

**Manchester Art Association
Zoom Member Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023**

Opening: Vice President Deb Parker hosted this meeting so Carolyn Emerson could recover from an eye procedure that was done earlier in the day. Deb Parker reminded everyone that the next meeting on March 16th, 2023 will be held in person at Church of Christ at 595 Tolland Turnpike in Manchester. She requested a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes to save time. Lisa Dumais proposed the motion and it was seconded by Judy Burnham.

Treasure's report: Lisa Dumais indicated we have a balance of \$16,513.44 with 2 checks outstanding.

Membership Report: Deb Parker indicated that there are a total of 98 memberships with 5 members in the honorary status, 19 new members and 74 members that had renewed.

Exhibits:

Janet Heller reported that **Etcetera** will come down on March 23. The artists are to pick up their artwork from 11:00 – 12:30 pm. If you can not make this day and time; please arrange to have someone else pick it up for you.

The Poetry Project registration will close on March 16th and drop off will occur the same day as the pickup of art (Etcetera) on March 23rd from 11:00- 12:30 pm. The poets of Wit and Wisdom invited MAA members to interpret their poems in the artists' chosen mediums. You may view the poetry online at our website: www.manchesterart.org. This display will come down on April 13th from 11:00 – 12:30 pm. Again, if you cannot make this day or time, please arrange a pickup/drop off with a fellow artist or partner.

Manchester Bicentennial will be celebrating their 200th birthday all year and to honor this our April All-mediums exhibit at the Town Hall will be devoted to art about Manchester. You may review the website or the newsletter for ideas and resources to create for this exhibit. Registration will soon be open, and drop off will be April 13th from 11:00 – 12:30 pm.

Our Fundraiser called "Impressions" will occur on April 22, 2023. This fundraiser will help provide scholarships to high school students who wish to pursue a career in art. Registration for exhibit paintings will open soon and should contain the title, artist's name and medium. Registrations will close on April 20th to allow time to create exhibit cards.

We are asking our members to donate a copy of a Master impressionist piece or create your own version of an impressionist artwork for sale that night.

All paintings will be sold at \$50.00 which is affordable for most people. We are asking our members to bring finger foods (sweet or savory) to make this fundraiser successful. Thank you for signing up on our website or newsletter on our links.

Workshops:

Emilie Beckwith; You may view the specific details on our website and newsletter in the links designated.

March 8th with Sandra Walkeen called "Color Theory Simplified". This workshop will focus on the fundamentals of color theory by exploring the different groups that make up the 12 segments of the color wheel.

March 18th, with Carolyn Emerson called " A Different Approach to Landscape". This workshop is full.

March 22nd, with Polly Castor called "Intro to Abstract Art". This workshop will help you understand the essential principles and component of strong meaningful abstract art.

"Impressions" Committee Report:

Sue Masse; tickets will be on sale for \$20.00 and will look similar to our flyer. We are asking members to donate either 1 or 2 pieces of art in any medium. The fundraiser will start at 6:30. There will be a jazz pianist followed by a jazz combo. We are looking for volunteers to help on Friday, April 21, with set up and decorations at 1:00 pm. The delivery and hanging of paintings and any set-up not finished, will be done on Saturday at 10:30 am. We will also need volunteers for Saturday for our Food service and Customer Service. More information to follow as we get closer to that date.

Announcements:

Bus Trip to 'Salmagundi Club' in NYC is scheduled to be on April 12th, 2023. This is the American Watercolor Society Exhibit done by international artists. Leaves Manchester Church of Christ 595 Tolland Tpke at 9:00 am and returns to church by 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$50.00. The tickets are now open to the public. We currently have 118 signed up for the Trip and we need a minimum of 40 to make it a go or we will need to cancel the trip.

In Memoriam for Betty Rousseau; a book titled " We the People: Portraits of Veterans of America" was purchased in her honor and donated and presented to Mary Cheney Library.

Introduction of the Zoom Demo Artist: Deb Parker introduced Tao LaBossiere who along with his wife and partner, Amy LaBossiere, own Art of Tao LaBossiere LLC. Tao is a multi-disciplinary artist with 25 years of experience in creating murals, sculptures, paintings, and illustrations. Some of his work can be found

at the Pond House, "The Oneness of Being in Still Waters" (mural) on Asylum Avenue in Hartford, the cow project in West Hartford and various restaraunts. He runs Hartford ArtSpace Gallery.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Parker for Judith Goldstein