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Treasurer: Tom Kuchenbecker

Past President: Sherry Klinkner

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Important Upcoming Dates

Mar 3. MAG Metalsmiths 6:00 PM

Mar 7. Application for new members due.

Mar 10. Bi Monthly MAG meeting. 6:30 PM *Note venue change

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

Mar 25. Art Night! 6:00 PM

May 3. Make Art Together. 1:00 PM

June 6. Drop off for MAG Summer Salon

June 14. Summer Salon Reception

Aug 1. Summer Salon pickup

Urgent Note From the Co-Presidents

Unfortunately, the oldest art guild in the state of Wisconsin is in danger of folding after 114 years. While we have great leadership in many of the positions, no one has volunteered to take the position of vice-president. The current co-presidents are stepping down in October. Without someone(s) to step into the role of president or co-presidents, the guild will dissolve.

We are very appreciative of the hard work many of you do and we have tried to showcase those efforts in the last few newsletters. On a recent note, the volunteers for the January Showcase were amazing! We encourage

members to consider the option of co-presidents. This helps tremendously with the responsibilities. Please contact Chris or Karen if you are willing to help.

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 Wednesday, March 25, 6pm at the home of Nancy Mather. 3071 Bull Run, Sun Prairie. 608-575-9085. The easiest route from Madison 151 is taking American Parkway-Rattman, W. Main, Westmount, Bull Run. Please take shoes off at the door. Feel free to bring slippers.

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

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

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

Next meeting of MAG Metalsmiths is on March 3. Bring a bottle of wine, food offering or just yourself. Bring a recent creation for Show & Tell and enjoy the camaraderie. 6pm - 8:30pm at Martha Fitzmier's 1186 Cathedral Point Dr., Verona 53593. Martha Fitzmier, www.marthafitzmier.com

MAG 2020 Membership Drive

The MAG 2020 New Membership Drive has commenced and the new Membership Application instructions have been posted on the MAG website madisonartguild.com. Please encourage any artists you think would make a valuable contribution to MAG to apply. This year's judge will be Leslee Nelson, who has done a great job judging for the guild before. Jurying will be at the Fitchburg Public Library on Saturday, March 14 from 10 to 1:30. Applicants must RSVP their intent to jury to Martha Fitzmier, newmembers@madisonartguild.com, by Saturday, March 7.

MAG Bi-Monthly Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 PM at the **Alicia Ashman Library** 733 N High Point Rd., Madison. **Please NOTE this is a different venue than our normal location.**

Topics likely to be covered include:

recruiting members for committees and board positions

Art Fair on the Square (meeting to discuss rules and go over the contract)

next make art together event

latest on new member jurying March

If you would like to add a topic or concern, please contact Chris or Karen (president@madisonartguild.com).

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.

Make Art Together

MAG Metalsmiths hosted Make Art Together on Feb. 16th at Martha Fitzmier's studio. 9 MAG members and 2 prospective members gathered to learn the fundamentals of metalsmithing. The three hours were jam packed with activity and creativity.



Here's what some of our participants said.

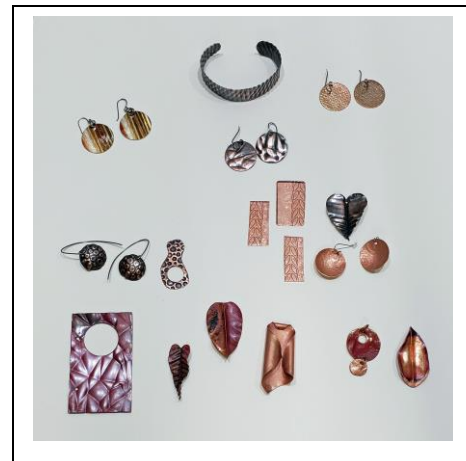
"We were encouraged to try something new in a welcoming atmosphere. Our metals mentors were especially helpful." Colette

"The metal arts workshop at Martha's studio was a blast! It was well organized with experienced metal workers at each station, who were quite helpful and patient with teaching us how to use the various tools and machines. It was a great experience, and I was able to make a couple different things....earrings, a pendant, and a small copper door that I may use in a sculpture." Tsela



"What a wonderful experience, thanks to the metalsmithing group who were very helpful and patient teachers. All the very basics of working with metal were crammed into one fun afternoon. I'm hooked and want to learn more. " Ann

"Generosity is the word which defined this workshop. Martha and her expert assistants were so generous of their expertise and talent in tirelessly sharing a complex combination of assorted techniques. Thank you for your incredible patience." Janice



Save the Date for the next Make Art Together event

May 3 - Make Art Together Free Choice, 1-4pm at the home of Ruth Manning

Summer Salon

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the 2020 Summer Salon. This event offers members the opportunity to exhibit and to sell their work. It also provides recognition in the form of awards for excellence in a variety of categories.

