



OPEN CANVAS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE ARTISTS

FEBRUARY, 2024

PORT ART SHOWCASE
KICKOFF EVENT
FEBRUARY 10 • 10AM - 2PM
DOWNTOWN PORT WASHINGTON, WI

10 AM ARTIST PRESENTATIONS AT MERCANTILE PLAZA	11 AM ARTWORK IS DISPLAYED AROUND TOWN/SILENT AUCTION OPENS	12-2 PM LIVE ART & MUSIC <small>FEATURING TONK SCRIPTS BY DAN SMILEK & KEVIN WINDY CITY BEARD SINGER / SONGWRITER BOB SPATZ</small>
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SILENT AUCTION / ART SHOWCASE
FEBRUARY 10 - 24
ART ON DISPLAY AT DOWNTOWN PORT WASHINGTON BUSINESSES AND SILENT AUCTION CONTINUES
VISIT AT LEAST 10 LOCATIONS AND QUALIFY FOR ORIGINAL ART PRIZES BY RETURNING YOUR MAP TO MERCANTILE PLAZA

FEB 24 • 1-3PM
JOIN US AT MERCANTILE PLAZA FOR THE LIVE RAFFLE AND ART PICK UP

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SPECIAL LOCATION FOR FEBRUARY ONLY!

See details on the next page but remember that the meeting on 2/10 will be held in Port Washington. **Come even if you are not showing art in the Showcase!** Free snacks, music, a sculpting demo, 28 artist venues and more! It's sure to be a great day!



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And don't forget that for our March meeting you can invite a fellow artist to check out LMA and attend the March meeting free of charge!



LMA Meeting Information

~~Where & When We Meet:~~

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

Upcoming Meeting Preview: Saturday, February 10th

SPECIAL LOCATION FOR FEBRUARY ONLY!

February Meeting - Port Art Showcase

Our February meeting is being held at The Mercantile Plaza Gallery in Port Washington, 211 N Franklin St Suite 102, Port Washington.

It is very exciting that as we kick off our 80th year the LMA was invited to be a part of the first ever Port Art Showcase.

As we discussed back at our December meeting, this is a great opportunity to network and meet new artists as well as connect with a whole new potential customer base.

Details of the meeting on the 10th will be -

- The LMA business meeting will be from 9:30~10 and is for LMA members only. We have some updates on upcoming shows, new members and more!
- The Port Art Showcase kicks off right at 10am and is open to the public. There will be snacks and coffee served.
- We have 28 pieces to be presented starting at 10am. Because of this and other time restraints, **only the 28 artists in the Port Art Showcase will be talking about their pieces.**
- The 28 artists discussing their pieces have all been notified by email.

Following our presentations, you are invited to stay and visit the 28 venues displaying LMA artwork. Maps will be provided at the Showcase kicks off but most of the venues are along the main street, Franklin.

From 12-2 there will be a torch sculpting demo by Ari Smejka of HGTV's Windy City Rehab, and live music so if you want to stay for lunch and see the demo - feel free.

And don't forget that for our March meeting you can invite a fellow artist to check out LMA and attend the March meeting free of charge. Start thinking about who you'll bring!

Hope to see you this Saturday at the Port Art Showcase kickoff!

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.

Cherie Raffel is currently showing paintings in the member's show at the Cedarburg Cultural Center.

Jack Pachuta's mixed media collagraph, "Winter Snack", has been juried into the 34th Annual Midwest Seasons exhibit at the Center for the Visual Arts in Wausau. The show in the Caroline S. Mark Gallery is on display until March 16th.

Karen Utech has 2 paintings in the Cedarburg Annual Members Exhibit. The Great Kings of the Past and Golden Moments. The show runs through March 3rd.

Irene Taylor is participating in the "Modern Landscape" show at Alverno College, February 2 - March 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The gallery is in Alexis Hall on 39th and Morgan Avenue. She is also participating in the "Art for the Senses" show at Waukesha Civic Center, 264 Main Street, Waukesha, February 22 - April 10.

Ken Vonderberg, Cherie Raffel, Tom Smith, Deb Van Eyck, Gwen Granzow, J. J. Joyce, Julie San Felipe, Laurie Runnoe, and **Bob Fesser** have works in the Rogues Artists Group show "Out of Our Minds" at Inspiration Studios at 1500 S. 73rd Street, West Allis, WI. The show runs from 1-26-24 to 2-25-24.

Michelle Savas Thompson currently has a show at The Outpost in Mequon through February 2024. One time only she is offering a Winter Sale - 20% off those paintings.

