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Important Upcoming Dates

June 1. Summer Salon drop off. 9:00 – 10:30 AM
 June 9. Summer Salon reception. 6:30 - 8:00 PM
 June 12. MAG Metalsmiths. 6:30 – 9:00 PM
 June 19. Art Night. 6:00 PM
 July 9. Bi-Monthly Meeting. 6:30 PM
 Aug 3. Summer Salon pick up. 9:00 – 10:30 AM

MAG Changes and Announcements

Webmaster needed

Tamara, after many years of service for which we are truly appreciative, will be stepping down. We need to find someone to take on this responsibility and we need to find a new home (such as Wordpress, Weebly...?) to power the website.

Webmaster Duties include:

- Making content updates to the website as needed (membership on the public site, policy and procedures page in the member area, etc.)
- Updating the design whenever requested;
- Creating member accounts (when a new MAG member joins) and deactivating the accounts of people who are no longer members
- Responding to member's questions about member area functionality (there are usually a couple questions or requests a month);
- Maintaining the system that is used to run the website

Contact Chris (cechtner@att.net) or Karen (kwatsonnewlin@tds.net)

Vice President

The Madison Art Guild requires many volunteers to carry out our goals and function properly. We are fortunate to have many members taking on tasks and help keep MAG thriving. We are in need of members to step into leadership roles. We have been seeking a Vice President for some time and need our membership to seriously consider stepping up. Karen and Chris would be happy to answer any questions with regard to this role.

*Duties include:

- Succeed to office of president.
- Key leadership member and active participant in decision making.
- Support and partner with the president and board.
- Assist in finding committee chairs.
- Presides over meetings in the absence of the president.
- Manage the mentor program recruiting Guild members to help new members navigate MAG during their first year
- Manage the list of job duties for the different MAG positions and chairs and update as necessary.

Contact Chris (cechtner@att.net) or Karen (kwatsonnewlin @tds.net)

Guest visits

The board has approved allowing artists interested in joining MAG three guest visits prior to jurying to see what we have to offer. We think this is a great way to promote MAG to artists curious about who we are! The guideline are as follows:

*Allow non MAG members 3 guest visits to certain MAG events to experience what MAG has to offer.

*This Would include: Art Night (due to time constraints guests will not be allowed to bring art for critique), metals meetings and Make Art Together (if space is limited MAG members have priority).

*Excluded would be any MAG sponsored shows such as the Summer Salon, January Showcase, AFOS and the MMoCA Art and Gift Show.

MAG will be jurying new members twice a year!

We have approved and have volunteers to support jurying new members in both September and March! Thanks to Theresa Drinka (drinkat@icloud.com) and Martha Fitzmier (mfitzmier@gmail.com) for leading this. Please contact them if you know of an interested artist.

Art Night!

Our next Art Night is Wednesday June 19 at 6 PM at the home of Aileen Musa. 1519 Hommen Rd Deerfield, WI. 53531. Cell: 608-446-6837. aileen.musa@gmail.com

Bring a work of art to share, an appetizer or bottle of wine or just yourself!

Thanks to Merikay Payne for hosting the May Art Night!



photos of April Art Night by Chris Echnr

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

July - Cindy Koshalek

August - Ann Kleckner

September - Theresa Drinka

October - open

November – open

December – open

MAG Summer Salon

We are in need of volunteers for Pick Up on August 3 and for the Reception on June 9. If you would like to help, contact Colette (colettegirardphotography@gmail.com). Volunteering is a fun way to get to know your fellow MAG members. Remember first year members are required to volunteer for at least one event as part of their membership.

The Summer Salon will be held at UW Hospital on June 9. This is our premiere exhibition event. Awards and prizes are presented to the winners in multiple categories by an independent judge. Guild members will have an opportunity to view each others' work and socialize at the reception.

