



Presidential Perspective

LMA Presidents Letter May 2023

Dear Fellow Members,

“The only thing constant is change”, said the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus; and so it is with us.

There are new changes coming our way.

We have worked hard to find the best new meeting place for us and have decided on renting space with Mount Mary University in Wawautosa. The lecture room we will be renting has stadium seating that has a larger capacity than our current room at Cardinal Stritch. The new room will also provide us the technical capabilities that we require to provide you with our programming needs and parking is readily available and close to the entrance.

We all look forward to seeing you there for our next meeting in September. The room and parking locations will be posted on our website.

Next year marks LMA’s 80th anniversary celebration. The Board will meet this Summer to discuss ways for us to promote our anniversary in the Milwaukee area.

We are also updating our bylaws and will be presenting them for a vote in the Fall.

I wish that all of you have a creative, productive, happy Summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the Fall.

Sincerely,
Judy Gahn Murphy



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LMA Meeting Information

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month starting at 9:30 am (ending at approximately 11:30 am). We meet at Cardinal Stritch University, 6801 North Yates Rd, Milwaukee, in the Joan Steel Stein Center for Communications & Fine Arts

ROOM CFA 125 Map available on LMA website here:

<https://milwaukeeartists.org/meetings-1>

Upcoming Meeting Preview: Saturday, May 13th.

This will be our last meeting at Cardinal Stritch, and a must attend with a lot of news to share, plus two guests!

Yes, we will be having a new meeting location! With Cardinal Stritch closing, we will be announcing our new meeting venue for the fall!

James Kieselburg, Director of the Grohmann Museum, will be sharing information and an invitation to the upcoming Plein Air event at the Grohmann on June 24th.

“Watercolors Without Glass”

Member Laurie Runnoe will discuss how to create watercolors on canvas that do not require traditional mat and glass framing. This question-and-answer session will include techniques and supplies for painting watercolors on a canvas surface.

Please bring your questions for this interactive discussion!

Summer Break is coming! Plan on spending some time enjoying refreshments and coffee as we share all our plans for the summer. *Remember: there is no “Open Canvas” newsletter published during the summer. The next edition will arrive in September!*

PLEASE NOTE - MATC will be videotaping at the May meeting as they continue to collect video footage to produce short videos and reels we can use on our website and for social media. We will again keep the back two rows available for those who may not wish to be videotaped.

And...a heads up: the Good Hope East ramp exiting from I43 is closed. It would be best to exit at Silver Spring!

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 members that are in our own shows. 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.

Jeanne Brill received an award from Milwaukee Area Teachers of Art (MATA) for her pastel painting "Delafield Blues". The work is on display at Milwaukee Public Library until June 2 as part of MATA's 81st Annual Spring Show.

Both **Jeanne and Tom Smith** were accepted into the Firefly Art Fair to be held on August 5-6 from 10-5 at the Wauwatosa Historical Society, 7406 Hillcrest Drive, Wauwatosa.

J. J. Joyce, Audrey Dulmes, and **Jack Pachuta** have been accepted in "Alive in the Arts" Plymouth Art Center. Opening reception and awards are May 5th. Exhibition runs May 5th to August 4th at the Plymouth Arts Center, 520 E. Mill Street Plymouth, WI

Colette Ody Smith will be teaching a 4-day workshop titled "Painting What Your Love: Contemporary Pastel Landscaper from Your Photos" at the Peninsula School of Art in Door County. The dates are June 27 – 30, 2023. Follow the link below for complete information and registration details.

[Painting What You Love: Contemporary Pastel Landscapes from Your Photos | Colette Ody Smith | Tue-Fri, June 27-30 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM — Peninsula School of Art](#)

Karen Utech has "Poppies of Flanders Field" and "Blooming Wish" being shown at Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg Artist Guild) for *Flowers & Plants*: April 18 to July 11, 2023. "Just Hangin'" and "Hopes of Peace" inspired artwork for the show "ArtAsPoetryAsArt" May 21: Reception for exhibit from 1:00–3:00 pm May 14—June 18: Gallery exhibit viewable at the Rahr West Museum.

