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Important Upcoming Dates

- Apr 17 - Art Night, 6 PM
- May 8 - MAG bi-monthly meeting, 6 PM.
- May 26 - Summer Salon registration due on-line
- Jun 2 - Summer Salon drop off, 9-10:30 AM
- Jun 24 - Summer Salon Reception, 6:30-8 PM
- Jul 28 - Summer Salon pickup, 9-10:30 AM

Art Night!

Our next Art Night is **Tuesday, April 17** at 6 PM. Annette Knapstein and Marcia Nelson will be hosting our April Art Night at Annette’s studio. Join us Tuesday, April 17 at 6225 University Ave. Suite 101. The studio is on the lower level and there is ample parking in front and in back of the building. Annette’s cell phone is 608-444-4144.

Thanks to Barbara Vater for hosting our March Art Night.

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

May - Mary McCormick-Wixson, Verona
 June – Aileen Musa, Deerfield
 July – open
 August - open

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

Summer Salon

Summer Salon has a New Email Registration Process

In the past, salon registration materials have been mailed to members and returned through the mail along with annual dues. (Dues will now be collected in September.) **This year the forms will be**

emailed in mid-April so you can complete them on your computer and register by email. This will save time, postage costs, and paper. It will also provide you with your own electronic record.

The Salon Reception is held at the Hospital and awards are presented to the winners. Guild members will have an opportunity to view each other's work and socialize.

Mid-April, we will send you an email with information and the registration forms will be attached.

Mark down these dates for our upcoming Summer Salon at the UW Hospital.

Registration due – Saturday, May 26th

Drop off - Saturday, June 2, 9:00-10:30

Reception - Sunday, June 24, 6:30-8:00

Pick up - Saturday, July 28, 9:00-10:30

No exceptions will be made for Drop off and pick up dates and times. (Please note that a previous newsletter indicated that the drop off and pick up times would be 2 hours.)

Opportunities / Volunteering

MMoCA Art and Gift Fair

New Community Event for MAG!

MMoCA Art and Gift Fair – 11/17/18 and 11/18/18

The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) holds an annual two-day art and gift fair at the Overture Center in November. This year MAG will have a booth at the event and a group of MAG members will be selected (by lottery) to participate. At present, **we are looking for an event coordinator**. In the near future we will be contacting MAG members to find out who is interested in participating.

*The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art is pleased to announce the 48th annual **MMoCA Art & Gift Fair** will be held **Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, 2018** in Madison, Wisconsin. (Set up is on Friday night.)*

*Formerly known as the Holiday Art Fair, the **MMoCA Art & Gift Fair** features a wide array of fine art and craft, handmade items, and gourmet treats throughout MMoCA and Overture Center for the Arts spaces. Guests to the fair enjoy shopping nearly 100 booths, designer vignettes, a silent auction, performances by local art organizations, and more. This festive event is one of MMoCA's most beloved events and important annual fundraisers.*

Occurring the weekend before Thanksgiving, the event will serve as the kick off to a new downtown Madison celebration, which will include holiday lights, trolley rides and more. Guests to the fair will enjoy shopping and designer vignettes, along with live music and dance performances.

Please contact Co-president, Chris Echtner (cechtner@att.net) if you are interested in coordinating the event. The process for selecting participants will be very similar to the process we use for the Art

Fair on the Square. You will receive an email in the near future so we can find out who is interested in participating and go from there.

This is an exciting opportunity for MAG to become better known in the Madison community and for our members to participate in an art show.

Fundraiser

The Blue Tie Bash is on May 10 at the Madison Concourse Hotel. This event is put on by the UW Department of Urology to raise funds for research. They are looking for donations including artwork for a silent auction during this event. See www.urology.wisc.edu/blue-tie-bash for more information.

Donation form must be returned by April 26. >> [Download here](#)

MAG Positions

Vice President. This can be a shared position.

Winter Art and Gift Fair coordinator

January Salon coordinator

MAG Member Exhibitions

Tim & Nancy Startup will be guests and featured speakers at the Janesville Art League on April 19th. After the luncheon we will be talking about being collaborative artists and showing several of our new sculptures. www.Janesvilleartleague.org

Colette Girard has an Exhibit "Unusual Perspectives" of Photographs on Metal & Canvas.

Location: UW Hospital Entrance (Hallway, across from Information Desk)

Dates: May 1 - May 31

Tom Kuchenbecker has a 30 piece exhibit entitled "Paintings and Poems" at Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison running currently through April 14.

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.

Website Changes

Our website has undergone a makeover. Check it out. Note that members who have not put any of their art on the website are 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 bi-Monthly Meeting

Madison Art Guild - Draft

Minutes from March 13, 2018

6:00 PM Fitchburg Library

In attendance: Chris Echtner, Thomas Kuchenbecker, Nancy Donahue, Theresa Drinka, Steve Ralser, David Williams

1. President's report – Chris

Sherry will be stepping back for personal reasons but will be kept in the loop.

We do not have any current prospects for the VP position

2. Treasurer's report – Tom

As of 3/1/18, balance is \$14,374.54

Paid PO Box rental of \$82.00

Made first Annual Report filing

D&O Liability Insurance payment of \$744.00 is due on April 6, 2018

UW Dept of Urology is holding an art auction on May 10. They are looking for donations. Deadline is April 26. Tom will provide info to David to be included in the newsletter.

3. Art Fair on the Square – Steve

We need to purchase additional walls for the booth and the cost will be approx. \$600.00.

Unanimously approved - Steve will order these

4. Other show/fair opportunities – Nancy

Winter Art Fair Off the Square held at Monona Terrace in November does not allow groups to participate. Only individual artists.

MMoCA Art and Gift Fair held at the Overture Center in November will allow MAG to participate.

Information about the event was handed out at the meeting and Nancy will write a brief article for the newsletter to provide members with initial general info.

Chris is talking to Terry Sullivan about coordinating the event.

Steve offered to help with the physical set-up

5. Position Descriptions and participation – Chris, Sherry and Theresa

Theresa, Sherry and Chris gathered and worked on compiling information for all of the permanent roles for MAG. Theresa will continue to compile these and distribute by email. They may also be posted on the website.

Any open positions will be flagged

6. Summer Salon – Chris

Aileen Musa is going to coordinate the reception

Colette Girard is the event coordinator

Nancy has worked on formatting materials so that members can register by email.

She will email the forms to attendees at this meeting so they can try filling them out and provide feedback

Communication Timeline

Info in newsletter

Initial email – April 15

Reminder email – May 15

Registration deadline – May 26

Upcoming events...

Art Night - Wednesday, March 14

Make Art Together/Collage - Sunday, March 25 1-4

Art Night - Tuesday, April 17

Next meeting - Tuesday, May 8