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Note from the President

It's been great to see the increased usage of our two social media accounts - Facebook and Instagram. Members have been posting shows they're in, pieces that have been accepted to shows, things they're working on, and other art-related events. Each time you create a post on our public pages, you are helping to increase MAG's visibility in the community, draw attention to your art form, and demonstrate the importance of art. Your posts show the public that we are a vibrant community of artists and put The Madison Art Guild into the public psyche, increasing opportunities for all of us.

Thank you!

~Linda

Art Night!

MAG's October Art Night will be held at the Fitchburg Community Center, 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg. We will be in the Fitchburg Room. Snacks, beer and wine are allowed. If you bring snacks/beverages, please remember plates and/or cups if needed.

Details:

What: October Art Night

When: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Where: Fitchburg Room at the Fitchburg Community Center, 5520 Lacy Road. The Community Center is slightly to the right as you enter the parking lot. Fitchburg Room is on the same floor as you enter on.

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

We are looking for artists to host these events in their home, studio or other venue. The host gets to select the date (ideally, we will get a variety of days of the week) and sets the COVID protocols for that month. If you have hesitated hosting because of space issues, there are other venues available at no or very low cost to MAG.

Reach out to president@madisonartguild.com

If you would like to host an open Art Night, please send an email to newsletter@madisonartguild.com. Note that if no one volunteers to host by the 20th of the previous month, that month's art night will be via Zoom.

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

October: Fitchburg Community Center

November: Linda Krantz

December: Pam Bleimehl

January: open

February: open

March: Jennifer Knollenberg

April: open

May: Ann Kleckner

June: open

July: open

August: open

September: open

October 2024: Kimberly Eitland

Art Night Photos wanted!

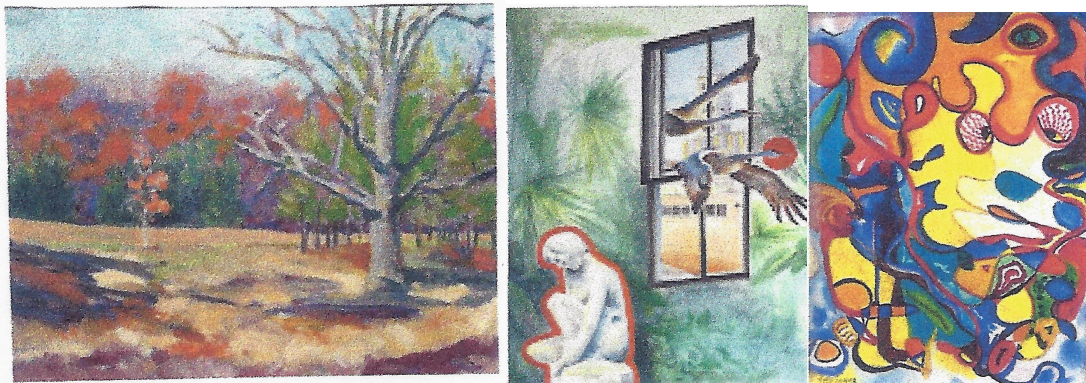
If you are hosting or attending Art Night, please remember to take a few photos for use in our social media accounts and for marketing purposes. Please ask permission before taking photos of attendees or artwork being shared.

Thank you to **Cindy Koshalek** for hosting Art Night in September!



Art in the Schools

The MAG Art in Schools Program 2023-2024 is up and running! The pieces are currently on display at Winnequah School in Monona and then will travel to Schenk Elementary in October. Here is a sampling of the works on display. Thank you to Chuck Bauer, Owen Gwynne, Theresa Drinka, Kimberly Eitland, Linda Farrelly, Martha Fitzmeir, Josh Ludke, Susan Sewell, Luci Shirek, Lyndsey Standage, and Doug Yu for participating.



MAG Annual Member Dinner

The MAG Annual Member Dinner will be held on October 25, 2023 at Imperial Gardens, 2039 Allen Blvd, Middleton, from 5-9 pm. Dinner will be American Style and consists of appetizers plus five main dishes, including vegetarian options. Tea, rice, and a fortune cookie are included. There will be a brief business meeting when new 2023 members will be introduced and can show a sample of their work. This dinner meeting is for members only. Please make plans to attend!

Cost: \$29/person paid to the restaurant at the conclusion of the meal.

