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Important Upcoming Dates

Jan 4. January Showcase drop-off

Jan 14. Bimonthly Members Meeting

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Welcome!

President and Vice President Positions are open. Please consider volunteering.

Art Night!

This month's Art Night will be held from 6 to 8:30pm on Wednesday, January 29 at the clubhouse in Shannon Clayton Barill's neighborhood. The address for the clubhouse is 251 S Yellowstone Drive, Madison

We request that you are Vaccinated and Boosted. Masks are optional. This is a pet-free space. Please bring your art work, finger food or wine to share. Or just bring yourself!

Please consider opening your home for an Art Night. You can set the number of attendees depending on your space by sending a sign-up sheet. You also determine the date. Art Nights are wonderful evenings of art, thought and camaraderie.

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.

Thank you to Cindy Koshalek for hosting Art Night in December!



Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

January: Shannon Clayton Barill

February: Jennifer Angelo

March: open

April: Pamela Bleimehl

May: Elizabeth Shaw Neviasser

June: James Shulkin

July: open

August: open

September: open

October: open

November: open

December: Cynthia Koshalek

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.

January Member Meeting

The next bimonthly members meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30pm via zoom. Please use the link below to join the meeting.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87135405440?pwd=d2j8yLPizBI0LvC1uYRYcf8zjb04UZ.1>

Artful Gathering - February

Artful Gatherings were started in 2022 as a way for MAG members to share their knowledge on a specific topic. We've had presentations on acrylic mediums, collage, what you need to know to participate in an art fair, how to design-your-own website, and more. We need members to present an Artful Gathering in February. If you have a specific skill you'd like to share, please reach out to president@madisonartguild.com with your questions. We can help with finding a location and getting the word out.

Individualized Photoshop Help

Our member Susan Herdman has volunteered to help any member who has Photoshop installed and would like individual instruction in how to resize photos. If you are interested, please reach out to Susan: swsue@me.com

MAG Orientation for New Members

An orientation was held on Thursday December 4, 2024 in Fitchburg to familiarize our new members with the Guild and the opportunities they have to be involved. Thank you to all who attended!

Goodman Center Show

The annual MAG show at the Ballweg Gallery of the Goodman Community Center is coming up fast. We have that space for the month of February. Alex Andros is organizing and will send out more detailed information soon. Think about one or two pieces you would like to show and watch for news in your inbox.

Volunteer Corner

As a volunteer -run organization, MAG depends on your involvement. There are a number of volunteer positions available.

For volunteers: if you are involved with a committee and are planning on a vacation, please notify other members of your absence. This is very helpful in planning, and avoids gaps in organizing. Thank you!

President: the President keeps the organization running by coordinating groups and activities, answering questions, and providing oversight. There is a good framework of activities that will support the new President. The President also runs bi-monthly meetings (creates an agenda and runs the meeting), communicates with folks in leadership positions, and contributes articles to the newsletter.

Vice President: supports the President as needed and runs bi-monthly meetings in their absence.

Art Fair Chair: oversees our art fairs and makes sure that there is communication between the Chairs/Co-chairs of each art fair, the President and treasurer. They also help the chairs of each art fair understand the policy that covers involvement and helps with the annual lottery for tent participation.

Nominating Committee: Talks with members about volunteering and passes names of people who are interested in becoming involved on to Board members for consideration and appointment.

January Showcase Assistant:

Nancy Mather is looking for assistance with the UW January Showcase for 2025 and possibly become Chair in 2026. There is minimal time involved for the assistant. Duties include assisting the chairperson with registration, typing labels for the art, help coordinating volunteers, and being present for the days of delivering or picking up of art. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Mather at janshowcase@madisonartguild.com

December 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

In Attendance: Mary Reines, Cindy Koshalek, Linda Krantz, Owen Gwynne, Karen Faller, Nancy Mather, Marcia Nelson, Dee Reylea, Shannon Clayton, Colette Girard.

Parliamentarian, John Loffelholz, briefly attended the meeting to answer questions related to Robert's Rules of Order. He provided a handout containing information about meeting structure, motion making and voting. It was noted that MAG has already been following a simplified version of the Robert's Rules of Order, similar to the quick guide outlined in the handout.

