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Important Upcoming Dates

- Feb 2** January Showcase pick-up 9:00 - 10:30 AM
- Feb 21** Art Night 6:00 PM
- Feb 24** Make Art Together 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- Mar 12** MAG Bi-Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM
- May 5** Make Art Together 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Art Night!

Our next Art Night is Thursday, February 21 at 6 PM at the home of Martha Fitzmier. 1186 Cathedral Point Road, Verona, WI 53593. 404-695-0771

Martha is a metal worker and invites other metalsmiths and jewelry makers to come to this month's Art Night. Of course, everyone is welcome. For new members who have never attended it is always a fun and informative experience.

Bring finished or in progress artwork to talk about or to get feedback. Bring a beverage or finger food to share or just bring yourself!

Thanks to Teresa Drinka for hosting the January Art Night!



Photos by Ruth Manning

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

March- Karen Watson-Newlin

April - Colette Girard

May - Merikay Payne

June - Aileen Musa

July - Cindy Koshalek

August - Ann Kleckner



January Showcase

Pick up is Saturday February 2, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:30am. Pick up is during these times only.

Thanks to the 49 members participating in the show at UW Hospital. We displayed 89 pieces of 2D and 3D work.

Thanks also for helping with the changes to the show entry requirements. The need for timely email entries, hanging wires on 2D work, and no last minute changes enable us to comply with the Hospital Art Program requirements.

And thanks to the two great teams of member volunteers who made art drop off and pick up mornings efficient for everyone.

We hope you will all be back for the Summer Salon. It is our biggest exhibit of the year and juried for prizes by medium.

Make Art Together

Join us for what is becoming a new MAG tradition, Make Art Together.

It's time to gather together a project you've been meaning to start working on, an artist statement you've been wanting to write or just mess around with some materials to explore an idea as we create some positive energy together at Annette Knapstein's studio.

Details are as follows:

WHEN: Sunday, February 24, 2019, 1-4pm

WHERE: 6224 University Ave, Suite 101, Madison

WHAT TO BRING: Whatever you need for the work you might like to do. Annette has water access down the hall, but be mindful of your mess, no odors please.

WHY: To keep our creative juices going through the winter.

No fee and no need to register for this event. Make Art Together is a MAG benefit, please come join us.

Questions? Email Ruth Manning rcmanning1@gmail.com

And Save the Date, Sunday, May 5, 2019, 1-3pm, Make Art Together, Glass Fusing at Ann Kleckner's Studio in Brooklyn, WI

Opportunities

Spring into Fine Arts Call for Artists

14 South Artists is seeking artist applicants for their upcoming event, Spring into Fine Arts on April 27, 2019 in Madison at the Masonic Center. The application for Spring into Fine Arts may be completed at <https://14southartists.com/index.php/2019-spring-into-fine-arts-application/>. The deadline for applications is Feb 15. Questions about Spring into Fine Arts should be sent to springintofinearts@14southartists.com.

2019 Wisconsin State Fairtastic Poster Art Competition

Artists are asked to submit a color sketch depicting the theme, "Sowing Creativity". Be a part of this annual competition and submit your most creative idea that showcases the lyrical side of Wisconsin State Fair.

Artists have the chance to win a \$1,000 grand prize if their piece is selected, and a \$400 stipend will go to all three finalists.

Submit by Tuesday, February 5, 2019 by 4 pm. For details, see

http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/fairtastic.pdf

April in Paris Call for Artists.

A new Art Fair in Orfordville, WI on April 20. Orfordville is in southern Wisconsin just west of Janesville.

We are hoping to have about fifty artists in attendance along with performers (music and dance) and theatrical groups.

It is our first year so the price is very affordable. We plan on doing tons of advertising and should get a good crowd of people in attendance. Deadline is March 1. For details, see <https://www.orfordvilleartfair.com/>

Etching metal workshop

Martha Fitzmier is conducting a one day metal etching workshop on Saturday, February 23 at her teaching studio in Verona. She has developed a unique technique for etching metal. Intricate designs are made using an inexpensive die-cutting machine and self-adhesive vinyl that becomes the resist for etching metal. You will create a cuff bracelet which is etched and formed using the hydraulic press. This process is great for production work.

Here is a link to a full description and details about the workshop. <http://www.marthafitzmier.com/home/2027-2/etching-with-electronics-workshop-2/>

Contact Martha at mfitzmier@gmail.com if you have questions or want to register for the workshop.

