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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE ARTISTS

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April President's Letter

Greetings!

Happy 80th anniversary LMA!

We have a big summer planned and we want all of you to be a part of it.

We have many events planned with the Charles Allis Art Museum. LMA has had a rich history with the Charles Allis going back almost 80 years. They were important to the success of LMA. We met there for our meetings. They hosted our art shows, inside and on their grounds. It was important to me and the board to have our anniversary show at the Charles Allis and we made this happen. My hope is that you are able to participate in any and as many ways as you would like. These opportunities are for you, our members.

Exhibits: Get painting! You have opportunities to show your work this summer at the Sharon Lynn Wilson Center and the Charles Allis Art Museum. We will need new beautiful paintings. No themes, just your best work.

Plein Air: we are working closely with Villa Terrace and their 100th anniversary plein air at the museum on July 11th. We will have a preliminary sign up at our April meeting.

On Friday, April 26th we will be painting watercolor interiors at the Charles Allis, please let me know if you are interested in being included.

The Charles Allis is welcoming us to give Artist Talks, demos, or classes on Thursday evenings in the Fall during our show. They will publicize this on their website and offer a champagne pour. If you are interested, please contact me for available dates.

I would like to thank the members who are volunteering to paint the moveable walls at the Charles Allis this Sunday. We can't have the show without the walls. Thank you for help, it is appreciated.

LMA is a growing, forward organization and we need you to participate in our growth by being an active member. Please consider participating in our events and helping in some way. Soon we will be asking for help in hanging the show at the Sharon Wilson and at the Charles Allis. Please ask yourself what you can do. We would love to see you.

Respectfully your President,

Judy Gahn Murphy



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LMA Meeting Information

Where & When We Meet:

Gerhardinger Center - Room GC109 *Mount Mary College*
2927 North 92nd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222

Alicia Forestall-Boehm is our guest speaker for the April 13th LMA meeting.

In addition to a short presentation of her art, Alicia will be speaking on Marketing Your Art.

Alicia lives and works in Chicago. She is the Managing Director and co-founder of Chicago Social Media Marketers, a digital marketing agency that specializes in working with entrepreneurs, small businesses, and non-profit and arts organizations. She is a professional artist known for her mixed-media sculptures and installations. Alicia is also the Vice-President of FUSEDChicago, an organization of artists that work with the encaustic medium.

Her artwork is composed of everyday materials including wax, fiber, metal, and found objects. She is drawn to the innate sense of order and change that can define an urban existence. By reducing larger images and concepts into elegant, simplified forms, she explores the physical and mental boundaries of the public and private spaces we inhabit. An award-winning artist, her work has been included in exhibitions throughout the country, numerous publications, and public and private collections nationally and internationally.



Member Doings

Here I'll post exhibits you are in, awards, or special recognition you have received. I'll also be happy to post "Marketplace" art items you may be wanting to sell. I do not post about current LMA shows except for the award winners. Go see them in person!

Please remember that all submissions to the newsletter need to be sent directly to me at jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net

If you submitted some news to me and don't see it below, there's a reason. I had established a policy when first writing "The Open Canvas" that I would put your news item in it one time and not repeat it. I do this for two reasons. One is to save me work, and another is that when reading the newsletter, I hope that people make a note about an event they would like to attend. I'm also encouraging all members to read the news (so they will have seen your announcement already!) Please contact me if you have a comment or concern regarding this policy.

J.J. Joyce and **Tom Smith** have been accepted into the "Alive in the Arts", Plymouth Art Center, Plymouth. The opening reception is May 3rd. It runs through August 3rd.

Karen Utech and **Audrey Dulmes** are being represented by Mercantile Plaza in Port Washington.

Karen also has 2 paintings in the ArtAsPoetryasArt show that will be exhibited at the Manitowoc Public Library from April 6th through June 7th. In addition, she has a piece of artwork in "The 77th Annual Ozaukee County Art Show" that runs through April 23rd.

Ken and Ruth Vonderberg, and J.J. Joyce have had work juried into the members' exhibit "Going Batty in the Attic" by the Rogues Artist Group which will be at the David Barnett Gallery, 1024 E. State St, from April 19 to July 20. The opening reception is on Gallery Night, April 20 from 5 - 9 pm.

Tom Pscheid has had his charcoal drawing "Foggy Peninsula" accepted by the James May Gallery for their "Art of Water VIII" exhibition. Also accepted was **Marcia Hero's** oil and cold wax painting "Running Water", three works by **Sheree Wood**, and a work by **Audrey Dulmes**. The show runs from April 30 to May 25, 2024, with an opening reception on May 3rd from 5 - 8 pm. The gallery is located at 2201 N Farwell Ave, Milwaukee.

