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#### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Oct 11. MAG Dinner reservation deadline Oct 23. Annual MAG Dinner and Meeting Oct 30. Art Night. 6:00 PM Oct 31. Late Membership renewal due

# MAG Annual Fall Banquet and Meeting

Wednesday, October 23rd Cocktails 5:15 Dinner 6:30: Mexican Fiesta \$20.00 per person Vintage Brewing Co., 674 Whitney Way, Madison Mag Annual Fall Banquet Flyer

Please join us for our annual dinner and meeting. We will welcome our new members, socialize with fellow Art Guild members and hear the latest MAG news. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Come early! Cocktails begin at 5:15, we will introduce our new members at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. Our Mexican Fiesta buffet includes corn and flour tortillas, sautéed seasoned vegetables, cilantro lime chicken, seasoned



ground beef, rice, black beans, cheese, sour cream, house made salsa and guacamole. Dessert is included. We have a private dining room which includes a private cash bar.

### RSVP to kwatsonnewlin@tds.net by Friday, October 11th

Payment upon arrival at the dinner. Cash or check only. MAG will cover the gratuity. If you need to cancel, please do so no later than October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Art Fair on the Square Drawing

The drawing for the Art Fair On the Square will be held at the fall banquet. Members who have renewed and filled out the request form will have their names automatically entered in the drawing. Banquet attendees will have an additional entry for the drawing. Please note that MAG has the tent, display panels, tables etc. but there is a booth and jury fee that is divided among five participants. (This is also true for the MMoCA Art and Gift Fair).

New members are not eligible until their first year anniversary. Anyone who has participated in the Art Fair on the Square or the MMoCA Art and Gift Fair within the last two years are also ineligible.

## **Membership Renewal**

You can still renewal your membership! Late dues payments can be made between September 16 - October 31st and is \$60.

Mail dues payments to: Madison Art Guild PO Box 45442 Madison, WI 53744-5442 \*Please let us know of any changes to your personal information

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Email:	Phone:
Website address:	



## **Changes to Personal Information:**

This form and information is also on the website. Membership Renewal Form

## **Art Night!**

Our next Art Night is Wednesday, October 30, 6pm at the home of Ruth Manning, 4133 Meyer Ave, Madison. <a href="mailto:rcmanning1@gmail.com">rcmanning1@gmail.com</a>

Bring a work of art to share, a food offering or bottle of wine, or just yourself! Thanks to Teresa Drinka for hosting the September Art Night!

## **Tentative Future Art Night Schedule**

November – Christine Echtner December – David Williams January – open February – open March – open

## **New Members**

Please welcome the twelve new members who were juried into MAG in September.

Rebecca Brockman-Schneider, soft pastel Deborah Donaghue, Metal jewelry Robin Downs, Digital photography Naomi Hathway, Japanese paper on wood Cindy Holzum, Mixed media (oil/gouache/pencil) Bettina Madini, Silk painting Dan Malliet, Metal sculptures with Slag Glass Kaethe Paynter, glass Julie Raasch, jewelry Steve Reyes, Pen and ink Mike Topper, Photography



Sue Wallinger, Metal jewelry

# **MMoCA Art and Gift Fair Update**

We regret that MAG will not have a booth this year at the MMoCA Art and Gift Fair. This just came to light recently. Unfortunately, the museum contact information for the application was incorrect and the application was not completed on time. MAG is not guaranteed a booth space each year. We feel terrible about this oversight. We are working to correct the communication issues with MMoCA. The next drawing will be held at the Summer Salon in June.

## **MENTORS NEEDED**

We are looking for mentors to support our new members in their first year. We are excited to have 12 new members that juried in to MAG in September. What do mentors do? Mentors provide support and help answer questions new members may have. We want them to feel welcome and comfortable! Please contact Martha Fitzmier (<u>mfitzmier@gmail.com</u>) if you want to be a mentor!

## **MAG Member Exhibitions**

**Marcia Getto**'s photography portfolio, "The Light of Being", is on display in the main gallery at the Holy Wisdom Monastery from September 27th through December 30th. Holy Wisdom Monastery is located at 4200 County Road M, Middleton, WI. Exhibit hours are 8:00am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and 10:00 to 11:00 am on Sunday unless the monastery is closed for a holiday.

A partial list of artists participating in MMoCA Gallery Night October 4:

**Karen Watson-Newlin** is having a one person show at **Middleton Art and Framing**, 6771 University Ave., Suite 108, Middleton, WI 53562 for the month of October and MMoCA Gallery Night October 4.

**Tsela Barr** has a painting at **THE BUBBLER AT MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 201 W Mifflin St. The featured exhibition is *Women's Work*, which showcases pieces from the Forward Art Prize Applicants. Open from 7-9pm on October 4. She will also have several art pieces (paintings, sculptures, and prints) at **MADISON LOCAL MOTIVE**, 646 W Washington Ave, Ste #E.

**David Williams** has two paintings at **MONROE STREET FAMILY DENTAL**, 2702 Monroe St, Ste 101. They are featuring a retrospective of those who have shown art since they opened. During Gallery Night October 4 and in the office through December.



Send details about your solo exhibit to Chris (<u>cechtner@att.net</u>) 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 <u>mary@marypalmerartist.com</u> to get a post on Facebook.

## **Volunteer List**

A reminder that each member is expected to volunteer at least once during the year. Here are some of the positions we are looking for.