MAG Member Exhibitions

Charmaine Harbort will be the Featured Artist at the River Arts on Water Gallery in Prairie du Sac, WI from January 2 - March 30, 2019.

Photographs by **Colette Girard** will be on exhibit at the Drury Gallery in Portage, WI, from Jan 31 to Feb 23. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Feb 1st, from 4:00 - 6:00pm. Gallery hours are 1 - 6, Wed through Fri, and 10 - 3 on Sat. The Drury Gallery is located at the Portage Center for the Arts, 301 E Cook St, Portage WI.

Tsela Barr will be showing her paintings, prints, and sculptures at Creative Energy Designs at 125 S Dickinson St in Madison starting October 5, 2018, 5-9 pm. Her art will remain up for another 4-6 months.

Annette Knapstein has more than 20 colored photographs from her "Optimistic by Nature" series at Fisher King Winery, 1105 Laser Street, Verona. The exhibit is free and will be up through early 2019. Hours for the winery vary so it's best to call ahead at (608) 497-1056.

Send details about your solo exhibit to Chris cechtner@att.net 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.

Membership List

In 2018 we started distributing the "Directory" to you via Email. As the year progressed, we realized that both the Membership Chair and the Directory Chair were maintaining membership records; and since we are not printing a directory it was an unnecessary duplication of effort.

We will no longer refer to the list as a directory. The Membership List will be maintained by the Membership List Coordinator.

The Membership List has been updated to reflect all of the changes that we have received during the past year. There were many changes in Emails and phone numbers that were submitted with renewals this year. We have tried our best to make sure that we have accurately transferred the information to our records.

Please help MAG keep your contact information current by contacting the Membership List Coordinator, Barbara Koykkar (Bkoykkar33@gmail.com) if your email, address or phone number changes.

Add Your Art to the MAG Website

All members are encouraged to put their art on the MAG website. Note that members who have not put any of their art on the website will be listed at the bottom of the page.

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 Echnert at cechtner@att.net

Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

Secretary Notes from Jan 8, 2019, 6:30pm, Sequoia Library

Submitted by Cindy Koshalek, Co - Secretary.

Present: Karen Watson- Newlin, Chris Echtner, Barbara Vater, Sandi Wysock, Ruth Manning, Theresa Drinka, Tom Kuchenbecker, and Cindy Koshalek

President Report - Chris & Karen

- 1) Member dues reminders - utilizing postcard reminders via snail mail.
About 20 members will be sent reminders ahead of time before September 2019.
- 2) 'Make Art Together' (Ruth)
Sunday, February 24, 1- 4pm. at Anette Knapstein Open Studio
- 3) Discussion on New Positions and Volunteers needed.
 - Coordinate MAG Directory/ Member. list
 - Mentor Program Coordinator

Treasurer's Report - Tom

- 1) Balance on Jan 1, \$10,406.82
Plus \$5,030.90 CD at Assoc. Bank
Total is \$15,437.72
- 2) Donation of \$100 for Madison Public Library Foundation
- 3) Sent Madison College Scholarship Fund, \$1,100 on January 4. This covers Spring and Fall of 2019.

Membership Report - Theresa

- 1) Discussion on Membership duties, streamlining with Directory duties and Mentorship duties.
- 2) Presented a list of job descriptions. The current list includes tasks and responsibilities for each job. Some are complete, others need more information or updating
- 3) Discussion of taking more photos at MAG events.
- 4) New members need to be contacted and instructed on how to use the website. Existing members may need a refresher.

Directory Report - Sandi

- 1) Discussion on revising responsibilities, sending draft to membership for corrections, and emailing membership for changes in the past year.
- 2) Send out a reminder to members to make sure their information is updated and correct. A reminder note can be included in each newsletter.
- 3) There should be only one person to contact for any member information changes.
- 4) Prefer to keep Member listing on Word document.
- 5) Changes need to be consistent and maintained on a regular basis.

- 6) Suggestion was made to drop Member websites from the Directory
- 7) Sandi is resigning her position as Directory Coordinator. She will finish updating and proofreading Member list/ Directory Information until the end of January.

January Showcase - Barbara

- 1) 49 Artists are represented
- 2) 89 Artworks
- 3) Discussion on late entries
- 4) Check in at UW hospital was well organized.

MMoCA Holiday Art Show - Tom

- 1) Show was well organized. Lots of traffic
- 2) 5 Members participated
- 3) Will participate again next year.
- 4) Discussion on Contract agreement needed for both the Holiday Show and Art Fair On Square.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

6:30pm Sequoya Library