

## Manchester Art Association-Member Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2024, 7 pm

### Manchester Church of Christ

**Opening:** Carolyn Gimbrone led this month's member meeting. She requested that the minutes of the April meeting be accepted. Carolyn Emerson moved for approval with Gail Cooke seconding. Appreciation was given to Gail and Sue Massé for supplying hospitality treats.

**Scholarship Recipients** Lucca Cotthaus, \$3,000 winner and Maya Hathorn, \$1,000 winner were welcomed by Bonnie Lindland, Scholarship Chair, who also thanked the committee who worked with her in the decision making process. Each recipient addressed the organization members with Lucca citing how her history influences and stimulates her art, while Maya spoke of her desire to teach art and wanting to transmit the joy of creating at any level superseding the need for perfect technique. Congratulations to both winners!

**Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn Gimbrone reported \$18,848.06 as of the end of April.

**Membership Report:** Karen Waggoner reported #106 with 2 new members as the scholarship winners receive a complementary membership.

**Honoring:** Carolyn Emerson took the floor to speak of Grace Tedford, a founding member of the MAA almost 75 years ago who recently passed at the age of almost 101. Carolyn has asked the Town for approval to permanently hang one of Grace's paintings in a prominent permanent display at Manchester Town Hall. It is hoped to raise enough funds in her memory to create a Grace Tedford scholarship through The MAA. Donations are being accepted.

**Nominations:** Carolyn Gimbrone introduced the 2024-2025 Board/Officers/Committee Members and those present stood up. This year all voting was done on line.

**Acknowledgements:** Sue Massé presented Emily Beckwith and Chris Larson and Susan Aitner (not present) gift certificates in recognition of their service to MAA. Sue was applauded for her outstanding contributions to MAA.

**Exhibits:** Carolyn Emerson announced that the Town Hall Spring show will come down on Thursday, June 13th from 11-12:30 and then, following that, help will be needed to hang the Photography Show. Doris Phillips and Emily Beckwith volunteered.

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**Art in the Park** MAA will not have a booth this year as we are unable to find someone to direct the day's activities and someone who has a truck to help move the tents and screens. It is hoped the membership will support the four exhibiting members who will have their own booths.

**Workshops & Demonstrations:** Emilie Beckwith announced that we can look forward to a Workshop in Expressive Watercolor to be given by Lisa Miceli for twelve people on Wednesday, October 16. A flyer will come out soon.

**Art of The Month:** announced by Louise Cooke with help from Tim Simoes. Judging was done by our guest Artist, Polly Castor.

- *First Place -In between Storms-acrylic- by Joyce Erickson-shown at Mary Cheney Library*
- *Second Place-Brooklyn Bridge-acrylic-by Roy Wrenn shown at The Arbors*
- *Third Place-Charles Phelps-watercolor- by Karen Pizzitola shown at The Whitton Library*

### **Guest Speaker, Polly Castor, led the Learning Critique**

She also provided the membership with a written guide to help analyze the success of a work of art.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith E. Goldstein  
MAA Secretary