Membership

Dee reported that we've already had six new member inquiries since MAG juried in eighteen members this past Fall. She inquired about the application process for associate membership which led to discussion about

simplifying the website application. Owen and Karen are working hard to enable new members to set up their profiles. A new member orientation is scheduled for the evening of 12/5/24 and board members are encouraged to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Mary reported that she saved us money by paying MAG's Officers add Board of Directors Liability Insurance for three years in advance. As of 11/30/24, our YTD expenses are less than our 2024 budget by \$954.30. Mary mentioned that some restricted funds designated for salon prizes have run out. We have one memorial left which covers the gold, silver and bronze prize amounts. That still leaves members with several opportunities to win monetary awards.

There was discussion regarding budget planning for 2025. Mary had sent a listing of the 2024 expenses by committee category out for review. She asked that committee chairs identify the budget items they may want or need for their area in 2025, and let her know the estimated cost in order to complete our 2025 budget. Dee offered to take the lead in creating updated pamphlets/handouts to promote MAG at art fairs and in general. She will be assisted by Sara DeHann, Julie Raasch and Ann Kleckner. It was agreed that MAG lanyards should be purchased for artists participating in the MAG tent. For members wishing to reproduce the MAG logo, Owen reported that he has a high-quality version that can be made available as a downloadable file in the members area of the website. It was also agreed that MAG should purchase a Zoom account for member and board meetings, with details to be worked out. When Karen suggested that our current website could be improved to be more user friendly, Shannon offered to recommend individuals who would do that at a reasonable cost. Julie Raasch is also a skilled website resource. Finally, Cindy noted that CDs are currently a good investment and suggested that MAG place \$2000 in a short-term CD.

Standing Committees

Mary and Linda clarified the bylaws interpretation of standing committees in conjunction with leadership roles currently listed on the website. It will be an evolving process as committee members and chairs determine organizational structure within each committee.

Board Meetings

Following discussion, it was determined that the board should meet on a regular basis. The bylaws currently state that board meetings shall be held prior to bimonthly member meetings, but doing so would not likely allow adequate time for attention to MAG business. It was agreed that the board should meet every other month (in between member meetings), with the option of reducing to quarterly meetings after one year. This would place the next board meeting in February. We can choose Tuesdays as in the past, or change the meeting to a different day. A February board meeting will be called for by the officers, at which time the board meeting schedule and possible bylaws amendment will be determined by vote.

UW Hospital MAG Exhibits

Marcia reported on the current donation procedure for artwork sales through the UW Hospital during MAG exhibits. She noted that artists now receive a “thank you” for their 20% donation of sales and are also told how and where their donation has been applied. Marcia reminded us that the hospital has been very accommodating to MAG over many years and that, perhaps, MAG should think about upping our donation amount. She suggested placing a special donation box at either drop off or pick up and encouraging members to make a free will donation in the amount of their choice. MAG could then earmark those funds to be applied to the Hospital Art Project. In addition, this donation would count toward our charitable donation obligation as a nonprofit organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by:

Colette Girard

Bylaws, final sections

Article VI: Voting Rights

- A. Artist Members in good standing have one vote and must be present at meetings to vote unless the vote is solicited online. Members will be notified ahead of time when there are significant issues to be presented at meetings which require a vote. However, issues may come up at bimonthly meetings that require voting, and these will not be pre-announced.

