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Important Upcoming Dates

Jan 4. Drop off for January Showcase. 9-10:30 AM

Jan 7. MAG Metalsmiths 6:00 PM

Jan 14. Bi Monthly MAG meeting. 6:30 PM

Jan 16. Art Night 6:00 PM

Feb 1. Pick up for January Showcase. 9-10:30 AM

Feb 9. Make Art Together. 1:00 PM

Mar 14. Spring Jury for new members. 10:00 AM

Note from the Co-Presidents

The Madison Art Guild is one of the oldest guilds in the state. Since 1914 we have been a major force for the arts and artists in the Dane county area. We cannot continue without the help of our membership. In October 2020, Karen and Chris will be stepping down from their role as co-presidents and MAG IS IN NEED of a Vice President(s) to step into the role of President at that time. We are asking membership to seriously consider taking on this position.

Vice President needed

We are in need of someone to step up for the position of Vice President of MAG. The job descriptions is as follows:

- Succeed to office of president in October 2020.
- 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(s).
- Manage the mentor program recruiting Guild members to help new members navigate MAG during their first year.

Art Night!

Our next Art Night is Thursday, January 16, 6pm at the home of Tsela Barr. 118 North Spooner Street at the intersection of Spooner and Hoyt, blue clapboard house with white trim. Allow extra time for parking.

Bring a work of art to share, a food offering or bottle of wine, or just yourself! Thanks to David Williams for hosting last month's Art Night!

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

February – Karen Watson-Newlin. Thursday, February 27. 34 Hawks Landing Circle, Verona.

March – open

April – Naomi Hathway

May – Mary Palmer

June – Aileen Musa

July – Cindy Koshalek

August - Tom Kuchenbecker

September – Merikay Payne

October – Kerri Shannon

November – Bettina Madini

MAG Metalsmiths

Twelve MAG Metalsmiths enjoyed the field trip to Estrellon Tapas Restaurant and the Hyart Gallery on December 3. Hiroko graciously gave a private tour of the art and her studio. Thank you Hiroko.

Our next meeting is on January 7 at Martha Fitzmier's home — 1186 Cathedral Point Drive, Verona 53593 from 6:00 pm to 8:30pm. Meet some prospective new members and enjoy the always interesting discussion and sharing of our creations. Bring a salad, and/or wine



or just come and enjoy the camaraderie. MAG Metalsmiths meet the first Tuesday of every month at Martha's.

Martha Fitzmier, www.marthafitzmier.com

Make Art Together: Metal Fundamentals

Join us on February 9 as the Guild's Metal Arts Group introduces fundamental metal working techniques applied to jewelry making. We will include texturing, forging, cutting, forming, annealing and patina application. Join us for this fun, fast and very much hands on Make Art Together day. You'll leave with one or more pieces of jewelry designed and made by you.

When: Sunday, February 9, 2020, 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: Martha Fitzmier's studio in Verona – 1186 Cathedral Point Drive 53593

Cost: \$10 for materials.

Attendance: Limited to 8 people. Contact Ruth Manning <rcmanning1@gmail.com> to RSVP with \$10. payment by January 18, 2020. Please note - if more than 8 people want to attend Martha may be able to offer a 2nd time slot on Saturday, Feb.7

What to bring: Yourself. Materials and tools supplied

Safety is always a priority. You must wear closed-toed shoes, tie back long hair and wear an apron to protect your clothes (if desired).

Hope to see you there, Ruth Manning and Martha Fitzmier

MAG January Showcase

Drop off is Saturday January 4, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:30am. You must have already registered your artwork. No late entries or changes will be accepted.

Two-dimensional work must have a hanging wire attached to the frame. Saw tooth brackets will not be accepted because they do not work with the hanging system. Attach a label with artist name and title to the back of 2D work or the bottom of 3D work.

Pick up is Saturday February 1, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:30am.

If you have any questions about your entry, please contact Steve at 608-320-9979 or madisonartg123@gmail.com. Thank you.

MAG Bi-Monthly Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 PM at the Sequoia Public Library

Topics likely to be covered include:

Final Membership Report- Tom

January Showcase Report- Steve Reyes

New Member Jurying in March- Martha and Theresa

AFOTS Update- Terry

Workshops- Ruth and Pam

Website Update & MAG Email Addresses- Chris, Jeff and Heather

Field Trips Report- Martha

- December 3 MAG Metals Group
- Upcoming

Ideas for Solicitation of New Officers

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10

If you would like to add a topic or concern, please contact Chris (cechtner@att.net) or Karen (kwatsonnewlin@tds.net).

All MAG Members 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.

Volunteering

Within MAG there are many opportunities for members to help and contribute to the organization including helping with exhibit take ins and pick ups, hosting an art night, leading a workshop. The following list is a group of members who are continually working for MAG. There are some critical positions that remain open. Please consider helping MAG.

Co-Presidents: Chris Echtner and Karen Watson-Newlin

****Vice President: open**

Treasurer: Tom Kuckenbecker

Co-Secretaries: Colette Girard and Cynthia Koshalek

****Volunteer Coordinator: open**

Newsletter: David Williams

Communications: Andrea Murray

Website Manager: Heather Maxwell

Zapp Application Coordinator & Booth Coordinator for AFOTS and MMoca Holiday Show: Terry Sullivan

January Show Coordinator: Steve Reyes

MAG Salon Coordinator: Colette Girard

New Membership Chairs: Theresa Drinka and Martha Fitzmier

Membership Records: Barbara Koykkar

Social Media Chair: Mary Palmer

Printed Newsletter Coordinator: Charmaine Harbort

Metals Group: Martha Fitzmier

Workshop Coordinators: Ruth Manning and Pam Andros

All members are strongly encouraged to volunteer at least once during the year.

Here are some of the positions we are looking for:

*Vice president – see top of newsletter for description

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

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

*New Member Orientation Program - We are looking for people to partner with our new members and guide them in their first year. We are excited to have 12 new members that joined in to MAG in September. What do you need to do? You will provide support and help answer questions new members may have. We want them to feel welcome and comfortable! Please contact Martha Fitzmier (mfitzmier@gmail.com) if you want to participate in the orientation program!

Spring Jury for New Members

The jury date for new members will be Saturday, March 14th at the Fitchburg Public Library from 10 to 1:30. Please invite artists you know to consider joining the guild. More info will be posted on the MAG website shortly.

MAG Member Exhibitions

Christine Echnert's exhibition 'Contemporary Narratives' will be on display at the Capitol Lakes atrium and cafe galleries. Reception and presentation is Friday, February 7 at 7:00PM. 333 W. Main St., Madison

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

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

MAG Dues Payment Timeline starting in 2020

Aug 1 First notice goes into Aug newsletter

Dues due Sept 15 — you must pay by Sept 15 to be eligible for AFOTHS and MMOCA Holiday Art & Gift Show lottery drawings

Aug 20 1st Email reminder sent to all members

Sept 1 2nd notice goes into Sept newsletter

Sept 8 2nd Email reminder sent to all members

Sept 12 3rd Email reminder sent to all members DEADLINE is Sept 15

LATE DUES SCHEDULE

Sept 25 Specific email sent to those not paid— late dues deadline is Oct 15. \$60

Oct 1 Late dues deadline of Oct 15 goes into Oct newsletter- \$60 payment

Oct 5 Email or Snail mail sent to those still unpaid.— late dues deadline is Oct 15 \$60

March. New members who jury in the Spring will pay half dues

5 notices for regular payment

2 newsletter notices

3 emails

3 notices for late payment

1 specific email

1 newsletter

1 Another specific email or snail mail