

**Manchester Art Association
Member Meeting Minutes
Oct. 17, 2024
Manchester Church of Christ**

Opening: co-president Doris Phillips opened the meeting. The approval of the minutes of the September meeting was delayed until next month.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Simoes further clarified the proposed 2024-2025 budget by explaining that the difference in the actual and proposed budgets are due to the lowered workshop fees for MAA members and the still to be realized membership dues. A motion to accept the budget was made by Jeff Reid and seconded by Emily Beckwith. The motion passed unanimously.

Scholarship Committee: Bonnie Lindland read a letter to the MAA membership that was sent by one of our scholarship recipients, Maya Hathorn, who is currently studying at Ithaca. She expressed her gratitude to the organization. She also sent one of her current works which may be seen on the MAA website under member news.

Hospitality: Gail Crook is currently handling the refreshment serving alone. Doris explained that there is a need for another person to step forward to serve on the Hospitality Committee with Gail Crook for set-up and take down. If no one volunteers we will have to suspend refreshments for the rest of the year.

Membership Report: Carolyn Gimbrone and Carol Waggoner reported #88 members as of today.

Exhibits: Janet Heller announced that the current show is *The 20th Annual Member Show* at The South Windsor Library which will hang until Thursday, Oct 31st (the pick up day). A reminder to pick up will be sent out by Chris Larsen.

The next Town Hall Show will be *ETCETERA* which means any media not covered specifically in any other Town Hall Shows, i.e., pottery, pencil, mixed media... Registration is on line at this time. The Poetry all member/all mediums show at Town

Hall will come down on Nov.14, 2024 and the *ETC. Show* will be hung immediately thereafter. Accordingly, the pick up date for the current poetry/art show is Nov. 14th. *Art in The Park* is still without co-chairs.

Workspace Update: Alexis Mitchell reported that Workspace wants to collaborate with us and they have introduced the idea of a joint membership

whereby people joining one organization would have the option of joining both at the same time for a reduced rate of \$50 (suggested). They currently have #160 members who have the opportunity of exhibiting in the Main Gallery and receiving a discount at the Gallery Shop.

Discussion which followed raised concerns of the impact on MAA. As most of our membership has already paid for this year, the decision was made to revisit the issue of joint membership in April /May of 2025.

The Holiday Party: Sue Masse reminded us that the party will be on Thursday December 19th. She passed a sign up sheet for: name attending with or without a guest/ contributing a food item/ volunteering for: kitchen duty, decorations, set-up, take-down.

Demonstrations and Workshops: Louise Cooke reported on the success of the workshop given by Lisa Miceli from Mystic on Creative Watercolor.

She also reminded the membership of the forthcoming workshop in Pastels given by Karen Israel focusing on animals.

She then introduced our substitute **demonstrator, Laura Kinlock**, who graciously stepped in when Pat Morris called to cancel due to illness.

Our **Demonstrator** proceeded to judge...

Art of The Month: Alexis Mitchell and Ann Martell announced the winners

First Place - Tim Simoes - photograph - Ghost in The Lake - displayed at The Arbors

Second Place - Dan Nichols-Oil Pastel - After a Tropical Storm - displayed at Whiton Library.

Third Place - Alexis Mitchell - Watercolor - Hope - displayed at Cheney Library.

Accordingly, Tim Simoes received a Jerry's Art-o-rama \$50 gift certificate for his first place win.

The **Demonstration on Painting a Landscape with Pastels** followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith E. Goldstein
MAA Secretary