Dear MAA Members,

I’m excited about the start of our new year of creating art and sharing it with those around us. One of the things I like best about MAA is the encouragement and support our members give to one another, enabling each of us to continue to grow as artists.

The Wednesday open studios and classes MAA sponsors at the Community Y are starting up again. We are looking for new ideas for using this space. Let me know if you have an activity you are interested in and we’ll see if together we can make it happen.

We have great demonstrations scheduled for our monthly meetings and a number of member exhibitions planned throughout the year. Please visit our website on a regular basis to find out about MAA sponsored events as well as other artistic opportunities in our area.

I want to thank all of our officers, board, and committee members for their dedicated service, and encourage all our members to get involved this coming year - it’s a great way to get to know one another.

Keep on creating! -

Carolyn Gimbrone, MAA President

“All I did was to look at what the universe showed me, to let my brush bear witness to it.” - Claude Monet

Annual Members’ Show at MCC on Main

Every summer we look forward to our exhibit at Manchester Community College. This year we celebrated a new venue for this exhibit. On June 27 the exhibit opened in the Dehn Gallery, located at MCC on Main, the college’s new arts and education center on Main Street in downtown Manchester. The exhibit ran through August 3, 2013.

The opening reception on Thursday, June 27th featured great art, great food, and great music. It was very well attended with Larry Ruhl and Ellen Iovino of “We Got Rhythm!” providing the lively entertainment.

Thank you to Carolyn Gimbrone and Lois Ryan, who co-chaired the show. Susan Classen-Sullivan curated the show. Susan did a beautiful job of hanging over one hundred pieces of artwork representing 55 MAA artists.
10th Annual Members Art Exhibition

MAA's 10th Annual Members Art Exhibition is being held at South Windsor Public Library from September 30th through October 30th. Forty members have displayed 74 pieces of art. This is an all-medium exhibition with craft entries in the front display case. Thank you to our co-chairs, Nancy McIntire, Terri Butler, and Robin Simpson. And also thank you to Eric Vogel for his help.

The Opening Reception and Award Ceremony was Sunday, October 6th. Our sincere thanks to the show's judge, Jan Blencowe. Her glowing comments for the winners and the show as a whole were very insightful: "...It is my pleasure to say that the artists represented in this exhibit show both a seriousness of purpose in their work and a level of creativity and exploration that is exciting and refreshing...It is good to see traditional work, thoughtful contemporary pieces, photography, and lesser known media like cut paper, printmaking, and assembled pieces given an equal place. This balanced mix creates an exhibit that is varied, lively, and a pleasure to view."

During the jury process Ms. Blencowe provided valuable feedback to all the participants by jotting down a comment for each piece exhibited—these can be read in their entirety in a binder at the entrance of the show. The pick up for the show will be Wednesday, October 30th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

The winners are:

**Best in Show**

Jerry Madara

“Love on the Rocks 2” (Acrylic)

**WATERCOLOR**

1st Place Carolyn Emerson
2nd Place Grace Tedford
3rd Place Rosalind Carter
Hon. Mention Penny Brandt

“Subway Piper”
“The Big Wave”
“Jazzy Jumbo”
“This Old Tree”

**ACRYLIC**

1st Place Veronique Fournier-Wynne
2nd Place Micheline Champagne
3rd Place Naomi Zima
Hon. Mention Pat Balsieper

“The Complexity of Life”
“Garden of Roses”
“After the Fire”
“Open Field”

**OILS**

1st Place Nancy McIntire
2nd Place Linda Lilling
3rd Place Terri Butler
Hon. Mention Judy Burnham

“Twilight Glow”
“Cobalt Blue”
“Harvest Bound”
“The Mill”

**PASTELS**

1st Place Christine Larson
2nd Place Geri Knafel (Jeremy)
3rd Place Eric Vogel
Hon. Mention Lorraine Fox Costanzo

“Walled City”
“Biking the Windsor Locks Canal”
“May at Wickham Park”
“Sunning on the Bed”

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

1st Place Lorraine Fox Costanzo
2nd Place Michael Simonds
3rd Place Mike Garcia
Hon. Mention Doris Phillips