Colette Ody Smith, Judy Murphy, Tom Smith, J.J. Joyce, Ruth Vonderberg, Gwen Granzow, Bob Fesser, Barbara Schaefer, May Klisch, Jan Jahnke, Adele Richert, and **Audrey Dulmes** will be participating in the second class of “Fresh40” at the Shorewood Hub 3970 N. Oakland Ave, Shorewood. There will be preview events for sponsors, buyers, and corporate invitees earlier in the week, with Saturday April 13th and Sunday April 14th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm open to the public, family, and friends.

Colette Ody Smith will be participating April 12th in the Komen Blue Jeans and Bling Gala art auction “Create for a Cure” supporting local breast cancer patients. The event will be held at Greenhouse #7 venue adjacent to the MKE Domes. The donated items will also be on Komen’s online auction platform. Bidding begins April 12th at 8pm and goes through April 20th at 3pm. The Art Auction will then be moved to a featured MKE Gallery Night event on April 19th and 20th at the historic Eagleknit Building in Walker’s Point. For this Gallery Night and Day event, each contributing artist will have up to four additional paintings on display and available for purchase. With as many as 70 artists participating, this will be a ‘not to be missed’ Gallery Night event.

Colette will also be exhibiting this season at Fine Line Designs Art Gallery, 10376 Hwy 42 (on Ephraim’s N. end, Sister Bay) in Door County, where she has just joined their stable of artists. Her work will be featured there in a solo show opening on May 25th. She will be attending the opening reception that Saturday and will be demonstrating her painting process on Sunday May 26th. More details will follow.

Michelle Savas Thompson has a one person show at the Cedarburg Cultural Center in the front gallery May 10th - June 12th, “Art on the Preserve”.

Opening Reception and talk May 10, 2024, 5-7pm

It will be featuring her work from Mequon Nature Preserve last year. She visited Mequon Nature Preserve once a week for a year. Each week, she hiked, took sketchbook notes, photos and ultimately created a painting a week.

She will have 55 paintings available to tell MNP story.

She will also be the Judge for the WRAP show (non-professional Artists 18 and older). She will be giving a talk and presentation at the Germantown Public Library before the awards presentation on May 11th 10-11:30 am

Michelle will be teaching a painting class (Sunsets) at the Cedarburg Cultural Center Thursday, April 11th 9-12pm and a painting class (Waves) at the Cedarburg Cultural Center Thursday, May 9th 9-12pm

Terri Lockwood is exhibiting in the "Primary Colors" exhibit at Main Street Gallery in Cedarburg during the month of April and is also exhibiting in the Ozaukee County Art Show through April 21st at the Cedarburg Cultural Center.

Ken and Ruth Vonderberg have both had work accepted into a rotating exhibit of steampunk, industrial and urban themed art at the Inventors Brewpub in Port Washington, Wisconsin from April 14 through the beginning of July. This is an ongoing installation by the Wisconsin Visual Artists, Southeast Chapter.

The award winning and dynamic group of artists, Martini Girls4, which includes members **Marcia Hochstetter**, **Debbie Callahan**, and **Marcia Hero** are enthusiastically announcing their upcoming art exhibition titled "Bits and Pieces". This compelling show will be on display at Wauwatosa Public Library, located at 7635 West North Ave., Wauwatosa, WI, from April 1 to April 30, 2024 and will feature engaging paintings composed of multiple mediums, including Collage, Oil and Cold Wax, and Gold leaf, to name a few. Please join us for horsd'oeuvres, and stimulating conversation at the Opening Reception on Saturday, April 6, from 2 to 4:30pm.

Sheree Wood's work was included in the recent show *Collaboration* at Steinfeld Gallery in Tucson, Arizona.

Cherie Raffel's painting, "The Next World" was one of four finalists for abstract paintings at the David Barnett Gallery. You can vote for your favorite one in person until April 11.

Tom Smith has a one-man show at The Leenhouts Gallery, located in the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, 1342 N Astor Street. There will be a reception on April 14th from 12:00 to 1:30.

Artist Opportunities

First of all, go back and read our President's letter! LMA has some fantastic opportunities coming up this summer and fall that we all should take advantage of. Watch for emails from us and check our exhibitions webpage at

<https://milwaukeeartists.org/exhibitions>

frequently!

And...don't forget our current show "Spring Renewal" at the Polish Center of Wisconsin, 6941 S 68th St, Franklin, WI 53132.

