



Presidential Perspective

LMA President's Letter November 2023

Hello Fellow Members,
Have you thought about volunteering for your League of Milwaukee Artists? At the November meeting we will be confirming the officers on our board. Our constitution states:

“Section 1: The Officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Exhibit Chairman, Membership Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor.

Section 2: These Officers shall be elected at a meeting, preferably in November, and shall hold their offices for the term of two years or until their successors are elected. They shall take office in January.

Section 3: The Board of Directors, or a Committee appointed by the President, shall nominate one or more candidates for each office at a general meeting in November. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at this time. Consent of nominees to serve, if elected, must be obtained.

Section 4: A vacancy occurring in any of the officer positions shall be filled by a Board of Directors appointment. Members filling vacancies shall hold office until the next general election.”

As of right now, all our board positions are filled. But soon that won't be the case, my hope is that you will want to step up and fill one of these positions in the future. A healthy organization will bring in new board members to continue their mission.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!
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, November 11th.

Plein Air painter Todd Schabel will be our guest presenter at the November LMA meeting. In addition to speaking on his background and journey as an artist, Todd will be doing a demonstration of “a quick paint”.

Todd Schabel is a contemporary realist oil painter who grew up in Central Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he was fortunate to study with the late Li Hu, who emphasized the need to learn strong drawing skills and the importance of working from life. Todd’s training mainly consisted of the portrait, the figure, and still-lives, but due to his love of the outdoors and interest in travel, it wasn’t long before he fell in love with the landscape, particularly plein air painting.

This love of plein air painting has currently taken Todd on the road to plein air events, workshops and diverse parts of the nation to study from life. Todd has had the honor of receiving numerous plein air awards, most notably *Best Building* for July 2022 Plein Air Salon. He recently received Best of Show and Artists Choice Award at Paint Cedarberg 2023 as well as Best of Show - Bluffstrokes Plein Air Event 2023, Dubuque, IA.

Todd is represented by the Richeson Gallery in Kimberly, WI, Gallery 1802 in La Crosse, WI and Bell Street Gallery in La Pointe, WI.

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.

Jack Pachuta will be the featured artist at a "Meet the Artist" program in the new Mercantile Plaza Gallery, 211 North Franklin Street in Port Washington. The gathering will be open to the public from 11am to 1pm on Sunday, December 10th.

LMA artists accepted for the Anderson Arts Center's "Winter Juried Show" include **Nick Schroeder** with a ceramic wall tile, **Laurie Runnoe** a watercolor painting, a painting by **Gwen Granzow**, **Erica Lambrecht** a painting, and **Tom Smith** a painting. The exhibition runs from November 19, 2023 through January 7, 2024 with an opening on Sunday, November 19 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Laurie Runnoe has a painting juried into the Watercolor Wisconsin exhibit at the Wustum Museum in Racine running from December 13, 2023-April 13, 2024. The opening reception for the show is Sunday December 10 at 1:00 pm.

Laurie also has 12 miniature watercolors that are for sale in the annual Mini Art Show at the Art Bar, 722 E. Burleigh Street, from November 3 to December 31st.

Laurie Runnoe and **Tom Smith** are participating in another juried mini art exhibit. The Little Show in Cedarburg is an art show and sale that runs from December 2, 2023, to January 14, 2024, at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. The opening reception and awards ceremony is on Thursday December 7 from 5-8 pm. They will have 5 miniature paintings on display and for sale at the CCC.

Marcia Hero will have 12 new small works at Inspiration Studios for their November/December Art Show, with an Opening Reception on November 17, from 6-8pm.

Margaret Schumann will have a painting in the MOWA Members Show beginning on November 18 and concluding on January 7, 2024. The reception will take place on November 18 from 2 to 4 pm. She also has work on display in the MARN gift shop and in the Attic at David Barnett Gallery through December.

Diane Zeni will be showing her work, along with members of the Shorewood Artists Guild, at the Atrium, 2107 Capitol Dr., Shorewood on November 9th from 5 to 9 p.m.