“Autumn Leaves”
“Carpe Diem”
“Winnipesaukee at Night”
“Master Weaver”

**ALL OTHER**

1st Place Judith Goldstein
2nd Place William Oellers
3rd Place Joyce Armentano
Hon. Mention Robin Simpson

“Sea Man” (Graphite)
“Storks on Their Nest” (Cut Paper)
“Squash” (Colored Pencil)
“Crazy Cat” (Fused Glass)
Past Exhibits at Manchester Town Hall

We are well on our way with our new single medium exhibits at Town Hall. Unlike our other exhibits, where artists may only enter one or two pieces, the single medium shows allow members to show a larger body of their work.

MAA’s 9th Annual Art and Photography Show at Manchester Town Hall was April 2nd through May 31st. Twenty-eight artists contributed 48 pieces, including paintings, stained glass, fused glass, photography, cut paper, wood sculpture and mixed media pieces. Our thanks to Helena Deary and Ann Martell who co-chaired the show.

In July, ten MAA artists exhibited 30 pieces in an exhibit of Acrylic and Oil paintings. Nancy McIntire and Doris Phillips co-chaired. The artists were Nancy McIntire, Micheline Champagne, Mary Wolff, Sara Reid, Patricia Ballisieper, Neil Monteserin, Doris Phillips, Jerry Madara, Judy Burnham and Helena Deary.

Nine MAA watercolorists exhibited at Manchester Town Hall, August 1 through September 30th. The chair for this exhibit was Geri Knafel. Included in the exhibit were 24 paintings by the following artists: Jeremy (Geri Knafel), Jeffrey Blazejovsky, Penny Brandt, Judy Burnham, Carolyn Emerson, Natasha Piendel, Betty Rousseau, Robin Simpson and Emily Beckwith.

SHOW IN THE PARK 2013

The following is the list of winners at the 2013 Show In The Park held on Sunday June 2. The judges were Amy Burris (Arts) and Cheryl Ann Ray (Crafts).

BEST IN SHOW: Ellen Dougan

ARTS
1st Place - Jared and Anna Simpson
2nd Place - Steve Sottile
3rd Place - Pat Tanger
Honorable Mention - Alice Porter-Flagg

CRAFTS
1st Place - Robin Simpson
2nd Place - Nancy Butler
3rd Place - Jenine Glatzer-Wicks
Honorable Mention - Olga Morris and Eileen Kross

MAA MEMBER TENT
1st Place - Emilie Beckwith
2nd Place - Helena Deary
3rd Place - Naomi Zima
Honorable Mention - Carolyn Emerson

Attention Members!
If you have any news, please let us know about it so it can be inserted into the next newsletter.
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Show in the Park Co-Chairs - Open  
Nominations - Open

MAA Meetings at The Arbors

Membership fees:

- Individuals 18+ years of age are $30/yr.
- Family membership for a couple with children under the ages of 18 for $40/yr.
- Individuals under the age of 18 may join for free.
- NEW! Student $20/yr.

MAA meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month from September to May at The Arbors 403 West Center Street, Manchester at 7:00 pm.

Studio space available

$5.00 a day!  
Come paint with other artists

Gallery East and Studio  
464 East Center Street  
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Call Terri Butler for available days and times (860)-463-6634

Fall 2013 Demonstrations

On, September 18th, our guest artist, Jeff Kern shared his techniques and inspired us all with the use of water miscible oil paints.

The October 16th meeting will feature a demonstration by multiple award-winning artist William McCarthy. His work has been described as luminous, mysterious and surprising. In this demonstration, he will show us how he uses memory and imagination in creating paintings that “evoke a subtle variation of light and atmosphere”.

On November 20th, MAA member Steve Sottile will demonstrate types of print making and how to incorporate them with various art mediums.

December 18th will be our yearly Holiday Gathering.

www.ManchesterArt.org
Open Studio at the Community Y

Our popular open studios started Wednesday, September 11th from 10 am to 3 pm and will continue throughout the school year (one exception -- no open studio October 9th due to the Janet Rogers workshop).