Ken Vonderberg's painting "Top of the Falls" is in "The Art of Water VII" at the new James May Gallery at 2201 N. Farwell, opening reception is May 5 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. It runs through August 1, 2023 and online on Artsy.

Ken's black and white photo "Megan's Gaze" was awarded 7th place out of the 12 top winners and 3rd place out of the top 20 photo and digital entries in the LightSpaceTime online gallery 13th "Figurative" exhibition out of 605 entries from 23 countries and 34 states. It's available online

at: https://lightspacetime.art/figurative-art-exhibition-may-2023/?fbclid=IwAR1KWr5hqmt8rhDjM-MdMMwYWIsEJsjOO_zvjZxiKhdvDS3NOSUz2xdMyWE

Bonita Bruch has one painting in the lobby of the Next Act Theater, 222 South Water streetThe painting is related to the theme of their current play "God's Spies" which runs from April 27- May 21

Ruth Vonderberg is in the Third Annual Spring Celebration Art Show sponsored by the Cudahy Arts Coalition at the Tavern Club (corner of Michigan & Wacker Drive) in Chicago 4/30/23 - 5/25/23 (juried show - 2 entries accepted). She is also showing in Art of Water VII at the James May Gallery 2201 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee - juried show runs from May 5 through 6/30/23

Margaret Schumann has three paintings in the Waukesha/Oconomowoc WRAP Show at the Oconomowoc Art Center. The show will hang until May 20. The Art Center is attached to the Oconomowoc High School and is open during school hours as well as when there are performances happening.

Three members who are part of "The Martini Girls", **Marcia Hochstetter, Debbie Callahan, and Marcia Hero** are enthusiastically announcing their upcoming art exhibition titled "Atmosphere". This unique and compelling show will be on display at Gallery 2622, located at 2622 N Wauwatosa Ave. (76th St), Wauwatosa, WI, from June 2, 2023 to July 31, 2023 and will feature multiple mediums, including Collage, Oil and Cold Wax, and Gold leaf, to name a few. Come join them for hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, and stimulating conversation at the Opening Reception on Friday, June 2nd, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Additional gallery hours will be posted on FaceBook and Instagram or on the MartiniGirls4 page.

Bob Fesser has his first solo exhibition, "Bloom" at the Waukesha Civic Theater. The show features 11 floral themed works that highlight Bob's interest with encaustic realism.

The show runs from June 1st to August 2nd with an opening reception on Thursday, June 1st from 6-7:30pm.

The opening reception coincides with the opening of the Civic Theatre's production of "Bloom".

Seven LMA artists were among the 40 artists juried into the "Fresh 40" Inaugural Art Exhibition & Sale.

Sponsored by Dominion Properties, Fresh 40 features the work of 40 new & established SE Wisconsin Artists.

Congratulations to LMA artists **Audrey Dulmes, Bob Fesser, Penelope Godfrey, Jan Jahnke, May Klisch, Barbara Rae Schaefer, and Ruth Vonderberg** on being juried into Fresh 40!

The show runs June 3rd from 4 - 8pm and June 4th from 2 - 4pm at the Shorewood Hub, Floor 3 - 3970 N Oakland - Shorewood, WI

Jack Pachuta's monoprint, "Nevermore," is one of 96 pieces of art (out of 614 submitted by artists across the nation) selected for the 36th Annual Northern National Art Competition at Nicolet College in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The juror was Lenny Campello, a Washington DC artist and curator with an international reputation. The show opens on June 15 and runs until July 28.

"Soaring," another monoprint by Jack Pachuta, will be exhibited at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center during the 2023 Indiana Dunes Birding Festival in Chesterton, Indiana, May 11 thru 14. The dune birds exhibit closes on June 3.

Beginning this season, **May Klisch** will be represented by Woodwalk Gallery in Door County. Six of May's abstract works are also part of "Candy 6.0" group show at The Art Bar in the Riverwest district through May 9.