Agenda:

5-6 pm cash bar and socializing

6 pm Dinner

7 pm Business meeting & Introductions

New members will be introduced after the dinner and they can present a work of art. An easel will be provided.

Please RSVP to Cindy Koshalek by Friday, October 20.

email: clkart@charter.net

Or

Text: 608-438-7633

New Membership Application Update

The window for MAG new member applications closed and the applications have been passed on to our incredible judge; whose identity will be revealed to all, once the jurying is completed. MAG had a total of about 45 applications that were received. We anxiously await the scoring and will update everyone once scores are received.

This information will be first given to MAG members via the [MAG Facebook Members Group](#), so please make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and join the [Members group](#). It will not be posted to the public social media pages until all applicants have been notified of their scores.

MAG Artful Gathering

The October Artful Gathering, a collage playdate with Linda Farrelly, is currently full.

If you have interest in holding a workshop or conducting a demo of your work in the future, we have openings in December and February. Reach out to president@madisonartguild.com and we can work together to find a space if you need one.

MAG on Social Media

Please like and comment on MAG's [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. It helps extend our reach so we can let future members and patrons see what we're up to.

Our private [Facebook group](#) allows us to share the latest news, show off your art, get feedback, ask questions, etc. amongst ourselves.

Summer Salon Co Chair still needed

Do you enjoy helping organize events? Would you like to have impact on MAG's annual premier art exhibit? Then please consider becoming involved with next year's Summer Salon. We'd like it to become a team effort. 'Many hands lighten the load, right?'

You'll be helping your fellow members, making new friends, and having impact. Reach out to Colette Girard, secretary@madisonartguild.com or Marcia Nelson, salon@madisonartguild.com Thank You!

Bylaws Update

As you know, a draft of new bylaws has been written, and is in the process of beginning its review. In mid-August, the draft was sent to members of the Executive Committee (Treasurer, Secretary and Past President) for review and comments. A 'Guide to the Draft' is being written. The guide will be like Cliff's Notes, pointing the reader to note any changes or updated information. The plan is to send the guide and bylaws draft on to the Leadership team (chairs of committees) next, and then on to membership. This process means that the bylaws will not be ready for voting on at our Membership Dinner.

Please note that many hours were put into writing the updated draft, and the committee used our current bylaws as well as those of three large arts organizations as guidance. As has been stated previously, bylaws function as an 'operating manual' for running an organization, and in our case, a nonprofit.

Bi-monthly Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

In Attendance: Linda Krantz, Cindy Koshalek, Martha Fitzmier, Marcia Nelson, Tom Kuchenbecker, Linda Farrelly, Ann Kleckner, Kim Eitland, Owen Gwynne, Barbara Koykkar, Kristin Johnson, Karen Faller, Mary Reines, Dave Williams, Colette Girard.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and opened with the president's request for feedback on the minutes from July's meeting. With no feedback put forward, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Ann and was seconded by Linda F.

President's Report

- 1.) Linda reported that the first draft of the amended MAG bylaws had been sent out to the Executive Committee for feedback. That draft will be worked on and presented to the Board for additional feedback.
- 2.) The Goodman Center wants MAG back for a second exhibit at their eastside location. Alex Andros has agreed to again coordinate the event.
- 3.) Linda presented clarification regarding the following volunteer tasks: Owen Gwynne and Co-Chair Karen Faller are responsible for all website issues. Linda Farrelly puts together our Monthly Newsletter and is the person to contact with input. Kim Eitland handles MAG's Social Media. Bridget Boucher, Communications, oversees the MAG Email Request Form.

Salon

- 1.) Marcia announced that Jennifer Knollenberg has expressed interest in assisting with the Salon judging process. We have a few other leads for Reception coordination and the Awards Brochure. Marcia will continue to handle Registration and provide oversight for Drop-Off & Pick-Up.
- 2.) Colette has put together a binder with all salon tasks broken down into manageable parts, including hard copies of some documents. The storage unit currently holds a number of bins containing old MAG paperwork and brochures. There was discussion about retaining MAG records, and it was suggested that some documents be scanned and saved to preserve the history of MAG. Theresa Drinka is willing to assist the judge as she/he makes award decisions. Alex Andros has agreed to act as Master of Ceremonies at the Salon Reception, if needed.