The Opening Reception will be on April 17th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The award presentation will take place at the reception.

Now, here are a few non LMA opportunities:

Abandoned and Discovered in the Midwest

An exhibition in Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Call Type: Exhibitions

Eligibility: Regional

State: Michigan

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Entry Deadline: 05/04/2024

We are a section of the country that is sometimes slow to change. Some change leaves an empty, abandoned space, both physically and emotionally, and leads to a longing for the nostalgic life of the past, while others lead to a feeling of relief and "good riddance." New discoveries can create hope for a new and bright future or fear of a dim and bleak future.

What is your interpretation of Abandoned and Discovered in the Midwest as a visual artist? We want to see!

Show dates are June 4–June 29, 2024. Visual artists, sculptors, and photographers who are 18 and older from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin are invited to apply

Our gallery, located inside the historic Alberta House, is a block from the Soo Locks, which attract over 500,000 visitors a year. June is a busy month for the Alberta House, with Engineer's Day bringing over 20,000 visitors to the Locks.

<https://www.saultartcenter.com/june2024>

"artshow" is a site that you can find some Wisconsin shows to enter:

<https://artshow.com/juriedshows/midwest.html>

Around the web

Surfing the web!

Here you'll find a link or 2 to an interesting art related article, blog post, or whatever! You will need to put your cursor over the link and press CTRL, then click to read the entire post. Email me with any links you'd like to offer to share! Try something-you'll like it!



Disclaimer: some of these sites are commercial and may have the bane of pop ups or ads trying to get you to sign up for their newsletters, etc. They all are safe however and I've visited them and find them worth the look.



Since I'm a plein air painter and know how fun it is I want you to try it! Here's a great article from paint maker Gamblin!

https://gamblincolors.com/why-paint-outdoors/?mc_cid=756ae75f86&mc_eid=f2e5e61dc4



I never went to art school, so I really never learned to draw figures. I discovered this article about "The Loomis Method" of drawing heads. It may be old hat to many of you or just a slog through too many academics, but if you're like me...here you go!

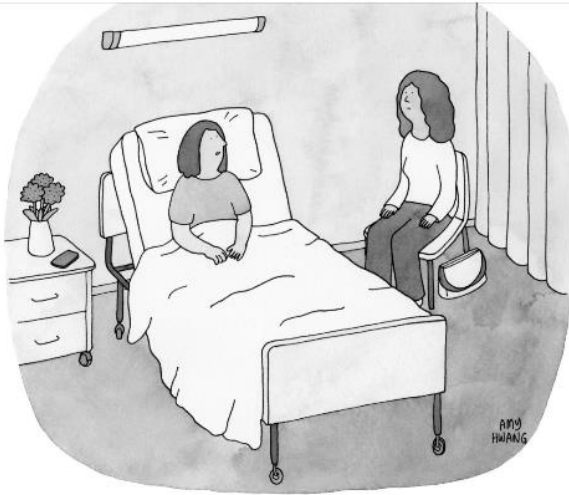
<https://gvaat.com/blog/how-to-draw-the-head-using-the-loomis-method-a-step-by-step-guide/>



Are you concerned for the planet or worried that your art supplies may be toxic? Here is a site which sells all natural products, mostly for oil painters.

<https://arttreehouse.com/artstore/>

The Funny Page



"My entire life flashed before my eyes, and I was folding laundry half the time."



LIKE A LOT OF CREATIVE PEOPLE, VAN GOGH DIDN'T SEEM TO SEE THE CLUTTER

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"I don't think it's a metaphor for anything. I think it's a bowl of fruit."



"I approach my subjects with an almost childlike sense of wonder."

Last Page Stuff

Exhibit Opportunities

- You must be an LMA member in good standing.
- **ONLY WORKS THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS AND HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED IN ANY OTHER LMA SHOW WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

**** Go to our website for more info on any upcoming exhibits! ****

<https://milwaukeeartists.org/exhibitions>

Know an artist friend who should join LMA? Tell them to go to our website to find out how to join! The submission links for 2021 are on our website here:

<https://milwaukeeartists.org/join-lma>

Upcoming New Member Jury Dates

Submission Deadline	Acceptance Announcement
January 19	Jan 24
April 19	<u>April 24</u>
August 16	August 14
November 8th	November 13

Speaking of emails, check your Spam folder if you have not been getting emails from LMA. Because we use a service which sends out mass emails, some of you may be having them sent to Spam. Don't forget to look at our website though, (www.milwaukeeartists.org) and our LMA Members Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1012219459600743>



Happy Spring!