Members and friends meet on the second floor of the Community Y (78 N. Main St) in the large room to work on their art in the company of fellow artists. Drop-in whenever you can – you don’t have to stay for the entire time. Bring something you’d like to work on and your lunch and/or snacks. We provide coffee and tea. It’s a lot of fun to support one another and devote some time each week to your artwork.

Through Carolyn Emerson’s efforts additional lighting was recently added to this room, making it a great place to work.

If you have any questions about the open studios please call Carolyn Emerson (860-432-3561). We hope to see you there!

Janet Rogers Workshop

This October 7 - 11, MAA sponsored its first workshop in the newly renovated studio space at the Community Y. Many thanks to Carolyn Emerson for organizing the week-long workshop and improving the space with additional lighting and tables.

Renowned guest artist, Janet Rogers, is well known for her sensitive portraits of women and children, as well as her expressive floral paintings. The focus of the workshop will be “Flowers and Portraits in Watercolor.”

Do you know an artist you would like to work with? Talk to Carolyn Gimbrone or Carolyn Emerson if you would like to volunteer to organize a workshop.

Watercolor Class

MAA will be offering a 6-week BEGINNING WATERCOLOR CLASS (taught by Carolyn Emerson), Wednesdays, October 16 - November 20, 12 - 3 pm at the Community Y, 78 North Main St, Manchester. The cost is $40, payable at the first session. Proceeds to go toward improving MAA Open Studio space.

Those interested may sign up on a first come - first served basis at cvemerson@cox.net or (860-432-3561). Class size will be limited to the first 12 people who register. (An intermediate class will follow in January.)

This basic course will acquaint participants with the medium and help them become comfortable with its application through demonstration and practice. Beginning with washes, we’ll move on to simple elements of landscape and still life.

For detailed information and a supply list, go to our website: www.manchesterart.org.

Several MAA members will be teaching classes this fall.

Robin Simpson is teaching “Fused Glass” at Marlborough Arts Center. The class will be held either Wed, Oct 16th or Thurs, Oct 17th from 6:30 - 9 pm. A minimum number of students is required to hold the class. Before registering, please contact Bonnie Desaulnier (bonniedesa@gmail.com) at Marlborough Arts Center with your preferred date. Class is limited to 6 students. For more information, see marlborougharts.org or the MAA website.

Natasha Piendel and Judith Goldstein are both teaching classes through MCC’s Continuing Education Program. For more information see the MCC catalog or the MAA website.

Natasha Piendel will be teaching the following classes: “Retrain Your Brain and Become an Artist,” 6 Tuesdays, Sept 24 - Oct 29, 6:30 - 9 pm; and “Learn to Draw Portraits,” 6 Mondays, Nov 4 - Dec 9, 6:30 - 9 pm.

Judith Goldstein will be teaching the following classes: “A Beginner’s Introduction to Creating Silver Jewelry with PMC,” 2 Mondays, Sept 23 - Sept 30, 6:30 -10 pm; “Chaining I: Create a Beautiful Gold-Toned, Bronze Bracelet,” 1 Wed, Oct 9, 6 - 10 pm; and “Create a Pure Silver Origami Crane Ornament: The Symbol of Hope,” 2 Tuesdays, Oct 22, 7 - 10 pm (first session) - Oct 29, 7 -9:30 pm (second session).
Grace Tedford and Dorothy Hall showed their work in The Artists of Bolton’s 7th Annual Art Show in May presented by the Bolton Land Trust.

In May, members of MAA joined St. Bart’s Church on a bus trip to see the exhibit, “Impressionism, Fashion, and Modernity.” Thank you to Penny Brandt for organizing the trip.


In May, Judith E. Goldstein taught a jewelry workshop, “Create a Stylish Metal Necklace,” at the Vernon Community Arts Center. Students created a contemporary, abstract necklace using jewelry jump rings and “O” rings.

Pat Trapp had three paintings juried into The Vernon Community Arts Center 2nd Annual Juried Show which took place in June.

Carolyn Emerson’s painting: “First Frost,” won 2nd place in the Connecticut Watercolor Society 73rd Annual Exhibition. The June show was held at the John Slade Ely House, 51 Tumble St., New Haven.