Treasurer's Report

- 1.) Mary reported that we are in good financial shape, ahead of where we were at this time last year. MAG's unrestricted funds total \$7809.70 and restricted funds (salon memorial awards) total \$3729.42. From the period 7/1/23 - 9/12/23, income was \$5012.62 (mostly from dues) and expenses were \$559.05. Of our current membership, 94 members have renewed while 17 have yet to renew. 4 members have declined to renew (3 due to moving). Of the 44 artists who have applied for membership this fall, 34 have completed the application process by paying the required jury fee.

2.) Mary provided an update on the pros and cons of obtaining a larger storage unit. Per our current contract, we pay only \$27 per month with the guarantee of no rent raises. A move to a larger unit would provide much more space, but would cost \$65-75 and we would have to sign a new contract.

Social Media

Kim reported that we are “Up” re: engagement in member groups, and one member has already sold a piece via social media. Kim’s goal is to keep MAG’s social presence strong.

Old Business

1.) About 35 people enjoyed our combined picnic & art night at McKee Park. Linda mentioned that MAG has the means to secure low-cost locations for anyone who wishes to host an art night but does not have adequate space.

2.) About 10 members attended Rowan Mathias’ Art Workshop in August.

3.) There was further discussion regarding preserving MAG’s historical documents. We should consider eliminating duplicate documents. We could make a collage of all the front pages of old brochures. It was suggested that The Wis Historical Society might be interested in archiving some documents. Mention was made that since MAG was involved in helping MMoCA come together, certain old records might hold interest for MMoCA. Karen and Kim offered assistance with scanning.

New Business

1.) Cindy Koshalek will host art night on September 20th. We plan to have an “Artful Gathering” every other month. Linda Farrelly reported that 11 members have signed up for her upcoming Collage Workshop on Oct 3rd. There is only one opening left. It will be held at the Goodman Center East from 6-8pm.

2.) Plans are in the works to host a panel discussion sometime in the near future. The panel will provide information about participation in art shows. Chris Echtner is organizing the event, but a date has not yet been set.

3.) Firefly Coffeehouse in Oregon has asked MAG to stage a “whole house” exhibit next July and August. They can accommodate approximately 50 art pieces. Sales will be conducted between the artist and the buyer. There are some display cases for 3D artwork.

4.) There has been interest in an “orientation” presentation, via zoom, for new members.

5.) Member Bettina Madini has been chosen by the Wis Youth Symphony Orchestra (WYSO) to mentor young artists as they create paintings, live on stage, during a performance by the symphony. She will participate in instructional workshops with the young painters.

6.) Tom K has offered to organize MAG’s participation in a one-day art show in Middleton, on May 18th of next year. We would use MAG’s double tent and conduct a lottery to choose participating artists. Tom will co-chair this event with Owen Gwynne.

7.) MAG's Annual Dinner will be held on Oct 25th at The Imperial Gardens. Cindy explained that only members are invited to attend - no spouses, due to limited space for showcasing new members' artwork. Registration information will be in the newsletter.

Acknowledgements

- 1.) Kim Eitland, for all her hard work as Social Media Chair and also as New Member Chair.
- 2.) James Shulkin, congratulations for selling several pieces to Judy Faulkner (Epic).
- 3.) Mary McCormick Wixson, for her watercolor exhibit at Prairie Cafe.
- 4.) Barbara Koykkar, for continuing to coordinate the "Art in Schools" exhibit of MAG members' artwork. The exhibit will travel to 8 different schools this year.

Other Business

- 1.) Ann suggested that MAG members who participate in shows, such as the Paoli Art Fair, might include some type of identifier on/in their tent which states their name and also that they are members of MAG.
- 2.) The subject of MAG Banners came up in discussion and we learned that, at present, we have 4 separate banners in different locations.
- 3.) Cindy asked for information about the committee currently working on the new bylaws. Linda reported that the committee members include Theresa Drinka, Mary Reines, Barbara Koykkar, with assistance from Martha Fitzmier. She explained that there will be a future meeting, but that the bylaws will not be ready for a vote at the Annual Dinner Meeting.

Cindy moved to adjourn and Kim seconded the move. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Our next Bi-Monthly meeting will be held on November 14th, at 6:30pm

Minutes Submitted by Colette Girard