

**Manchester Art Association
Member Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2023**

OPENING: Carolyn Emerson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m, welcoming guests, new members and returning members. She explained the new "presentation person" format that we will be using of a different Board of Directors person each meeting for this year providing a smooth transition until the next president and vice president are elected. She noted we have added two new Board members, Tim Simoes and Adriana Young, for a full Board compliment.

She thanked the kitchen hostesses. Gail Crook will circulate a sign-up sheet for refreshments covering future meetings next month.

Carolyn then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Judy Burnham so moved, seconded by Chris Larson and so voted for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of our treasurer, Carolyn reported that we have a bit over \$18,000 on hand at this time. She warned that the balance will be about \$12,000 by the end of the year as we are not planning a major fundraiser this year. Also, we are trying to keep the cost of our workshops down to a more affordable fee.

ANNUAL BUDGET: Carolyn asked for a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Carolyn Gimbrone moved to accept the budget as presented; Emilie seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote confirmed acceptance of the budget.

MEMBERSHIP: Carolyn Gimbrone reported that we have 73 members as of this evening which includes six new members. She reminded the group that dues are currently payable for the 2023-2024 year.

WORKSHOPS: Emilie Beckwith offered that the next workshop is set for October 4 when Karen Israel will present a pastel class on adding figures to your paintings. November 8, Joe Burger is scheduled for a watercolor workshop. January, Scott Rhodes will present an Acrylic workshop and Poly Castor will present #2 and #3 in her abstract series in March 6 and April 3 respectively. Full details will be available in the Newsletters.

EXHIBITS: Janet Heller advised that we have two upcoming exhibits coming up rather quickly; the South Windsor 19th Annual Library Exhibit will be September 30 to October 30 with drop-off on Saturday, September 30 from 11:00 to 12:30. The reception will be on October 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will be judged by Susan Bosworth, with awards presented with comments at the

reception. Registration on line is open for this exhibit until September 27th. Space will be available in the glass cases for three-dimensional pieces.

The Town Hall change will be October 12 for the Oil & Acrylic exhibit. Drop-off will be that day from 11:00 – 12:30. Items from the pastel currently hanging show can be picked up at that time. Registration online is open for the upcoming show.

A change in the Town Hall exhibit rotation will begin with the upcoming exhibit, this becoming a two-month rotation of individual mediums and then two months of all member special themed shows. This schedule will still allow for the spring themed all member exhibit with a reception.

ART OF THE MONTH:

1st Place - Mary Bolash - My Aunt Tina's Beach - Watercolor - Mary Cheney Library
2nd Place - Austin Pouliot - IDK OK - Mixed Media - Winton Library

Display only - Joyce Erickson - Midnight Sky - Doll

DEMONSTRATION: Emilie introduced Karen Israel as our guest artist this evening. Karen is an internationally known pastelist who demonstrated placing figures into a painting. Our thanks to Karen for a masterful presentation of a difficult subject.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Burnham