Several MAA members participated in Woodland Gardens’ Thursday-Evenings-in-the-Garden series last May and June. In May, Nancy Mader, Sue Hollister and Pat Trapp were featured artists. Pat Trapp demonstrated pastels at the May 16th event. Sue Hollister showed her jewelry and stained glass boxes, and demonstrated jewelry making at the May 23rd event. Nancy Mader exhibited her photography at the June 6th event.

Joyce Armentano, Olivia Golas, Penny Brandt, Nancy Madar, Susan Aitner and Jessica Marin Feliciano participated in the June 13th event.

In June, Lynn Sottile was inducted into Manchester Arts Commission’s Arts Hall of Fame in recognition of the contributions Lynn has made over the years to local organizations through her graphic arts. Our thanks to Lynn for her great work on MAA’s newsletters!

Jean Wright, past MAA President, was also inducted into the Manchester Arts Hall of Fame in honor of her contributions to the community.

Chris Chaffin won first place in the Manchester Arts Commission wood sculpture contest in June. His winning entry, Silkworm, was carved from a tree that came down in the October 2011 snow storm. The tree had stood by the town hall. Chris’ sculpture will be on display at Manchester Town Hall for a year.

Steve Sottile won second place in the contest. See the MAA website for links to articles about Chris and Steve.

Eric Vogel was juried into the Connecticut Pastel Society’s Biennial Juried Member’s Exhibition “Purely Pastel!” in June. The exhibit was held at The Gallery at Hartford Fine Art, 80 Pitkin St, East Hartford.

Chris Chaffin, Pat Ballsieper, Penny Brandt and Pat Trapp were among the artists who participated in Imagine Main Street First Thursday Happenings this summer. In June, Pat Trapp painted outside Salon Petite. In July, Penny Brandt and Pat Ballsieper demonstrated outside Katherine’s Hair Design. Chris Chaffin was nearby finishing an amazing table on which to display his turtle sculpture “Myrtle.”

Pat Ballsieper (top) and Chris Chaffin at Imagine Main Street

Linda Lilling, Nancy McIntyre and Carolyn Emerson continue to exhibit and sell their work at Maple and Main in Chester, CT. Chris Chaffin joined them this summer as one of four featured sculptors in Maple & Main’s Summer Show. His turtle sculpture “Myrtle” debuted atop the table he worked on at the July Imagine Main event.

Steve Sottile was the featured artist at the August 4th “First Sunday at 4” Pop-up Art Café at the East Side Neighborhood Resource Center, aka the Spruce Street Fire House, 153 Spruce Street. Steve demonstrated the “Provincetown Woodcut” and black and white print coloring techniques. Steve and his work were also featured in articles in the Courant and the Reminder. See the MAA website for links.

This summer, Helena Deary and Jessica Marin Feliciano joined Joyce Armentano, Terri Butler, Olivia Golas and Sara Reid as partners at Gallery East.

Steve Sottile, First Sunday at 4

Penny Brandt was one of the plein air painters at “Artists Day” at Fish Family Farm on Sunday, August 25th.

Debbie Temple and Pat Trapp each had two paintings in the Members Tent at the Glastonbury “On The Green” Fine Art & Craft Show on the Hubbard Green September 7th and 8th.

Congratulations to Joyce Armentano, Terri Butler, Helena Deary, Jessica Marin Feliciano, Olivia Golas and Sara Reid of Gallery East. Their Fine Art Show took place in The Friends Gallery, South Windsor Public Library, September 4th - 29th.

New member Tania Palermo, a photographer, recently opened a business in town which includes massage therapy, a portrait/lifestyle photography service and a small art gallery/gift shop. Her gallery is hosted a show for MAA, “Mini Masterpieces,” which included 5 MAA artists. The show ran from September 10th through October 10th. For more information about Tania see the MAA website.

Chris Chaffin is working with Imagine Main Street to develop “Young@Art,” a youth art center in Manchester. The Courant featured an article about the project. See the MAA website for links.

Pat Trapp has two pieces in the Members Show in Marlborough, September 21st through October 27th.