Debbie Callahan and **Marcia Hero** are showing in “Be Yourself” an exhibition featuring paintings in various media, sizes, and subject matter. The show will be held at Vista 59 Artisan Boutique and Gallery, 5901 W Vliet St, Milwaukee, and will open with an Artists Reception on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 5 to 8 pm. The exhibition will run through January 7, 2024

Terri Lockwood will be showing in the 28th Annual Holiday Membership Exhibition at The Plymouth Arts Center from November through January in Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Penelope Hansen will have her work at Peninsula School of the Arts. Opening November 4, 2023, until January 2024.

Ken Vonderberg received word that all three of his fine art figure photography entries were selected as “FAV 15%” (jury’s favorite 15% of the entries) in the September 2023 BoldBrush art competition out of over 2300 entries internationally.

Tom Smith has a solo show at the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay through December. Located at 819 E Silver Spring Dr, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217, the church is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 4 and Sundays from 8 to noon.



Member Erin Callahan Blum is teaching several watercolor classes:

Basic Watercolors

**5 Week Session: Tuesdays, Nov 14, 21, 28,
& Dec. 5, 12, 2023**

New time: 1:30-3:30

Port Washington Adult Community Center, 403 W. Foster St.

Basic Watercolors will take you through different steps of Drawing and Painting each week. Learn to draw and paint: 1-Trees without foliage, 2-Trees with foliage, 3-Evergreens, 4 & 5-Trees with snow.

Limited class size: call 262-284-5821 to register, then drop off or mail a check

Remake a Watercolor with Pastels & Colored Pencils

**Three Week Session: Wednesdays, November 1st, 8th & 15th from 1:00-3:00
Cedarburg Senior Center, behind the Community Center Bldg.**

Take a watercolor painting and brighten it with pastels, oils pastels, pastel pencils, or colored pencils. Use color combinations that will remake a painting you've hidden under your bed or a background you just painted!

Limited class size. Please call 262-375-7644 to register.

Create Sunlight Patterns

**Two Week Session: Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & 13 from 1:00-3:00
Cedarburg Senior Center, behind the Community Center Bldg.**

Patterns of sunlight abound all year. Create mood by saving sunlight in a landscape! Bring your own photo of any season, or SEARCH "free photos of landscapes with trees.

FOR ALL SESSIONS/CLASSES:

All adult ages, non-members & members welcome!

Beginners and Intermediate painters.

****VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE CHECK THE SUPPLY LIST FROM THE WEBSITE in the WORKSHOP TABS, www.ErinCallahanBlum.com. BE SURE TO READ IT TO THE VERY BOTTOM AND REMEMBER TO BRING EVERYTHING REQUIRED.**

Artist Opportunities

Here is a link with information about The Anderson Art Gallery's ANNUAL WINTER JURIED EXHIBITION: <https://kempercenter.com/exhibits/2023-annual-winter-juried-exhibition>

This month I've found some new entry thingies-one of which is called "Entry Thingy"! I used the filter option on the page to look for shows in Illinois. I thought some members may want to look farther afield for an opportunity. I know it's a big risk travelling to Illinois but sometimes "no pain no gain!"

Horicon Bank is looking for a local area artist to paint a basement wall, underneath a window well, at their new Milwaukee branch at 11530 West Burleigh Street, Wauwatosa.

There are three sides to the wall and guessing its a total of 12' by 8'. This work would be subject to acceptable quote, design, and references of the artist. The Bank is open to ideas, but initially thinking of a nature scene, consistent with the Bank's nature branding (IE: Horicon Marsh).

If interested, contact Karin Langsdorf at Horicon Bank, karinl@horiconbank.com.

GO FIGURE!

Plymouth Arts Center – Gallery 100 North | 520 East Mill Street | Plymouth, WI 53070

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates March 8 - April 26, 2024

Opening Reception Friday, March 8, 2024, 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Applications Open Monday, October 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Applications Close Friday, December 8, 2023 at 11:59 PM

Artist Notifications Friday, December 22, 2023

Go to <https://go-figure.artcall.org/> for more information.

CALL FOR 6th Annual Critters Exhibition. Enter your original or limited edition artworks created within the past three years for the opportunity to be part of the online group exhibition.

