

**Manchester Art Association
Member Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023
Manchester Church of Christ**

OPENING: President Carolyn Emerson opened this Zoom meeting and responded to questions from those attending. Helena Deary requested we donate a book in honor of the memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Russo. As watercolor was Betty's medium it is suggested that a book in that medium by Mary Whyte be purchased and donated. Carolyn Emerson will do so.

Reading of the Previous Minutes: were dispensed with by vote to save time.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Dumais reported \$15,506.86 as of 12/31 with two checks outstanding.

Membership Report: Deb Parker announced a total of 98 MAA members of which 5 are honorary; 19 are new of which 5 are just this month.

Exhibits: Janet Heller reported on the "line-up" of all our shows at The Manchester Town Hall for the 2022-2023 year as follows:

- Etcetera- on going- March 23 and encompassing non-traditional materials.
- Wit and Wisdom-March 23- April 20 based on the 49 poems* submitted.
- All Mediums - April 20 - June 20 dedicated to The Manchester Bicentennial .
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Registration for all shows will be made available online at our website under "Exhibits" in a timely manner.

*Poem copies are available online under Exhibits → Wit and Wisdom → Poems.

Next week an email will poll the membership to ascertain how many will be participating in "Wit and Wisdom" and how many will be donating to "Impressions".

Fund Raising: Cyndi Krupa is in charge of "Impressions" and an update of her vision was given to those attending. It will take place at The Unitarian Universalist Society: East Meeting House and tickets will be \$20 each. The atmosphere will be that of a French Nightclub and committee members will wear Berets. A piano player has been recruited. Wine and beer, as well as sweet and savory food will be provided and served by our membership. Sharon Quaglia has agreed to chair Food Services (to include vegan and gluten free options); Bonnie Lindland has agreed to chair Decor; and Laura Kinlock has agreed to create a painting during the evening. MAA members are asked to donate a piece of art (Impressionistic Style) whether a painting or a craft/art. Email or call Cyndi with any questions.

Bus Trip: Jan 20th will be the opening date for members to register for the April 12th trip to The American Watercolor Show at The Salmagundi Club in NYC. Each member may bring one guest. After two weeks registration will be open to the community.

The Puzzle Project: Sharon Quaglia and Deb Parker explained its Instagram origin during Covid with the idea that we are all Connected. Hence the puzzle pieces -- each 2" x 2" suitable for all mediums -- 20 of which complete one puzzle. She hopes to have #100 puzzles (currently 70) from 40 countries. They will bring our puzzle pieces to open studio on Wed Jan 25 to be collected at the end of that session.

Art of The Month: suspended for the zoom meeting.

Zoom Demonstration: Pastels by Lyn Asselta The artist was introduced by Carolyn Emerson who also referred to the artist's newsletter which features her pastels and her creative writing. Lyn explained that her composition is driven by her intent -- what she wants to convey emotionally. We were privileged to be exposed to her techniques as she worked to create an almost completed artwork.

Respectfully submitted, Judith Goldstein MAA Secretary