They are also available on her website at SavasFineArt.com 7590 W Mequon Rd. Mequon, WI

Michelle will be teaching Highschool sketch at Cedarburg Art Museum Feb. 9th 6-9:30pm

She will also be teaching Back to Basics 9am-12pm and Cocktails and Canvas 6-8:30pm at the Cedarburg Cultural Center on Thursday Feb. 15th

Laurie Runnoe will have a solo art exhibit at the Wauwatosa Library, 7635 W. North Avenue, from March 3rd to March 29th. There will be a reception open to the public on Sunday, March 3, 2024 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Nick Schroeder had four pieces, all abstract ceramic wall tiles, accepted for the **8th Central Time Ceramics** exhibition at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. The show is open to artists in the Central Time Zone in the United States, Mexico and Canada. The exhibition runs from February 2 through March 29, 2024. Nick had a sculptural ceramic piece accepted for the **Modern Landscape** exhibition being put on by the Wisconsin Visual Artists at the Alverno College gallery. The opening reception is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024. The show runs from February 2 to March 9, 2024. He also had a large ceramic wall tile accepted for the **Go Figure** exhibition also coordinated by the Wisconsin Visual Artists. That show will be at the Plymouth Arts Center. The opening reception is from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. The show runs from March 8 to April 26, 2024. He had two works accept for the **Contemporary Colors** exhibit at the Fine Line Creative Arts Center in St. Charles, Illinois. The show runs from Feb. 1 – March 14. He'll also have two pieces in the **12th Annual CCC Members Exhibit** at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Show runs from Saturday, January 20 through Sunday, March 3, 2024 an opening reception was held on Thursday, January 25.

Audrey Dulmes won honorable mention at the Cedarburg Cultural Centers's Little Show. She is currently exhibiting in the Member Show at the CCC. Audrey will also be teaching a pastel class at the CCC on Feb 1, from 9-12. Contact the center for more information.

Artist Opportunities

Professional and amateur artists above the age of 18 residing, teaching or working in Ozaukee County may exhibit one piece of artwork in the 77th Annual Ozaukee

County Art Show. The exhibit runs from Saturday, March 9 through Sunday, April 21, 2024. A Show Opening & Gallery Tour will be held on Sunday, March 17, 1-4 pm and is open to the public. Click the link below for details and entry form.

<https://www.cedarburgculturalcenter.org/call-for-artists-oz>

Enter the Richeson75ONLINE Still Life & Floral 2024

<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?5576837-o5PQ1ETgV0>

THE LIFE OF WATER Cedarburg Art Museum's 2024 Juried Exhibition

Exhibition Dates: May 25 to September 24, 2024

<https://cedarburgartmuseum.org/callforart/>

TMA Contemporary, the Trout Museum of Art's annual juried exhibition. The museum is in Appleton. <https://troutmuseum.org/events/tma-contemporary/>

James May Gallery Call for Art (gallery in Milwaukee and online)

ART OF WATER VIII (2024):

An exhibition celebrating our most vital resource.

<https://www.jamesmaygallery.com/art-of-water-v>

Carroll University's Visual, Interactive and Performing Arts Department (VIPA) seeks exhibition proposals for the 2024–2025 academic year. Professional and emerging artists may apply for solo or small group exhibitions.

Deadline for applications/proposals is March 1, with decisions coming in May.

<https://www.carrollu.edu/art-galleries>

Don't forget to check out these sites for opportunities too!

Artcall

<https://artcall.org/calls?state=50&type=&eligibility=>

Cafe

<https://www.callforentry.org/>

Onlinejuriedshows

<https://www.onlinejuriedshows.com/>

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. Just click on the x's to get rid of any pop-ups!



From a website named artnet:

5 Women Artists Who Ruled the Renaissance, From a Florentine Nun to a Flemish Portraitist

<https://news.artnet.com/art-world-archives/5-women-artists-renaissance-2388731>

Here's an article that deserves repeating. It's a "how to" about photographing



your art.

<https://www.theartleague.org/blog/2015/08/13/the-zero-budget-guide-to-photographing-artwork/>



This weblog by Dinotopia creator [James Gurney](#) is chock full of topics for artists. You can easily get lost in it! I picked out one page here about color, but if you look to the left you'll see tons of topics! Give it a look!

<https://gurneyjourney.blogspot.com/search/label/Color>

The Funny Page!



"What can I say, Claire, I'm an artist. If I cared about money I would have been a successful artist."



If someone tells you that you have enough art supplies and you don't need anymore, stop talking to them. You don't need that kind of negativity in your life.

Having been thrown out of cartoon art school, he was in suspended animation.

The leech, who is good at drawing blood, applied for a job in an art gallery.

Did you see the display of still-life art? It was not at all moving.

The artist suffered from mental block after trying to draw a cube.

Artists are colorful people who know how to draw on their emotions.

I told the artist her painting was horrible. I think she got the picture.

My friend can't afford expensive art, she has no Monet.

I just canvas the area before I go anywhere to stay safe.

Why did the investor buy art? For art appreciation.

The artist wasn't happy when it was time to face the mosaic.

When you're colorblind in an art gallery, everything is a pigment of imagination.

I failed my art exam using the wrong pencil...I guess it wasn't 2b.

When the two artists had an argument, they decided to call it a draw.

The artist was great. He could always draw a crowd.

Why did the artist cross the street? To crosshatch to the other side.

The painter wanted to feel the texture, so he buttered his toast with his fingers.

Wallpapering Easter eggs is hard, so people just prefer painting them.

Why was the artist a good cowboy? He was quick on the draw.

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>

Our next show will be "Spring Renewal" at the Polish Center of Wisconsin

April 17 to June 21, 2024. Information and entry forms will be coming to the website soon!

Welcome new members Frank and Cheri Porter!

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	April 24
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>