Cherie Burbach is teaching a 4-week art class called "Fingerprints, Fear, and Faith" at Vineyard Church in Grafton starting Saturday, June 3rd. Cost is \$30 for the entire class and includes supplies. Sign up

here: <https://vineyardgrafton.churchcenter.com/groups/small-groups/fingerprints-fear-and-faith>.

Cherie is doing several art and craft shows during the summer, including the Ozaukee Night Market on June 1st (Cedarburg Cultural Center) and the Menomonee Falls Festival of Arts on June 25th. She'll also be part of the launch of [MadeTV](#) (a network for artists and makers), this summer.

Mauree Childress has a solo exhibit at the Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay starting in June. I am done with the work for the exhibit. The Miller is a wonderful space. I am thrilled and nervous. One room will be my Strong Women series, the other will be the disability paintings and the landscapes. I hope they are meaningful to viewers when they are exhibited.

Tom Smith has been juried into two art fairs this summer. The Whitefish Bay Art Fest, July 8 and 9, and the Glencoe, IL, Festival of Art, July 22 and 23.

Announcing the award winners for our "Refresh your Soul" show at Ovation Chai Point, 1400 N. Prospect, Milwaukee. The show runs through June 30th.

Best of Show. May Klisch. "Shore To the Woods"

First Place. Ruth Vonderberg "Mezzaluna"

Second Place. Kathryn Wedge "Petals II"

Third Place Ken Vonderberg. "Strömme Canal"

Honorable Mention. Julia Pagenkopf. "Orchid Dance"

And a note from juror Beki Borman:

"...First may I say that it was a privilege to jury this show. All the work was beautifully presented and all looked better in person than on screen. (As you know this is not always the case!) I thought the hanging was well done, as works that were vastly different in style or media still felt as though they (complemented) one another and the theme. In making my decisions, I first looked at initial impact and then skill, uniqueness, and adherence to the theme. It was hard to make some final determinations but I am confident in my choices for awards. Thanks again for this opportunity."

We are in turn very grateful to Beki Borman for her time jurying and judging the works in person. As I mentioned previously, this is a very beautiful show and it's wonderful that it's already being enjoyed by the viewers from the start.



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.

Here's your summer reading and viewing!

Want to know more about using Instagram? I know I do! Here's a 2-part tutorial:

<https://streamlinepublishing.com/inside-art/how-to-conquer-instagram-pt-1/#>

<https://ac.streamlinepublishing.com/index.php?action=social&chash=be16d5d77fc088f250f94227280ec528.9968&s=07a8f980cafec0634644a387f6a084db>

Want to be in a gallery show? Here's an article warning you not to get scammed!

<https://hyperallergic.com/819641/ghosted-by-east-village-art-collection-gallery-artists-demand-answers/>

This is just a fun photo illusion!

<https://mymodernmet.com/kenichi-ohno-bird-photo-illusion/>

Have you heard about all this AI stuff? Here's another fun read!

<https://hyperallergic.com/820871/to-draw-museum-visitors-vienna-turns-to-ai-and-cats/>

This is a YouTube video by "Paint Coach". He's a painter who has a slew of helpful videos that you can watch and learn from (even if you don't paint in oils). I've gone down the rabbit hole clicking on one after another!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzJ-SEs3Op4>

At many of these online magazines you will find links to other articles. You may find yourself getting hooked but having fun!

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.**

*****Our Exhibits Chair May Klisch has several shows in the works. One is at The Arts Mill in Grafton starting in August. Plans are getting finalized so watch the website for information coming soon!*****

<https://milwaukeeartists.org/exhibitions>

Welcome two new members:

Abigail Wolfe and **Maureen M. Squire**

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
<i>January 20, 2023</i>	<i>January 26, 2023</i>
<i>April 21, 2023</i>	<i>April 27, 2023</i>
<i>August 18, 2023</i>	<i>August 24, 2023</i>
<i>November 17, 2023</i>	<i>November 22, 2023</i>

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!

