

**Manchester Art Association
Member Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023**

OPENING: President Carolyn Emerson opened the meeting and invited guests attending the meeting to stand and introduce themselves. Among the guests were Joan Shapiro and Paul St. Onge who discussed the demise of The TCAA and came in hope of finding a home at MAA. There were several guests who came in response to the invited Demo artist, Scott Rhoades.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Dumais reported \$18,717.31 as of 4/20 with two checks outstanding.

Membership Report: Deb Parker happily announced a new total of #104 paid members of which 5 are honorary; 23 are new; and 76 are renewals.

Nominations Committee: Chris Larson and Carolyn Gimbrone announced the 2023-2024 Slate of Officers and announced that voting will take place in person at the next membership meeting (May 18th). Voting online will also be available for those who can not make the meeting. However, Chris reminded the membership that a quorum of 42 members is necessary for the voting to be valid.

Fund Raising: Sue Masse reported that she had IMPRESSIONS tickets available for sale at this meeting-right here, right now!

Exhibits: Janet Heller announced that the next Town Hall Exhibit will be for Pastels and Oil Pastels starting July 13th. She reminded us that the month long All Media/All Member show in The South Windsor Library will be starting Oct.1, 2023.

Workshops: Carolyn filled in for Emilie Beckwith and announced the Alcohol Inks workshop by Sharon Quaglia is in two weeks on May 3rd. There are two places left. Fliers are on hand. There will be no open studio that Wed.

Announcements:

Hartford ArtSpace Carolyn Emerson reported an opportunity for artists that is now posted (by Chris Larson) as follows: The Hartford ArtSpace Gallery at 555 Asylum Avenue is inviting artists to submit one- two paintings (without an entry fee) to be exhibited at the Gallery starting May 4th until June 3. The show will serve to advertise **Art in The Park** which will be starting Sunday, June 4. There will be a list distributed for signing up for Art in The Park. Someone will be required to pick up the equipment from Judy Burnham's house.

Good Deed Box has been instituted as a way for members to access links to worthwhile non-profits in which they may want to participate through personal

donations. Athira Sanal introduced the Journey Found Event in which she will be participating as an example of this process. Look for the Good Deed Box in MAA's e-newsletter.

Demonstration in Landscape Acrylic Painting: Introduction of the Demonstrator Artist, Scott Rhoades, by Judith Goldstein

Art of The Month: Judged by our guest Demonstrator Scott Rhoades

First Place - Natasha Piendel/pastel/The Last Light - Whiton Library

Second Place - Jim Oliphant /photograph/Pink Ruffles - The Arbors

Third Place - Karen Waggoner/photograph/Poetry Flower - Mary Cheney Library

The Demonstration Followed

Respectfully submitted,
Judith E. Goldstein MAA Secretary