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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE ARTISTS

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Presidential Perspective

LMA
President's Letter
December 2023

Dear League Members,

This month we have our meeting at the Milwaukee Art Museum. We will have a specially guided tour of the current exhibits. Our own Mauree Childress will be a docent for us.

A special thanks to Bob Fesser for putting this all together.

We don't meet in January, so I will look forward to seeing you at our meeting in February.

Please stay informed of our current and upcoming events by reading our website.

Happy Holidays, as the year winds down, I want to wish all of you the best of what the season offers you.

Sincerely,
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

LMA meetings occur on the 2nd Saturday of every month from September through May and run from 9:30 - 11:30 am.

For directions, go to our website here:

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

Find the blue GET DIRECTIONS button and click!

Upcoming Meeting Preview: Saturday, December 9th 11th

Our December meeting will be held at the Milwaukee Art Museum on December 9th from 10-11:30am.

Attendance is limited to 35 members and an email was sent out to all members. To confirm that you would like to attend – "first come, first serve" - email Bob Fesser at waysofwax@gmail.com to see if there are spots still available.

Our agenda will be as follows:

10 – 10:30 LMA business meeting in the Quad Suite

10:30 -11:30 Meet with (3) docents in Windhover Hall to start tour of special exhibits.

11:30 -?? Members can continue to explore the museum, and/or exhibitions, on their own.

We will be seeing 3 special exhibits led by docents so come with your questions!

- Art, Life, Legacy: Northern European Paintings in the Collection of Isabel and Alfred Bader
- Darrel Ellis: Regeneration exhibition
- 50 Paintings exhibition

Hope to see you at MAM on the 9th!



Remember: There is no meeting or newsletter in January! See you in 2024!

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.

Karen Utech has "Golden Moments" in the MOWA membership show. This runs through January 7th. She will also be participating in the Cedarburg Holiday Art Fair Dec. 8-10th. Additional artworks of hers can be seen at the Art Lounge in Menomonee Falls.

Renee Couture has three pastels on display at the Oconomowoc Fine Arts Center with the Waukesha Creative Arts League's Member Exhibit. They will be up until Jan. 14th during Box Office hours and 90 minutes before any performances there.

She also has 3 pieces on display at the Greenfield Library with the Wisconsin Pastel Artists which will be up until Jan. 5th. The theme of the show is "Slick as Ice" so her works have a wintery, cold theme to them! The gallery is on the 2nd floor of the library if you would stop in to see the show.

Janet Roberts has two landscapes in the Anderson Arts Center Winter Show, and won the third-place award, along with a solo show which will be this summer. She also had a painting juried into the upcoming 2024 Wisconsin Artists Biennial Exhibition, which opens at MOWA on Feb. 3.

Terri Lockwood will be in MOWA Membership exhibit through January 22nd.

Donna Staats has 4 small Pastels in the Wisconsin Pastel Artists Winter Show at the Greenfield Public Library. 5310 W. Layton Avenue December 1, 2023 to January 5, 2024. Opening reception: Sunday, December 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Margaret Schumann has been juried into the Watercolor Wisconsin Show at the Wustum Art Museum in Racine. The show opens on December 10 with the artist's

reception from 1 to 4 pm. The show will hang until April 14. She also has a painting in the MOWA Members' Show beginning on November 18 and concluding on January 7, 2024.

Artist Opportunities

The Pump House in La Crosse is currently searching for artists to fill our three art galleries for the 2024-2025 season!

This year we have opportunities for personal exhibitions and our collaborative "Color" show where artists can submit up to 5 pieces to be juried in.

<https://www.thepumphouse.org/about/opportunities/calls-to-artists/>

Dive into the enchanting world of Winter's Garden as the Riverfront Arts Center in Stevens Point eagerly awaits your imaginative submissions for our annual juried show! Interpret the theme "Winter's Garden" through your unique artistic lens. No need to stick to the mundane; embrace the extraordinary!

Open Media allows your creativity to flourish without bounds.

<https://stevenspoint.com/170/Riverfront-Arts-Center>

Applications open December 1st for the 2024 Trout Museum in Appleton Contemporary juried exhibition. Spanning all three floors of the museum, TMA Contemporary will represent a wide spectrum of media and creative perspectives from across the state of Wisconsin.

Artists may submit up to three works for consideration by a panel of jurors. Find more information on their website.

<https://troutmuseum.org/events/tma-contemporary/>

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/>

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.

Have you heard of Rosemary Brushes? They are surprisingly affordable and used by many professional artists. Here is a link to some articles on their page that might interest you (you may want to try their brushes too-I recommend them!)



https://blog.rosemaryandco.com/?fbclid=IwAR1qmOPbTVo09KX_DHPvOnzD0dbktCCdwEOPvD2mJTUPKEVq0nZzeVEqblA



Love him or hate him, Andy Warhol was one of the most influential artists of the 20th Century. Here's an article about his life.

<https://www.artnews.com/list/art-news/artists/who-was-andy-warhol-1234642951/later-career/>



Winsor and Newton has a fascinating article about the color gold on its website. <https://www.winsornewton.com/na/articles/colours/all-that-glitters-is-gold-a-spotlight-on-the-worlds-most-precious-colour/>



Here's an interesting read about making oil paint.

<https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-editorial-inside-painstaking-process-making-high-quality-oil-paint>

The Funny Page!



How well did Jackson Pollock do in art class?
He passed it with flying colors.

One time Lucy tried to paint the sky, but she blue it.

What happens when a painter fails to finish his joke?
Sketch Comedy.

What did the artist feel like when he first visited the Louvre museum?
It was Louvre at first sight.

How many artists does it take to change a light bulb?
Ten. One to change it, and nine to reassure him about how good it looks.

Why does everyone usually paint Easter eggs?
Because it is much easier than wallpapering them.

Did you hear about the artist that always took things too far?
She didn't know where to draw the line.

What does a momma color wheel say to a baby color wheel?
Don't use that tone with me.

Why was the worlds greatest painter's wardrobe so small?
He only ever needed one coat.

Why is it hard to talk to an abstract painter?
They never go into detail.

Artists are just children who refused to put down their crayons.

My wife makes art by spending hours painting dots on a canvas to create shapes, she calls it modern art.

I think it's pointillist.

How does an artist get around?
Well quite easel-y.

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>

There WILL be some new exhibitions coming up...stay tuned!

Welcome new members Lisa A. Bissonette and Juli Garton!

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 to be announced!

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>

