their participation in art exhibits in the monthly newsletter.

A qualifying exhibit is one where the MAG member is showing a body of work either as a solo exhibit or with other artists for a period of time. We will also include representation in a museum exhibit regardless of the number of pieces.

Send details about your exhibit to either Chris cechtner@att.net or Sherry sherry.klinkner@gmail.com by the 20th of the month to appear in the next newsletter.

You can promote other art events such as sales or multiple artist exhibitions on the MAG Facebook page. Knowing that others are out there doing Art and that it's viewable to the public is encouraging and inspirational to many. Send an email to Mary Palmer mary@marypalmerartist.com to get a post on Facebook. We highly encourage MAG members sending all art events that they are involved in to Mary.

Make Art Together

Send ideas to your art making organizers. Or indicate if you can host an event.

Ruth Manning, rcmainning1@gmail.com

Pam Andros, pandros@att.net

Website Art

All members are encouraged to put their art on the MAG 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