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**Important Upcoming Dates**

May 8. MAG Bi-monthly meeting. 6 PM.  
 May 15. Reedikulus Arts Crawl Application due  
 May 24. Art Night! 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 Thursday, May 24 at 6 PM. Mary McCormick-Wixson will be hosting at 3191 Shady Oak Ln in Verona. 608-347-4742. Bring art to talk about, a beverage or finger food to share or just bring yourself!

Thanks to Annette Knapstein and Marcia Nelson for hosting our April Art Night.

**Tentative Future Art Night Schedule**

- June – Aileen Musa, Deerfield
- July – Chris Echtner, Madison
- August – Karen Watson-Newlin, Middleton
- September - open

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

## 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, May 8, 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.**

## 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.) **You should have already received the form via email. Complete them on your computer and register by email.** Instructions are included with that 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 others' work and socialize.

We are looking for a few volunteers for drop off (6/2) and pick up (7/28) as well as for the reception (6/24). Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Colette Girard via email at [colettegirardphotography@gmail.com](mailto:colettegirardphotography@gmail.com).

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

This year's Reedikulus Arts Crawl is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 4-8 PM. We are looking forward to another great celebration of creativity in downtown Reedsburg!

To learn more about the Crawl, click here: <https://reedsburgartslink.org/reedikulus-arts-crawl/about/>

All participating artists must complete an application. This year's selection criteria has been updated so please review the application carefully.

<https://reedsburgartslink.org/reedikulus-arts-crawl/call-for-artists/>.

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MAY 15.**

## 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. Terry Sullivan has volunteered to coordinate this event. More details and information about applying for the November 2018 show will be forthcoming.

*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.*

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.

## MAG Positions

**Vice President.** This can be a shared position.

January Salon coordinator

## MAG Member Exhibitions

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

Send details about your exhibit to either Chris [cechtner@att.net](mailto:cechtner@att.net) or Sherry [sherry.klinkner@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.klinkner@gmail.com) by the 20 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](mailto:mary@marypalmerartist.com) to get a post on Facebook.

## Make Art Together

MAG Members Make Art Together on a Sunday in March

Ten MAG members enjoyed a chance to work side by side making art together in the studio of Theresa Drinka. The group’s focus was collage and just by chance mixed media artist Chris Echtner attended and offered some insights into the process.



Collage is a wonderful way to play; totally not intimidating, easy to change those moving pieces, and fun to see the surprises that appear. I was sorry to miss the day as I was out of town. I called on my reporters who were on the scene. Here’s their comments:

Chris Ehtner willingly shared her expertise in collage, tailoring her comments to the diverse group of artists who attended. We all left with greater insight about the art of collage.

Theresa

With fabulous instruction from Chris and encouragement from my fellow MAG members, I took a crack at working with collage and finding a way to make it fit with my own style. Sharing and critiquing everyone's work along the way was fun, informative and helpful. Make Art Together rocks!

Pam

Theresa was so kind and gracious to offer her beautiful and spacious studio room for our workshop. The participants are all unique in their approach to collage techniques and it was such a treasure to be able to bounce ideas off each other. Everyone was so encouraging and collaborative during the 3 hours that flew by!

Karen



It was great fun and interesting to see how we all approached the project.

Loved it!

Aileen

The time flew by. I enjoyed the ideas, the company, and came home with a little piece that I finished. Looking forward to another gathering and hope we collage again

Barb

Nice balance of interaction working with Chris

Merikay

Mixing it up with mixed media with some of my art buddies. Great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Chris

Have you got a good idea for making art together or a good space you could offer for a weekend afternoon?

Let us know!

### **USK Madison Sketching News**

The urban sketchers are very anxious to begin sketching outside once again. We've met and enjoyed a nice variety of sketching challenges during WI winter months this year, including the new Chocolaterian in Middleton, Chazen Museum, Olbrich Gardens, and the Capitol Building.

Consider joining us as we head into the warm months. I'm particularly eager to get back to the old West Washington Train Station, a very interesting place to draw.

Check out dates and info on our Facebook page (USK Madison) or, take a look at the events calendar on our USK Madison blog.

Until then, stay creative. Send your thoughts or ideas to our intrepid MAG organizers of Make Art Together.

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### **Scholarship Recipient**

Sierra Laufenberg from Madison College was awarded the Madison Art Guild annual scholarship. Please read this profile and thank you from her.

### **Website Changes**

Our website has undergone a makeover. 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](mailto:tamara@art-by-Tamara.com) or Chris Echnert at [cechtner@att.net](mailto:cechtner@att.net)