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December 1. Goodman Center Show deadline

December 5. Artful Gathering

December 12. Art Night

December 30. January Showcase deadline

January 6. January Showcase drop off

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February 3. January Showcase pick up

Note from the President

This being the holiday season, a season of enchantment, I started thinking about creativity as a force of enchantment...a magical process, as it were. For example, we could define magic as something that manifests out of somewhere, but we have no idea where or how. I am talking here of magical occurrences in our lives, not the magic of a David Copperfield.

In a similar vein, where is it that ideas come from, and where do they live? They are an energetic life form that need a human to make them manifest, for ideas collaborate with us and ask to be 'escorted out of the ether and into the realm of the actual'*. Ideas can be persistent when we ignore them, tapping us incessantly on the shoulder or waving their arms to get our attention. But have you noticed when we ignore a big idea that someone else 'catches' it?

But what happens when we allow an idea to work us over? Many times, we get physical reactions - butterflies in the stomach, tingling spine, general buzz - as the idea begins to seemingly organize the world around us so that we keep seeing various signs telling us why our idea is a good one. It might wake you up in the middle of the night, or steal daydream time as you play with the thought of it. These are all examples of magic happening as we toy with an idea...precursor magic that leads us to respond with a yes or no.

This season of enchantment is perfect for playing with, and responding to, your magical ideas.

~Linda

*from Big Magic by Elizabeth Gilbert

Art Night!

Art Night will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 6 to 8 pm at the home of Pamela Bleimehl, 9018 Royal Oaks Circle, Verona, WI 53593. Please note that it is a condo community, so please do not block driveways. You're welcome to park in my driveway however.

Please be vaccinated and boosted. Bring art you'd like feedback on or want to share with the group. Please bring a snack or beverage to share.

Please consider opening your home for an Art Night in January. 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.

Tentative Future Art Night Schedule

December: Pam Bleimehl

January: open

February: Jennifer Angelo

March: Jennifer Knollenberg

April: open

May: Ann Kleckner

June: Amanda Basich Kron

July: James Shulkin

August: open

September: open

October: Kimberly Eitland

November: 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.

Thank you to Linda Krantz for hosting Art Night in November!

MAG Bimonthly Membership Meeting

The next bimonthly members' meeting will be held on January 9, 2024 at 6:30 via zoom. The Zoom link for the meeting will be in the January newsletter.

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

Goodman Community Center member show

Please remember to submit your work by Friday December 1st!

MAG does an annual show at the Ballweg Gallery located within the Goodman Neighborhood Center located on the east side of Madison. There is no specific theme. Our show title will be "Madison Art Guild: A Community of Artists 2024".

Submissions are due midnight Friday December 1st

How: Please send 2-3 art images, information about the art (title, media, and dimensions of each art piece), your name and contact information (preferred phone and email address, artist website, and any social media), to Alexandra Andros at pamaandros@gmail.com. Although I will do my best, space is limited so I cannot ensure that everyone will be able to participate in the show. Each participating artist may have 1 or 2 pieces in the show, depending on space and how things fit together into one cohesive show. I will compile everything into one application for the gallery. There will an opening reception, date and time yet to be determined.

Please keep in mind that the gallery is located along a wall of a corridor in an active community center. MAG and the Goodman Center cannot guarantee the safety of your work.

See this link for more about the gallery- <https://www.goodmancenter.org/community-services/ballweg-gallery>

Questions? Contact Alex at pamaandros@gmail.com

MAG Artful Gathering

We are in need of members to host Artful Gatherings in February, April, June, etc. Please consider teaching a technique, doing a demo or gathering with other members who work in the same medium for a discussion with members about your work. There are some options for spaces if you need one. Reach out to president@madisonartguild.com

December Artful Gathering:

ART FAIR PANEL DISCUSSION Tuesday, December 5th 6:30-8:30 Goodman Community Center

214 Waubesa St., Madison 53704

Note room change: Evjue Room

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.

We hope to see you there!

January Showcase

It's not too early to start thinking about which art piece to show in 2024. MAG members are invited to enter for this one-month exhibit in January at UW Hospital. It is a highly trafficked venue so it will increase our exposure in the community. Registration forms will be sent out December 7. Please look in your email for it.

DEADLINE- DECEMBER -30

DROP OFF- JANUARY- 6,

PICKUP- FEBRUARY- 3rd

Instructions will follow registration.

Each artist may enter one piece.

Any questions please email Janshowcase@madisonartguild.com

Attic Angel Opportunity

Attic Angel Assisted Living has reached out to MAG to inquire if there are any artists who are willing to come give a talk and share their artwork with some residents in their studio.

