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Important Upcoming Dates

- Feb 3 - January Showcase pickup. 9-10:30 AM
- Feb 15 - Art Night! 6 PM
- Feb 28 - 14 South Artist application deadline
- Mar 13 - MAG Bi-monthly meeting. 6 PM.
- Mar 15 - Stoughton Art Walk Application deadline
- Mar 25 - Make Art Together 1-4 PM

Art Night!

Our next Art Night is **Thursday, February 15th**. Join us at the home of Chris Echtner, 6621 Montclair Lane in Madison, at 6 PM. Bring art to talk about, a beverage or finger food to share or just bring yourself!

Thanks (and Happy Birthday) to Ruth Manning for hosting our January Art Night.

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

- March - Barbara Vater, Middleton
- April - Annette Knapstein/ Marcia Nelson, Madison
- May - Mary McCormick-Wixson, Verona
- June – Aileen Musa, Deerfield

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

January Showcase

Thank you to the great crew who worked at drop off checking in and moving art: Merikay Payne, Elizabeth Montemayor, Cindy Koshalek, Ann Kleckner, Terry Doeler, Terry Sullivan, and Barbara Vater.

There are 91 pieces of work from 54 members in the exhibit. Stop by University Hospital and enjoy the show. Thanks to all members who were able to participate.

Pick up is Saturday February 3 from 9:00 -10:30am. Please be prompt as art work will be removed from the Hospital that morning. If you have a last minute issue, call Barbara Vater, 608 239-3032.

Opportunities / Volunteering

14 South Artists

14 South Artists is holding their first annual spring art show on Saturday April 21 at the Madison Masonic Temple, 301 Wisconsin Ave. MAG members can apply for the event without going through the jury process or paying the jury fee. They have paired with the charity Occupaws to be the recipient of attendee donations collected at the show. Occupaws trains service dogs for the visually impaired. There are only 30 vendor spaces available and the entry deadline is Feb 28. If interested in applying for this show please go to this link for more information and the application.

<https://form.jotform.com/73607649784169>

More details can be found [here>>](#)

Art Walk Stoughton – Saturday, July 21, 2018

Call for Artists is now open! MAG members are invited to submit an application to be an exhibitor at the 2nd annual Art Walk Stoughton. The 2018 featured artist is MAG member, Christine Echtner. Learn more about the event and download artist information and application here: artwalkstoughton.com/artists/
For more information call Susan Liimatta at 608.205.3182 or email artwalkstoughton@gmail.com.

Important dates:

Application Deadline | March 15, 2018

Acceptance Notification | April 1, 2018

MAG Positions

We are still looking for a **Vice President**. This can be a shared position.

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. You may have received this by the time this newsletter is distributed. If not, you will see it soon after.

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

Annette Knapstein's photography exhibit, "Optimistic by Nature," is on display at the Chocolaterian Cafe - Middleton, through the end of March.

The show includes 16 intimate landscape and nature portraits, and is the first to hang at this new venue. Many of the photographs were made in Middleton and parts of Wisconsin. The cafe is located at 6637 University Avenue, Middleton. Hours are: Mon. - Thu. 9 am - 9 pm, Fri. 9 am - 9:30 pm, Sat. 9 am -10 pm and Sun. 10 am - 6 pm.



“Watercolor”. Photo by Annette Knapstein

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 anytime through the month of March.

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. Send an email to Mary Palmer mary@marypalmerartist.com to get a post on Facebook.

Make Art Together

MAKE ART TOGETHER, 2018

Welcome 2018 by getting together with like minded people to do what we like best, make art.

In the spirit of MAG’s successful Art Night we launched a new initiative in 2017 called Make Art Together. A group gathered on a Saturday afternoon at Chris Echtner’s house and messed around with drawing. We shared tools we use, talked about frustrations and desires and of course we drew things. The afternoon passed quickly and we all decided we needed to continue this art making practice together.

So let’s mess around with collage. Bring your paper box, fabric scraps, falling apart books, magazines, old wall paper, along with stuff to hold, cut, and stick it together. What have you always wanted to explore with collage?

When: Sunday, March 25, 2018, 1-4pm

Where: Home of Theresa Drinka, 1202 Gilbert Road in Madison

Bring: Sketchbook, art making tools, tons of cool stuff to explore collage

These meet ups are meant to be casual and to offer opportunities for MAG members to play with materials, share techniques, and work on art in a friendly and informal environment

So come join us and 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 us know.

