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Vice President: open

Secretary: Colette Girard & Cindy

Koshalek

Treasurer: Mary Reines

Past President: Linda Krantz

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April 19. Summer Salon registration starts

May 10. Summer Salon registration ends

May 31. Summer Salon art drop-off

June. Summer Salon reception, date TBA

July 13. Summer Salon gathering

July 26. Summer Salon art pick-up



Welcome!

Pam Bleimehl has expressed a desire to fill the currently vacant position of president.

Leon Barrett is interested in taking on the position of vice-president.

Thank you for stepping up!

Art Night!

This month's Art Night will be held at 6:30 on Thursday, February 13 at Jennifer Angelo's home. The address is 310 N Yellowstone Dr

If you are looking at apartments, you are on Yellowstone, not North Yellowstone Dr.

608 213 9763

jangelo@jangelo.com

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.

We are sorry that a medical emergency required the cancellation of January's art night at the home of Shannon Clayton. Feel better soon, Shannon!

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

February: Jennifer Angelo

August: Dee Relyea

March: open

September: open

April: Pamela Bleimehl

October: open

May: Elizabeth Shaw Neviaser

November: open

June: James Shulkin

December: open

July: open

January: open

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.

March Member Meeting

The next bimonthly members meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30pm via zoom.

The link will be published in the March newsletter.

Summer Salon

Announcing the biggest MAG event of the year: **Summer Salon Exhibit**

The annual exhibit at University Hospital

May 31 through July 26, 2025

Important Dates

Registration Begins: April 19

Registration Ends: May 10

Drop Off of Artwork: May 31

Reception/Awards Celebration: TBA (mid-June)

Gathering (new event) University Hospital MAG Exhibit: July 13

Pick Up: July 26 (All artwork must be picked up this date)

Look for more information in your email in March.

Volunteers are needed in all areas - more to come on details. If you volunteered last year, come on back. You have the experience. Let others know how easy and enjoyable it was to be a part of the production of this major MAG event.

Questions or to volunteer Salon@madisonartguild.com or Marcia Nelson <mailto:mjnelson7@wisc.edu>

Art Night Host for March Needed

As of this writing, nobody has volunteered to host Art Night in March. If you would like to volunteer your home or workspace for a gathering of 6-12 members, please email Linda at newsletter@madisonartguild.com

Goodman Center Show

The annual MAG show at the Ballweg Gallery of the Goodman Community Center runs from February 1-28.

For those of you who submitted work, drop off your work: noon to 1:30pm on **Saturday, February 1**.

Art will be available for pick-up at noon on **Saturday, March 1**. The reception will be held 6-8pm on **Friday,**

February 7 in the Ballweg Gallery in the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street

Madison, WI 53704.

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

January 14, 2024 Member Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Jill Cori Lippert, Marcia Nelson, Karen Faller, Shevanthi Hettiarachchi, Jennifer Angelo, Theresa Drinka, Ann Kleckner, Cindy Koshalek, Pamela Bleimehl, Pao Shan, Jane Foos, Leon Barrett, Alex Andros, Mary Reines, Nancy Mather, Joanne Bernardi, Shannon Clayton, Linda Krantz, Dee Relyea, Colette Girard

With the position of President currently vacant, tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Co-Secretary, Cindy Koshalek. Cindy asked for any corrections to, or comments on the minutes from MAG's November 12th, 2024, Member Meeting. Since none were offered, a motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Reines reported that we ended the year with about \$1800 more in cash than we did in 2023. This will allow us extra funds for projects such as an upgrade to the website, etc.

Zoom

Karen Faller has set up a new MAG Zoom account that will soon be accessible for use by Officers and Committee Chairs. A Zoom “how to” orientation is forthcoming. We are fortunate that Karen has offered to donate hundreds of lanyards to be used by MAG members at art fairs and saved us the expense of new purchases.

New Officer Candidates Introduction

As candidates for president, Pam Bleimehl provided a brief background statement and expressed her desire to fill the currently vacant position. Leon Barrett stated his candidacy for the position of vice-president and also shared his background. Once these candidates are approved at the next Board Meeting, the membership will be invited to vote.

January Showcase

Nancy Mather provided an update. 110 pieces were entered into the January Showcase exhibit held at the UW Hospital, with most members entering two pieces of art. Nancy reported that, due to current building construction, MAG’s artwork was more dispersed than usual which actually offers greater visibility within the hospital. Artwork pick-up date is Saturday, Feb 1st, from 9-10:30am.

Salon

Marcia Nelson reported that salon drop-off would take place on Saturday, May 31st, from 9-10:30am and that pick up was scheduled for Saturday, July 26th, also from 9-10:30am. A date and location for the awards reception is still pending.

Goodman Center Exhibit

Alex Andros reported that she had received only 15 entries compared to 28 from last year. Her hope for 2026 is to coordinate timing with the January Showcase, so that the exhibits do not overlap. She described the exhibit as a relaxed, non-juried show that would be particularly comfortable for newly minted artists. During discussion, mention was made that a glitch apparently existed with the current registration process since some members received failure notices and were unable to enter their artwork. Alex will make necessary corrections, send out a blast email reminder and, if necessary, extend the registration deadline.

Lottery

Colette Girard reported that the second lottery drawing (planned for tonight’s meeting) was unnecessary since only one new entry was received over the course of two email reminders. At present, all spots are filled but we have only one alternate for AFOS and none for Middleton or Paoli. Discussion focused on why turnout for the lottery was so sparse and on ways to improve. Suggestions included relaxing the standards for inclusion, dropping the wait period between show participation, maintaining requirements but dropping the Middleton show

which has not been a high sales event. It was mentioned that while four artists to a tent instead of five might be more appealing for artists, the cost for each artist would then be increased. The possibility of MAG subsidizing extra cost for less participants was questioned. All three venues will take place as planned for 2025. Owen Gwynne coordinates AFOS; Mary McCormick Wixson coordinates Paoli; and Middleton will work together as a group with Merikay Payne handling registration and paperwork. An Arts Fair Chair is needed for the 2026 season.

Old Business

Dee Relyea reported that she and 3 other members will meet as a committee via zoom next Thursday to discuss progress on new MAG brochures. Their goal is to have these ready before the Spring Shows begin. Cindy asked to be included in that group.

Karen Faller addressed the issue of updating our website and shared that she is getting quotes which would keep WordPress as our platform. Regarding the maintenance of membership lists, it would be more efficient to create a membership platform which simplifies and eliminates extra steps that currently slow down the process and sometimes result in errors. This more automated platform could also be of benefit to new member listings, but there would be an added cost associated with this addition.

A motion to adjourn was made, and seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

The next MAG Member Meeting will be held on March 11th, at 6:30pm.

Submitted by Colette Girard

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

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

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	
January	Art Night	MAG Membership Meeting	January Showcase