About Attic Angel:

"Attic Angel Community provides high-quality services in a caring and personalized atmosphere that respects the dignity, encourages the independence and enhances the quality of life of each resident."

This is a great opportunity for MAG community outreach!

Please contact Katie Sauer, Attic Angel Art Coordinator, if you are interested

Kaitie.sauer@atticangel.org

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 filled

Please join me in extending a warm welcome and huge thank you to Mary McCormick-Wixson for joining the Summer Salon team as co-chair. Mary will be working with Marcia Nelson on MAG's annual Summer Salon, an event that has a long history with the Madison Art Guild.

MAG Annual Membership Meeting Minutes



October 25 Dinner/Annual Meeting. Secretary Notes submitted by Cynthia Koshalek.

37 members were present. Many were new members.

7:05 pm President Linda Krantz opened the meeting and introduced herself.

She explained that MAG has a proud history since 1914.

To get the most out of MAG you should;

- 1) Read the Newsletter
- 2) Come to Art Night
- 3) Attend a Member Meeting
- 4) Go to Artful Gatherings such as the upcoming Panel Discussion on Dec. 5th
- 5) Be added to the Membership List.
- 6) Volunteer.
- 7) Follow the MAG Facebook and Instagram pages
- 8) Speak Up, Teach, Host, and Bring new ideas

Introduction of the new Members and presentations of their art forms.

44 Artists applied for membership. 32 Artists were juried in.

8:00 pm Linda ended the meeting

MAG Bimonthly Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023 via Zoom

Present: Linda Krantz, Cynthia Koshalek, Colette Girard, Marcia Nelson, Mary McCormick Wixson Kel Mur, Jill, Jennifer, Ann, Owen Gwynne, Grace Minesinger, Theresa Drinka, Emily Schroeder, Ann Kleckner, Nancy Mather, Chris Echtner, Hanna Bruer, Tom Kuchenbecker and Martha Fitzmier.

6:31 pm President Linda Krantz called the meeting to order.

Approval of October minutes: Colette added one correction. Linda K. made a motion to approve the minutes

Mary M. W. - First

Jennifer – Second

Reports - Linda K.

Current Membership is at 145

Bylaws - Linda K.

Meetings were held over the summer. Board members and the leadership team have received a copy of the draft bylaw changes and a guide to the proposed changes.

Treasurer's Report - Mary R. Read by Linda K. With the renewal of dues and new member dues, we are \$1,500 over last year's budget. We are good financially.

January Showcase - Nancy M. Marcia will be helping with the Showcase at the UW Hospital. More Information will be forthcoming.

Summer Salon - Colette and Marcia N.

Colette introduced Mary McCormick Wixson as her salon Successor. Mary has a good background for taking over the position. She is a member of the Watercolor Society and has served as Secretary for the past three years. She already has the key to the Storage unit. Salon is June 1 - July 27. More Information will come out in March. Reception may be on a Sunday. Judges, prizes and ribbons are being discussed.

Electronic Storage- Linda K

Need Electronic copies to cut back on paper in storage. Will reach out to Karen.

Oct 25 - Annual Dinner & Meeting - Cynthia K

37 Members attended. Most were new members. Dinner was held at Imperial Gardens. Meeting, introduction of new

Members, and Door Prizes all went well.

MAG Art Night - Linda K

Next MAG art night is at Linda's house on Nov. 16.

Panel Discussion - Chris E.

Goodman Center - Dec. 5

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Discussion panel is about Art Fairs. Panel is made up of members who have a variety of experiences.

Moderator -Theresa Drinka

Panelists -Chris Echtner, Karen Watson Newlin, Kerri Shannon and Ailene Musa

Discussion has 4 Segments -

- 1) So you want to do an art fair?
- 2) Getting Ready
- 3) Applying To Shows
- 4) The Show/ Your Booth

Starts with a 10 - 15-minute power Point followed by questions and answers. Will it be on videotape?

Questions can be submitted ahead of time.

Art Fair Directory - Tom K.

Putting together an Art Fair directory which includes 26 Local Art shows, 14 smaller Craft shows, and 4 Fine Art shows. Also includes info on "Where do you display your art in the Community".

MAG Logo - Linda K.

Kimberly E. has created a combined MAG logo/QR code that members can put on their own website.

Next Board Meeting is Jan 9, 2024. 6:30pm via Zoom

7:04 pm - Linda K moves to adjourn the meeting

Marcia - First

Chris - Second

Meeting is Adjourned