Jeff Blazejovsky had one of his watercolors, “Memories of Japan and Korea, Tribute to My Dad,” accepted into the Members Exhibition at the New Britain Museum of American Art. The exhibit runs from October 12 - 27. The Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony is Sunday, October 13 from 1 - 2:30 pm. Jeff is also pursuing children’s book illustration.

One of Nancy McIntyre’s paintings will be on the cover of an issue of the Reminder Gold Pages (Willimantic/Putnam issue). This will be her third Reminder cover. Two of her paintings were previously chosen for the Manchester issue in 2012 and 2009.

Chris Chaffin will be taking part in the next two Ellington Farmer’s Market’s on Oct 12th & 19th.
Current Exhibits

Be sure to see MAA's 10th Annual Members Art Exhibition at South Windsor Public Library in the Friend's Room. The show runs from September 30th through October 30th. For more on this show, see page 2.

As part of MAA's new single medium show schedule at Manchester Town Hall, the annual show with the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee is Nature Photography. The show runs from October 3rd through December 3rd.

Eleven members of Manchester Art Association – Susan Aitner, Pat Ballsieper, Lorraine Fox Costanzo, Nijole Currie, Michael Garcia, Bonnie Lindland, Joe Madar, Nancy Madar, Sandra Margolis, Doris Phillips, and Naomi Zima — and 7 photographers representing the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee — Cynthia Barlow, Susan Barlow, Jeff Feldmann, Keith Lewis, Mark Keating, Cynthia Smith, and Doug Smith— contributed 53 pieces to the show.

Many thanks to MAA co-chairs Nijole Currie and Nancy Madar, who coordinated with the President of the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee, Doug Smith. Also many thanks to MAA President, Carolyn Gimbrone for her help in curating the show.

The Opening Reception was Thursday, October 10. The pickup will be Tuesday, December 3rd from 9 - 11 am.

MAA also has an ongoing exhibit of member’s work at the Gallery at Manchester Memorial Hospital (across from the cafeteria). Check the website for news about the next change-out.

Art of the Month Winners

Our thanks to our September demonstrator Jeff Kern for being our judge. The winning artists and pieces, and their locations from September 18th - October 16th, are the following:

1st “Sea Lion, Galapagos Islands” (photography) Doris Phillips – Mary Cheney Library
2nd “The Valley Farm” (watercolor) Betty Rousseau – the Arbors
3rd “Contrails over Newport Harbor” (oil) Jean Bates-Warren – First Niagara Bank on Main St.
2nd Hon. Mention “Discover your Imagination” (mixed media) Jessica Feliciano – Whiton Library

Exhibit Opportunities

The gallery at Katherine's Hair Design has been a great location for MAA artists to show and sell their artwork. Kathy Kamerer always welcomes new artists to join those already exhibiting. Call Kathy at the salon if you would like to join them. The number is 860-643-1726. Please know that a commission is charged at this venue.

MAA’s Online Gallery

Consider exhibiting your artwork electronically in MAA’s online Gallery. The gallery has been updated with the names of the artists below each piece and the artwork organized alphabetically by artists’ last names. Have you seen the name of a fellow MAA artist, but can’t remember who they are or what they do? Look them up in the gallery. To have your work included in the online gallery, please e-mail a clear jpg photo of your work to maa@manchesterart.org. You may submit up to three pieces. Include your name, along with the title, medium and size of each piece.

Lorraine Fox Costanzo’s digitally enhanced photograph “Apple & Pears” is the newest work on MAA’s online Gallery

For additional exhibit opportunities

- go to manchesterart.org
- click on “What's New.” At the top of the next page,
- click on “Opportunities.” The list is updated as information becomes available.

Do you know of an opportunity? Send it to us!

For Exhibit Guidelines, see the website’s “Member” page.
Jessica Marin Feliciano and her mixed media creations

Joyce Armentano demonstrates colored pencil drawing

Pat Trapp demonstrates pastels on May 16th

Nancy Madar with her photography

Sue Hollister demonstrates making jewelry and exhibits her stained glass boxes on May 23rd

Penny Brandt sketches for a watercolor painting

Woodland Gardens’ Thursday-Evenings-in-the-Garden Events this past May and June