

Manchester Art Association-Member Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

Manchester Church of Christ

Opening: Board Member Sue Massè opened the meeting and explained that a different Board member will be Master of Ceremonies each month. Those who provided refreshments were thanked.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as per Emily Beckwith's proposal with a second by Barbara Nixon.

Refreshments: Judy Burnham passed a sign-up sheet for:

1. the remainder of our monthly meetings in person, and
2. the Holiday Party on December 21; savory items were requested

Nominations: Sue Massè explained that the Board is considering the elimination of a President and Vice-President system whereby each position is filled for a total personnel commitment of four years. Instead a Co-President system would allow one person to be the lead President in their second year and train the alternate person to assume the lead role the next year. In this manner each person would be volunteering for a total of two years. Thus, the bylaws may need to be amended. More to come on this later.

Most importantly, *The MAA needs people to step forward and one to volunteer* to work with Sue Masse this year and *then take lead positions for 2024-2025.*

Treasurer's Report: Sue had reported \$20,580.04 as of the October Board Meeting (reflecting the balance at the end of September).

Membership Report: Carolyn Gimbrone reported #92 members of whom 6 are new. Rene' Taylor, one of the new members, introduced herself.

Exhibits: Janet Heller announced that the current All Member Show at The South Windsor Library will hang until Monday, Oct 30th (when pick can take place from 1:30 – 3 pm) and, at the same time, the Town Hall Exhibit is Acrylic and Oil running until Dec. 7th. The next Town Hall Show - dedicated to all mediums with the theme being Winter Scenes - will go up on that same Dec. 7th date.

Janet commented that having the South Windsor and Town Hall exhibits go up so close together this year was difficult for everyone and next year the Town Hall Show will not start until November.

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Workshops & Demonstrations: Emilie Beckwith announced that Joe Burger who is presenting will be giving his watercolor workshop on Wed Nov. 8th. Flyers were on hand. There will be no open studio that Wed. or any Wed that there is a workshop.

Future Workshops		
Artist	Medium	Date
Scott Rhoades	Acrylic	1/17/24
Polly Castor	Abstract Art	3/6/24
Polly Castor	Abstract Art	4/3/24

Future Demos		
Artist	Medium	Date
Hyeonsu Kim	Asian Art	11/16/23
Holiday Party	n/a	12/21/23
Hazel Meredith	Smart Phone Photography	1/18/24, Via ZOOM
Katrina Casey	Art Therapy	2/15/24, Via ZOOM
Beth Johnson	Encaustic	3/21/24
Pat Morris	Oil & Acrylic - Animals	4/18/24
Polly Castor	Annual Critique	5/16/24

Art of The Month: Sharon Quaglia & (Louise Cooke- not present)

Judged by our guest Demonstrator Joe Burger

- *First Place*-Janet Heller/watercolor/Sally's Pond
- *Second Place*-Rhea Sutter/oil/Abandoned Gazebo
- *Third Place*- Chris Larson/pastel/Looking Through

The Demonstration Followed:

Joe Burger did a step by step demo of a winter landscape featuring a barn and fence in the middle and foreground with sky, mountains and forest in the background. It was well received by the audience. The finished painting will be emailed to MAA for all to view.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith E. Goldstein

MAA Secretary