Important Dates:

Artwork Drop Off - June 6; Awards Reception - June 14; Artwork Pick up - August 1.

Registration information will be sent out in April. This event depends upon membership volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Colette Girard at salon@madisonartguild.com.

Winter Salon Wrap Up

Thanks to the 57 members participating in the show at UW Hospital. We displayed 107 pieces of 2D and 3D work. Five pieces were sold. Congratulations artists!

Thanks also to all the volunteers who made art drop off and pick up easy and hassle free for everyone. And a big thank you to Mandy and her tireless intern for their great organization and display skills.

Facebook

Did you know that the Madison Art Guild has a Facebook page? <https://www.facebook.com/Madison-Art-Guild-185447994965667/>

While Facebook began as a way for young people to connect online, it has become a staple for businesses and community organizations. There are a number of reasons why it's so important. Our Facebook page does many things for us as a guild.

- We get to learn a little bit more about those who are in our community of creatives, which only helps us become more creative in what we can do and what we could offer to current and potential members.
- A Facebook page allows us to humanize our organization by sharing some of the fun and functions we all enjoy as members.
- Facebook is good for Search Engine Optimization (SEO). The more you put out on the web, the more people can find you.

So join in and like our Facebook page and interact let us know what's going on in your creative world so we can get to know each other better, see it grow!

Send images or notifications of events for posting to our Facebook page to Mary Palmer at fb@madisonartguild.com

Role Specific Emails

Not sure who to send an email to? MAG is now using "madisonartguild" emails which include a function name. These are automatically forwarded to the person(s) who is currently filling that role.

Here are the new emails to use. These emails are in the membership list that was just sent out and will soon be on the Website.

president@madisonartguild.com
vice-president@madisonartguild.com
secretary@madisonartguild.com
treasurer@madisonartguild.com
artfair@madisonartguild.com (for Art Fair on the Square and Winter Art Fair)
janshowcase@madisonartguild.com
salon@madisonartguild.com (for Summer Salon)
newmembers@madisonartguild.com
comm@madisonartguild.com
web@madisonartguild.com
newsletter@madisonartguild.com
memberlist@madisonartguild.com
events@madisonartguild.com (Make Art Together)
fb@madisonartguild.com (for all social media)

MAG Member Exhibitions

Jack Kloppenburg's exhibition of watercolors, "Wisconsin Anthology," will be at the Capitol Lakes atrium and cafe galleries during the months of March and April. A reception and presentation is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 7:00pm, Capitol Lakes, 333 W. Main Street.

Tom Kuchenbecker will be presenting an exhibit of Wisconsin inspired watercolor paintings plus a series of original inspirational and spiritual poems. The exhibit depicts the varied beauty of our state's rural and urban landscapes. It also conveys the connections between nature, humans, spirituality, and the divine Creator.

**Wed. Feb 26 - Sun. March 29, 9am -5pm daily at St Luke's Lutheran Church Art for Soul Gallery
7337 Hubbard Ave, Middleton, WI**

Meet the artist Sunday March 15 8:45am – 12 noon

For the month of March, **Karen Watson-Newlin** will be exhibiting new acrylic paintings for the season at Middleton Art and Framing, 6771 University Ave #108, Middleton, WI 53562. The opening reception will be Wednesday, March 11, 5-8 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Tsela Barr will be having a solo art show at Oakwood Village East, 5565 Tancho Dr, Madison, starting on March 14. It will be up for six weeks.

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Send details about your solo exhibit to Chris (president@madisonartguild.com) 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 (fb@madisonartguild.com) to get a post on Facebook.

Opportunities

Art Supply ReSale: April 25, 2020, 10 am – 3 pm, at the People's United Methodist Church, 103 N Alpine Pkwy, Oregon, WI 53575

This is an opportunity for artists to make some space in their studios by selling art supplies and display items they no longer need or want and at the same time it is an opportunity for artists and other creative people to pick up items they can use at a reasonable price. It will be marketed to area art organizations, schools, girl scouts, 4-H etc. Booth spaces are 4'x8' and only \$15 for non-14 South Artists members. Come to sell or just come to browse and shop. See attached Application and s240 form. You can also get an application by emailing Co-Chairs Mary Doers at mary_doers@hotmail.com or Ann Kleckner at artglassdelights@gmail.com

Paoli Art Fair: Aug 8 & 9, 2020 The application and more information can be found at

<https://14southartists.com/index.php/2020-paoli-art-fair-application/> This is a lovely outdoor art show with music and refreshments in Paoli WI, a quaint arts community that draws large crowds every weekend during the summer. The Paoli Art Fair is presented by 14 South Artists, Inc. in partnership with Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship Center, a local non-profit charity.

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(memberlist@madisonartguild.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 Heather Maxwell at web@madisonartguild.com or Chris Echtner at president@madisonartguild.com.