Other Important Dates

Drop off artwork: Saturday, June 1, 9-10:30am

Reception and awards: Sunday, June 9, 6:30-8pm

Pick up artwork: Saturday, August 3, 9-10:30am

MAG Metalsmiths

The next meeting of the MAG Metalsmiths is on June 12th at Martha Fitzmier's from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. 1186 Cathedral Point Road, Verona, WI. Bring a work in progress to share and discuss. As requested, Martha will demo using thermoplastic and discuss its many uses. You may bring munchies or wine to share. Or just bring yourself and enjoy the camaraderie. Email Martha at mfitzmier@gmail.com with any questions you may have. All MAG members are welcome.

Make Art Together

Held May 5, 2019 at Art Glass Studios

The weather was looking a bit iffy that Sunday afternoon, but the rain held off for us as 8 members gathered at Ann's beautiful home in Brooklyn. As I'm from the northeast part of the country I think of it as the Brooklyn you don't get to by subway.

I brought my sketching supplies and had the loveliest of afternoons sitting outside and taking the time to make three sketches in my sketchbook, talking to Ann's husband, admiring their property. I wandered into her fully equipped studio to see where everyone was with their process, all sorts of tools being used, colors and shapes galore on these pieces. Ann demonstrated possibilities and kept reminding participants, "you'll get surprises" That sounds like art making to me.



I think folks looked pretty involved with the process. Don't take my word for it, here's a few comments from the crowd:

"It was a delightful afternoon. I especially appreciated Ann sharing her extensive knowledge of the properties of glass. I can apply it to other mediums as well.

Thanks Ann", Theresa

"Ann shared her knowledge, insights and materials so well and so freely. It was a great day of exploration with other artists!" Annette

"I had so much fun watching everyone's creations. Ann was so informative, I learned things about glass I never knew." Nancy



photos by Ruth manning

Thanks to our members Annette and Ann for opening their space to us so we could make art together during this year. I truly believe there is a lot of creative energy generated when we do this and look forward to more opportunities next season.

Remember, if you have any ideas about what you'd like to do, or have a space we could meet in, don't hesitate to contact us.

Ruth Manning, rcmanning1@gmail.com and Pam Andros, pandros@att.net

MAG Member Exhibitions

Theresa Drinka has a show titled "Watercolor Reflections of Wisconsin's Moods" at the Drumlin Ridge Winery at 6000 River Road, Waunakee through June 30.

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.

Opportunities

Webmaster needed

Vice President needed

See MAG Changes and Announcements section for details. Contact Chris (cechtner@att.net) or Karen (kwatsonnewlin@tds.net) if you have questions or can volunteer for one of these positions.

Art Walk Stoughton

Saturday September 28, 2019 | 9AM–5PM

Art Walk Stoughton 2019 is the third annual art event to take place in Stoughton's Arts & Entertainment District. Regional artists representing all mediums are hosted by area businesses to present visitors with an expansive gallery tour experience. The event has attracted 2500+ visitors from 13 states and more than 50 Wisconsin cities and towns. The diversity of art mediums and range of prices available leads to an exceptional day of sales for artists and businesses. Art Walk Stoughton 2019 will exhibit only high-quality, original work from a maximum of 26 artists and is designed to promote artist careers while fostering our visitors' art collections. With art, music, food, demonstrations and shopping, Art Walk is a family-friendly event for people of all ages. It is free to the public and not to be missed.

There will be extensive promotion and publicity including digital and print marketing, TV and radio, and press release.

Application and Artist/Host Information and S240 Form attached or it can be found at

<https://www.artwalkstoughton.com/artists>

Deadline for Artist Applications: June 17th or until full.

For more information about being a participating artist in Art Walk Stoughton please contact:

Ann Kleckner,

artglassdelights@gmail.com , (608) 444-1704

Richfield Art at the Mill

Richfield Art at the Mill will be held on July 27, 2019. This is the 11th year for the juried art and fine craft outdoor fair held in Richfield (Washington County.) This event is held in the Richfield Nature/Historic Park, a sensational wooded backdrop with many historic buildings. Early entry is April 1 with entries allowed until July 1.

