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Important Upcoming Dates

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Note from the President

I have been reading 'The Creative Act' by Rick Rubin. It's been taking me awhile because I find myself stopping to think about what he's written, or re-reading passages to let them sink in.

In one of the chapters, he is talking about competition vs collaboration, and he describes how, when Brian Wilson first heard the Beatle's album 'Rubber Soul', he was blown away. As a result, he vowed to make an album that was at least as good, and started writing 'God Only Knows', which then went on to become 'Pet Sounds'. Rubin writes: "being made happy by someone else's best work, and then letting it inspire you to rise to the occasion is not competition, it's collaboration." How many times have you been so inspired by another artist's work that it compelled you to get into the studio and create your own art?

He goes on to talk about competition, and couches it in terms of infinite gain: that of competition with the self. This is a journey that unfolds over an artist's lifetime, a quest of evolution. Our work changes and grows over the years as our abilities and tastes change, but also as we challenge ourselves to improve. I have witnessed both qualities - collaboration and self-competition - at work among the members of The Madison Art Guild.

Come to an Art Night, attend a member's or our Guild's shows, and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to be inspired by members' work, and see how it inspires and challenges you when back in your studio.

~Linda

Art Night!

Art Night will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 starting at 6:30 pm at the home of Linda Krantz, 2738 Richardson Street, Fitchburg. You can park on either side of the street.

Please be vaccinated and boosted. Bring art you'd like feedback on or want to share with the group. Snacks and beverages will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorites.

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

November: Linda Krantz

December: Pam Bleimehl

January: open

February: open

March: Jennifer Knollenberg

April: open

May: Ann Kleckner

June: Amanda Basich Kron

July: open

August: open

September: open

October: 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 the Fitchburg Community Center for hosting Art Night in October!

MAG Calendar 2023-2024

The Madison Art Guild's calendar is filling up! Here are the current opportunities for members. Art Nights take place every month, and both the Artful Gatherings and MAG Membership meetings alternate every other month.

January: Art Night, January Showcase, MAG Membership Meeting

February: Art Night, Goodman Community Center Show, Artful Gathering

March: Art Night, MAG Membership Meeting

April: Art Night, Artful Gathering

May: Art Night, Middleton Art Walk, MAG Membership Meeting

June: Art Night, Artful Gathering, Summer Salon

July: Art Night, Art Fair on the Square, Firefly Coffeehouse Show, Summer Salon,

MAG Membership Meeting

August: Art Night, Artful Gathering, Firefly Coffeehouse Show

September: Art Night, Paoli Art Fair (?), MAG Membership Meeting

October: Art Night, Artful Gathering, MAG Annual Dinner

November: Art Night, MAG Membership Meeting

December: Art Night, Artful Gathering

MAG Annual Member Dinner

The MAG Annual Member Dinner was held on October 25, 2023. Information about that event will be in the December newsletter.

Welcome New Members!

MAG would like to welcome its newest members:

Ann Wenzel, Mary Kate Pister, Chris Villand, Kel Mur, Grace Minesinger, Julie Lukosaitis, Brian McCormick, Sneha Mahajan, Xizhou Xie, Kerry Ervin, Jennifer Angelo, Meghan Rosing, Kimberly Strittmater, Jeanette Clawson, Emily Shroeder, Issis Macias, Elizabeth Shaw Neviasher, Hanna Bruer, Daniel Karras, G G, Sanda

Steele, Birgit Bach, Elsie Ostwinkle, Dee Relyea, George Johnson, Janet Nelson, Chad Becker, Shannon Clayton, Leon Barrett, Annie Crone, Jan Richardson, Alan Tripp.

All of your creativity, skills, and knowledge will be a great asset to the Madison Art Guild. Together, this year will be the best yet as we learn and grow from all our members!

MAG Membership Meeting

The next bimonthly members meeting will be held on November 14 at 6:30 via zoom.

Linda Krantz is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83334252430>

Meeting ID: 833 3425 2430

MAG Artful Gathering

ART FAIR PANEL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, December 5th

6:30-8:30

Goodman Community Center

214 Waubesa St., Madison 53704

Bolz Room A

Are you interested in learning more about participating in art fairs?

Join us for this interactive, educational event. We will discuss the application process, deciding which shows are right for you, booth setup, photographing your work and more.

Our experienced panelists are Christine Echtner, Karen Watson- Newlin, Aileen Musa and Kerri Shannon.

If you have a topic you would like us to discuss Email us at cechtner@att.net by November 15th. We hope to see you there!



January Showcase

It's not too early to start thinking about which art piece(s) to show in 2024.

MAG members are invited to enter for this one month exhibit in January at UW Hospital.

Registration will be sent out later in November. Please watch for it.

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!

Correction

In the Minutes from the September Board Meeting, under Old Business, it was stated: "Mention was made that MAG was involved in helping MMoCA come together". That information, which was offered during group discussion, was inaccurate.