

**Manchester Art Association  
Member Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2025  
Manchester Church of Christ**

**Opening:** Co-president Doris Phillips opened the meeting by welcoming all present, including the scholarship winners and their parents. She called for an approval vote of the April minutes that was given. She also referred to a soon to be released MAA Member Survey as a useful tool for the organization going forward and hoped that all would respond.

**Vote:** Doris turned the meeting over to Jim Oliphant who presented the new slate of Officers and Board Members for the 2025-2026 year. He called for a “show of hands vote” of those who had not already voted on line. The new Board, Officers, and committees were approved, among them Jim Oliphant who will be co-president with Doris. Doris thanked the current Board for their dedication.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer’s report was given by Sue Massé. She stated that the Anniversary fundraiser brought in \$2,671 for the Scholarship fund. She thanked Carolyn Emerson, Carolyn Gimbrone, Eric Vogel, and Chris Larson (all past presidents) for their valuable work to make the 75th Anniversary Celebration a success.

There is currently \$18,227.60 in the checking account.

Sue Massé informed us that 80% of our income comes through *online* purchases, whether it be membership or workshops, etc. This online income is subject to a small fee for processing. For example, if our membership fee of \$35 is paid online, MAA only receives about \$32. In order to compensate for the loss of income we would like to offer the option of members paying that additional processing fee charged by the credit card companies. This change to the website will be made by Chris Larson over the summer.

**Membership:** Carolyn Gimbrone and Karen Waggoner reported #99 members with an additional #2 being our high school scholarship winners. Note that membership runs through August.

**Exhibits:** Janet Heller announced that the current Town Hall show - Spring Into Summer - will be open until August 14th at which time the Oil and Acrylic Show will be hung.

**Workshops and Demos:** Emily Beckwith reported the following demos are slated for the Fall:

- **Sep. 18, 2025. Lisa Miceli. Drawing with stick & ink.**
- **Oct. 16, 2025. Howard Parks. Oil painting.**
- **Nov. 20, 2025. Bob Norieka. Pouring acrylic.**

**Scholarship Committee Presentations: Providing for the next Generation-**

The two scholarships this year were as follows:

- Justin Mangeo Roy of Manchester High School who will be attending The University of Hartford Art School. Justin shared a variety of art pieces, one a portrait, another a graphite drawing revealing the role that tennis plays in his life.
- Reshika Partheeban of South Windsor High School who will be attending The School of Visual Arts in NYC. She shared an art piece that reflected her passion for the power of story-based art.

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**Recognition Announcements:** Doris presented honorariums to two important MAA members who have worked selflessly in front of and behind the scenes year after year: Jerry Madera, our all-around graphics wizard and substitute demonstrator; and Sue Massé our president, co-president, website coordinator, social media maven, and treasurer! As this ends Sue's reign as co-president as she passed the Roberts Book of Rules to Jim Oliphant.

**Art of The Month:** Alexis Mitchell announced the winners chosen by Jane Penfield, our guest artist:

Name	Place	Venue	Artwork Name	Medium
Chris Larson	First	Arbors	Red Roofs	Oil
Janet Heller	Second	Cheney Library	Fish Family Farm	Watercolor
Dick Knotts	Third	Whiton Library	Red Line	Charcoal

**Program:** Our Art Critique was accomplished by Jane Penfield and was well received by attendees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith E. Goldstein  
MAA Secretary