\*Vice president

\*Website Manager

\*Volunteer Coordinator - Keep track of members volunteering for MAG during the year

\*Show application Contact – Apply to Art Fair on the Square and November MMoCA Gift and Art Fair for the MAG booth

\*Booth Setup coordinator – For Art Fair on the Square and MMoCA Gift and Art Fair (the corordinator may select one show to participate in)

\*New Member Mentors (see above)

Contact Chris (cechtner@att.net) or Karen (kwatsonnewlin@tds.net) if you have questions or can volunteer for one of these positions.

# **Opportunities**

## Gigi's Playhouse Fundraiser

GiGi's Playhouse Madison presents the 3rd annual "I have a Voice" Gala at a new, beautiful venue, Lake Windsor Country Club, on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 6:00pm. They are looking for in-kind art work donations for a silent auction at this event.

GiGi's Playhouse is Madison's only Down Syndrome achievement center.

Details at https://gigisplayhouse.org/madison/gala/ or contact Julia Meyers, jmeyers@gigisplayhouse.org

Art For the Soul Gallery



This new gallery within the walls of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton is looking for exhibitions for 2020 and beyond. The duration of your show will be 1-2 months with a Sunday open house. 2D and 3D art will be considered. See submission guidelines at <u>https://www.stlukes-elca.org/art-for-soul-guidelines-submissions.</u>

The mission of the St. Luke's Art for the Soul Gallery is to inspire and nurture the human spirit, enhancing people's faith walk one piece of art at a time.

# **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 <u>tamara@art-by-Tamara.com</u> or Chris Echtner at <u>cechtner@att.net</u>

# **MAG Bimonthly Meeting Minutes**

MAG BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2019

In Attendance: Chris Echtner, Martha Fitzmier, Theresa Drinka, Barbara Vater, Heather Maxwell, David Williams, Barb Koykkar, Karen Watson-Newlin, Steve Ralser, Tom Kuchenbecker, Colette Girard.



### Welcome: Chris and Karen

Treasurer's Report: Tom

Funds as of 9/10/19 = \$6,612.92. CD (renewed in August) = \$5,035.93.

Total funds as 0f 9/10/19 = \$11,648.85.

Membership Renewal: Tom

Thus far, 50 members have renewed their membership. Andrea will send out a reminder for the 9/15/19 renewal deadline.

AFOS and MMoCA Lottery: Included in the renewal notice will be a reminder that attendance at the Annual Dinner provides members with an additional opportunity to enter the AFOS lottery. It will also be noted that members are expected to volunteer at least once per year to be eligible for the drawing.

## New Member Jurying: Theresa and Martha

Of the 18 new applicants, 12 were accepted for MAG membership. Theresa and Martha reported that judge Diana Cavallero did an excellent job of choosing candidates whose artwork displayed the degree of professionalism that MAG desires.

Theresa and Martha proposed that MAG increase the reimbursement amount for the judge from \$100 to \$125. A vote was taken and the proposal passed.

Martha shared the first draft of a letter to be included in the welcome packet for new members. It describes a first year mentorship program which provides support, advice and encouragement for those new members who choose to participate. Theresa and Martha hope to find mentors for our new members prior to the annual dinner. It was noted that current members who would like to act as mentors for next year can sign up at the annual dinner.

## AFOS: Steve, Chris and Karen

Steve reported that sales were a bit slower this year. It was noted that next year's arrangement of the 3D display should allow for more room to circulate within the tent. In addition, MAG will need to purchase tables. Steve mentioned that potential AFOS participants should be better informed of their responsibility to split the cost of fees (this year, \$1095 for the booth and a jurying fee of \$31.50). Financial details will be included in the information packet.

Karen and Chris suggested consolidating tasks for both AFOS and MMoCA to eliminate confusion. One volunteer would manage the application process for both shows. Another volunteer would set up tents for both shows and that person would earn the right to participate in one of the two shows. Karen suggested a three year



rotation before choosing a new set up person. A step by step process for all tasks should be written and put online for all members to view.

### MMoCA: Chris for Terry

MAG will not participate in MMoCA this year due to confusion surrounding the application process and the lottery drawing. Chris will include an explanation in the newsletter. The five members chosen for this year will receive two extra opportunities to put their names in for next year.

### Field Trip Report: Martha

Seven people participated in the trip to Racine. Everyone enjoyed a private tour through the Racine Art Museum. After lunch, the group explored other nearby galleries. The next trip destination is Oshkosh, and it is scheduled for the end of September. So far, five people have signed up.

## Possible Gallery space for MAG: Heather

After reviewing MAG's history and learning that MAG once had an art gallery, Heather shared her thoughts about the possibility of renting a storefront space on Monroe St for exhibitions. She, herself, would be willing to invest a sum of money and possibly take charge of administrative duties. The space is already set up for use as a gallery and the rent (not including utilities and other fees) is \$2400 per month. Although MAG is not in a position to invest financially, board members offered several suggestions: A big company to underwrite; possible rental discount for winter; renting out the space for workshops/studios.

## Nominating Committee: Chris and Karen

Chris and Karen have put together a list of members whom they will approach with the idea of forming a nominating committee to fill vacant MAG positions.

#### Dinner Update: Chris and Karen

The annual dinner, with cash bar, will be held at Vintage On October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a \$20 per attendee fee which will be collected at the door. Cash or check only. RSVPs to Karen.

Minutes submitted by Colette Girard

