

Manchester Art Association-Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Manchester Church of Christ

Opening: Sue Massé led this month's member meeting. She requested that the minutes of the February meeting be accepted and Carolyn Emerson moved for approval with Emily Beckwith seconding. Minutes voted upon and accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Sue reported \$19,300 as of the end of February and before scholarship monies are withdrawn.

Membership Report: Karen Waggoner and Carolyn reported #105 members with our presenter, Beth Johnston being the newest member.

Nominations Committee: Judith Goldstein was happy to report that to date all but one position has been filled. She commented on the willingness and graceful acceptance by the people contacted. However and most importantly, MAA needs someone to step forward to co-chair the Presidency with Sue this year and *then take the lead position for 2024-2025*. She assured the group that we have a supportive membership that responds with help whenever asked. By the end of the evening Doris Phillips indicated a strong interest in serving. She later accepted the position as co-president with Sue. Now all positions are filled.

Scholarship : Carolyn Emerson stated that we are awaiting applications which are due in by April 15th. She distributed blank forms to interested parties so that they may give them out to likely candidates. She also offered MAA business cards and blank MAA tags for the backs of paintings.

Workshops & Demonstrations: Emilie Beckwith announced the format for the April 3rd Polly Castor Abstract Workshop that will use photographs as a take-off point: "things" in the morning and "scenes" in the afternoon. There are still openings and flyers were available at the meeting.

Exhibits: Janet Heller announced that the next show is an all member/all medium/your choice Show at The Town Hall. April 11 is the change-over for pick-up and delivery.

Art in The Park: Carolyn Emerson sent around a signup sheet for volunteers to man the booth, set-up and take-down the exhibit. It will be available next meeting as well. A cradle for unframed work will be available to members and those are often the best sellers at the fair.

Guest Artist: Emilie Beckwith introduced our demonstrator, Beth Johnston who will share with us her world of encaustic art. But first she judged Art of the Month.

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Art of The Month: Louise Cooke announced:

1. *First Place*-Aborn Castle by Karen Pizzitola-watercolor—shown at The Arbors
2. *Second Place*-*The Visitor* by Mary Bollash-Photography—shown at Mary Cheney Library
3. *Third Place*-Nails it! by Adrianna Young -Encaustic-shown at Whitton Library
4. *Honorable Mention*-“Continuum” Wood box by Dick Knotts.

The Demonstration Followed Beth Johnston-Encaustic

Respectfully submitted,

Judith E. Goldstein

MAA Secretary