Article VII: Expectations of MAG Members

- A. As members of MAG, we respect the rights and sensibilities of fellow members which are essential to maintaining the purpose and spirit of this community. MAG seeks inclusion of all members in its activities as outlined above, and in return, the organization expects participation of its members. Volunteering for one event during each year of membership is required, and helps MAG maintain its activities and serve its members. Examples of volunteer service may include, but are not limited to, helping with art during the January Showcase or Summer Salon, serving on or chairing a committee, serving as an officer, coordinating a MAG show/exhibit, hosting an Art Night, or helping with or presenting a workshop or educational event.
- Article VIII: Meetings A. Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet prior to bimonthly membership meetings to discuss MAG business and at other times upon the call of the President or the request of any two officers.
- B. General Membership Meetings Bimonthly meetings of the membership are held starting in January each year. These meetings may be held in person or via virtual meeting technology. The purpose of these meetings is to conduct business of interest to the membership and necessary to the functioning of MAG.
- C. The MAG membership shall meet in person annually during the month of October (or other month if

necessary). The date, place, and agenda will be set by the Board of Directors and advance notice will be given to all members. The newest members of MAG are invited to attend, introduced, and given the opportunity to display and discuss their art, if desired. Article IX: Data Management A. The collection, storage, and use of information related to the operations and communications of Madison Art Guild, Inc. shall be held in the MAG Google Drive. Article X: Quorum A. For purposes of voting, a quorum shall be considered as one-half of the attending members, plus one. Article XI: Amendments to Bylaws A. The Bylaws will be amended when changes have been recommended or are necessary due to changes in Madison Art Guild, Inc. operations. B. Any Artist Member can recommend a change to the Bylaws, which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and presented to membership.

- C. Bylaws changes must be approved by a quorum vote of membership at any annual or bimonthly meeting called by the President. Members must be provided with a copy of the Bylaws ahead of time for review and allowed questions and/or discussion prior to voting.
- D. The Bylaws may be officially amended with changes after approval by the membership via quorum vote.

Article XII: Authorized Use of the Madison Art Guild, Inc. Name

- A. Madison Art Guild, Inc. is a registered legal name and is to be used only by its members and representatives of MAG-sponsored activities sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
- B. MAG members participating in Board-approved events, shows, and exhibits may advertise such shows, events, and exhibits using the name of Madison Art Guild.
- C. MAG members participating in non-MAG Board approved events, shows, and exhibits may not use the name Madison Art Guild in their advertising.
- D. Misrepresentation of the Madison Art Guild name and purpose could lead to termination of membership privileges and loss of dues.

Article XIII: Procedures for Disciplinary Action toward a MAG Member

- A. Infractions of MAG rules by a member or members will be documented and reviewed by the Board of Directors.
- B. Infractions of MAG rules consist of, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Not following exhibit or special events guidelines.
 - 2. Disregarding the direction and/or decisions of the Board of Directors of MAG.
 - 3. Engaging in behavior toward a fellow member that discredits the mission and purpose of the Madison Art Guild, Inc.
 - 4. Conduct that harms the good name and/or upstanding history of MAG.
- C. The Board of Directors, upon review of a member's infraction and frequency, may choose to impose a penalty on the member or revoke their membership.

Email Request Form

Do you need to send out information to the general membership? To avoid confusion, please make sure you use the [Email Request Form](#) on the [Members Page](#) of the website. Using the form ensures that your request goes to the right person. Please submit your request at least a week ahead of when you would like it to go out so the volunteer has ample time to set it up. Thanks!

MAG on Social Media

Have something you would like announced on social media? Please email sm@madisonartguild.com.

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.

Newsletter Submission Policy

The Madison Art Guild newsletter is intended to be a source of information for members about the activities of the organization. As such, we do not include personal advertisement of upcoming shows or items for sale.

Please use our 'Members Only' Facebook page for this.

MAG Calendar 2025

January	Art Night	MAG Membership Meeting	January Showcase
February	Art Night	Artful Gathering	Goodman Community Center Show
March	Art Night	MAG Membership Meeting	
April	Art Night	Artful Gathering	
May	Art Night	MAG Membership Meeting	Middleton Art Walk
June	Art Night	Artful Gathering	Summer Salon
July	Art Night	MAG Membership Meeting	Summer Salon, Art Fair on the Square, Firefly Coffeehouse Show
August	Art Night	Artful Gathering	Firefly Coffeehouse Show, MAG Picnic
September	Art Night	MAG Membership Meeting	Paoli Art in the Park
October	Art Night	Artful Gathering	MAG Annual Dinner
November	Art Night	MAG Membership Meeting	
December	Art Night	Artful Gathering	