<https://richfieldhistoricalsociety.org/documents/2019%20Artist%20Guidelines%20and%20Application.pdf>

Membership List

The Membership List is maintained by the Membership List Coordinator.

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 Echtner at cechtner@att.net

Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

MAG Board Meeting Minutes

May 14' 2019, 6:30pm

Sequoia Library

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Echtner, Karen Watson-Newlin, Tom Kuchenbecker, Theresa Drinka, Nancy Mather, Martha Fitzmier, Colette Girard.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Tom

MAG's current funds total \$12,664.25, which includes both checking and CD.

Our new insurance carrier for liability, Acuity, will save MAG \$149 yearly.

One late membership dues payment was received.

There were no withdrawals to report.

GUEST VISITS

The co-presidents proposed, and the board approved, that non MAG members be allowed 3 guest visits to certain MAG events in order to experience what MAG has to offer. These guest visits would exclude Summer Salon, January Showcase, AFOS and MMoCA Art & Gift Show. Included might be attendance at art night, metals group meetings and make art together. If space is limited, MAG members would have first choice.

It was suggested and decided that, due to time constraints, guests who attend art night can observe but not present their own artwork for critique. A method of tracking the number of guest visits will need to be developed.

METALS GROUP – Martha

Martha updated us on the metals group (a sub-set of MAG) that she originated and has been coordinating. To improve membership numbers, Martha's group has proposed that MAG consider jurying in new members twice yearly rather than our current practice of once a year. They suggest that potential new members would be less likely to lose interest if they did not have to wait so long to apply.

Since a second jurying process would involve much additional time and effort, it was discussed and decided that Martha would join Theresa as co-chair for new members. In addition, Chris will make sure that adequate information about our jurying process and judge selection is posted on the website.

Also brought forward was the idea of promoting MAG at Madison College arts classes in order to attract new members. In addition, there was brief discussion about the possibility of MAG taking part in Paoli's art fair on August 10 & 11. Chris will investigate further.

SALON REPORT – Colette

Our judge this year, for MAG's 100th annual exhibit, is Cynthia Quinn. She brings much experience and expertise. As of tonight's meeting, we have received 41 entries. While 28 were sent via email, 13 members chose snail mail registration. After the May 19 deadline, entries in each media category will be tallied to

determine which categories should be grouped together. The intent is that each category include a similar number of entries to ensure that every participant has a fair and reasonable expectation of winning an award.

It was discussed and decided that, in this year's award ceremony, ribbons would not be placed nor programs distributed until after winners are announced.

AFOS – Chris (for Steve Ralser)

A dry run tent set-up was held last Saturday.

MAG will purchase fitted, skirted table coverings and Colette's husband, Bill, will build triangle risers with boards for 3D displays.

OCTOBER DINNER & MEETING – Karen

Karen talked with representatives from Vintage, Yahara Bay Distillery and Bonfyre to negotiate dinner options and prices. All 3 venues offer different advantages regarding food selection and room charges. Karen will continue her research to make a final choice.

WEBMASTER NEEDED

After many years of service, Tamara Tsurcan will be stepping down. MAG is in need of a new host to power our website as well as a volunteer to maintain it. Duties of the webmaster are as follows:

Update content and design

Create and deactivate member accounts

Respond to members' technical questions

Maintain the system that runs the website

Chris will put out a request to the membership for volunteers.

VICE PRESIDENT NEEDED

Duties would include:

Succeed to the office of president

Support and partner with the president and board in terms of leadership and decision making

Assist in finding committee chairs

Preside over meetings in the absence of the president

Manage the mentor program

Maintain the list of responsibilities for all chairs/coordinators

Chris will put out a request to the membership for volunteers.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 6:30pm, at the Sequoia Library.

Minutes submitted by Colette Girard