As always, your fearless Art Making Coordinators,

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Urban Sketchers Madison

USK Madison Events – TIME TO SKETCH!

Urban Sketchers Madison has recently set up a public Facebook page to share the fun of their monthly sketch meetups. Both Pam and I spent a warm and friendly Sunday afternoon in January at The Chocolaterian in Middleton with 17 other sketchers! I went home rid of my state of cabin fever and eager to be creative once again.

Look for USK Madison's upcoming events and photos of past events on their new page of the same name, USK Madison.

Not a Facebook fan? Check out their blog and calendar on the web.

Meet-ups in the winter tend to be coffee shops (no surprise there) and come April we venture outside. Many types, ages, drawing abilities, but we are all supportive and we do have a good time.

Questions? Contact Ruth Manning (rcmanning1@gmail.com) or Pam Andros (pandros@att.net)

Website Changes

By the time you read this, our website will have undergone a makeover. Members who have not put any of their art on the website will be listed at the bottom of the page.

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

Minutes from MAG Bi-Monthly Meeting

January 9, 2018 6:00 PM Fitchburg Library

In attendance: Sherry Klinkner, Chris Echtner, Tom Kuchenbecker, Ann Kleckner, Steve Theresa Drinka , David Williams, Nancy Donahue

1.) Website modifications (Sherry)

- a. Work is underway to improve and update website content. Should be completed by the end of January
- b. Website needs to be reviewed and updated twice a year
- c. More frequent and less permanent items would be better suited to Face Book than the website

2.) AFOS display/ exhibit materials (Steve Ralser)

- We have 6 2-D artists for the 2018 Art Fair on the Square and need more “wall space” to display the work
- We also want to see if there might be more opportunities to use this equipment in other area art shows. Not all shows allow organizations to participate.
 - ❖ Nancy Donahue will gather some information about potential shows for MAG participation and report at next meeting
 - ❖ Tom Kuchenbecker will contact Hilldale management to see if there might be any opportunities there
- Options for more walls space were discussed and taken under consideration
- No decision made

3.) Treasurer’s Report (Tom):

- As of Jan 1, balance is \$14,369.52
- Contributed \$1100 to Madison College for two \$550 scholarships

4.) January Salon (NOTE: Barbara could not attend this meeting so she provided a written report. Some of the points discussed at the meeting are below):

- a. There are 91 pieces of art submitted by 54 members
- b. Some members emailed their registration and some used postal mail. Do we want to accept both in the future? (Time factor for organizing increases if we do both.)
- c. Proper wiring on the back of some pieces was an issue.
- d. Some pieces did not have information attached to the back.
- e. There was one person who dropped off 30 minutes after the time allowed. Do we want to strictly adhere to time frame in the future?

ACTION: After discussion it was determined that we could provide clearer and/or more detailed directions for salon procedures. Also, it would be beneficial if the form could be filled out on the computer and emailed. (However this would not allow the artist to sign the document.)

- ❖ Tom Kuchenbecker will write instructions to be used for future salons and send them to Nancy Donahue
- ❖ Nancy will incorporate the information into a registration form that is formatted so it can be submitted online. She will send it to Board members so they can take a look at it prior to the next meeting in March.

- ❖ This new format might be able to be tested for the Summer Salon's registration from April 1, 2018 – May 15, 2018.
- There are enough people to help with the pick-up on February 3rd. If anyone forgets to pick up their work, Barbara will take it home.

5.) Open Positions (Chris Echtner):

- a. We might have a potential candidate for Vice President
- b. We need a process for finding new president(s)
- c. Presidents should not have to assume responsibility for as many roles and activities as they currently are doing.
- d. A suggestion was made that we restructure and establish more formal and possibly long-standing committees for repeating events and activities. (e.g. salons, communications, membership, Art Fair on the Square, etc.) as well as creating ad hoc committees.
 - ❖ Theresa and Chris will meet to discuss this further and report back at March meeting.

6.) Member Information Database (Nancy Donahue):

- Nancy is going to create a mock-up of a member data file that could serve multiple purposes: one of which could be to provide interests and background information to be used in recruiting help for events, committee members, directors, officers, etc.
- This would also enable people to apply for membership online and current members can update information when they pay their annual dues between August 1 and September 15

7.) Next bimonthly meeting – March 11, 2018 at 6:00PM - Fitchburg Library

Meeting ended at 7:28

Minutes submitted by Nancy Donahue