Feature real or imaginary Critters in your artwork. Marine life, exotic creatures, farm animals, insects, birds and more! Enter traditional, abstract, 2D or 3D work where Critters are part of your art!

<https://www.artconnective.org/call-for-art>

The Center for Visual Arts

CALL FOR ART

34th Annual Midwest Seasons

Submissions Deadline: November 27, 2023

Exhibit Dates: January 10 - March 16, 2024

Learn more and Submit: <https://www.cvawausau.org/calls-for-entry>

TiniER Art Gallery

CALL FOR ART

TAG&TiniER are excited to invite artists to submit to “Renewal”, our first JURIED art show in the TiniER Art Gallery. All works both 2D and 3D up to 6”x6” will be considered in this blind juried tiny gallery show. There is no entry fee and there is zero commission. <https://tagandtinier.blogspot.com/2023/10/renewal-call-for-art.html>

2024 Transparent Watercolor Society of America's 48th Annual National Exhibition. Entry Deadline: 1/31/24.

https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=12252

The WisCon Art Show features work from artists in the WisCon community, particularly artists of marginalized genders and local/Midwestern artists, often exploring themes related to [WisCon's principles](#) (SFF, feminism, social justice). In past years, the Art Show has included painting, drawing, illustration, photography, comics, printmaking, jewelry and other wearable art, sculpture, and more.

<http://wiscon.net/events/art-show/>

The Wilson Center is now accepting proposals for visual art classes. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis for our fall (September-December), winter/spring (January-May), and summer (June-August) class schedules.

<https://www.wilson-center.com/class-proposal-submission>

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.

The Secret Room of Michelangelo

<https://www.visitflorencemuseums.com/the-secret-room-of-michelangelo/>



Jack Richeson
& Co., Inc. **We Say Goodbye to Jack Richeson**

Richeson & Co. is located near Appleton, WI. A manufacturer of art materials, a school, and a gallery are a must go-to day trip. It's founder, Jack Richeson, recently passed away.

<https://fineartconnoisseur.com/2023/11/we-say-goodbye-to-jack-richeson/>

Retired country math teacher Robert Martiensen created thousands of artworks in secret

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-10-21/robert-martiensen-7000-secret-artworks/>



Botero, the Most Exhibited Artist in the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrZij-G5P7s>

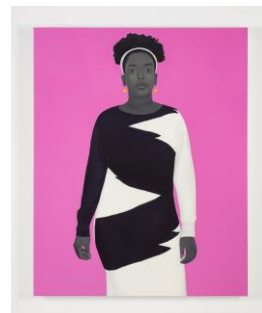
If you're like me, you've always thought of Fernando Botero as a "shlocky" artist. This video on YouTube may change your mind!



Milwaukee Art Museum Update from member Muaree Childress. Your Milwaukee Art Museum hours are Wednesday, 10am-5pm; Thursday, 10am-8pm; and Friday-Sunday 10am-5pm.

- For the contemporary Indigenous artists in [Knowledge Beings](#), clay is a living medium that gives form to knowledge about land, ancestor, language, and identity. [Knowledge Beings](#) is an immersive new gallery on the MAM's second floor featuring 13 works by 13 artists. All the featured artists are from diverse cultures and sovereign nations within the present-day United States. *Knowledge Beings* is co-curated by Chris Cornelius (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin), chair of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico, and Ruthie Dibble, curator at The Chipstone Foundation, with guidance from the Milwaukee Art Museum's Native Initiatives Advisory Group. This is a wonderful gallery to sit and experience.
- In the Baker/Rowland Galleries is [Art, Life, Legacy: Northern European Paintings in the Collection of Isabel and Alfred Bader](#). This exhibit features masterpieces of 17th-century Dutch and Flemish painting—including works by Rembrandt van Rijn and Jan Lievens. It is the only U.S. exhibition of the Baders' exquisite collection. Gorgeous work.
- In the Herzfeld Center for Photography and Media Arts is the interesting [Darrel Ellis: Regeneration](#). This is the first major museum exhibition featuring the full breadth of Ellis's moving work, which encompasses photography, painting, printmaking, and drawing.
- [50 Paintings](#) features works created within the last five years by 50 international artists, highlighting the artistic trends in practice today. The *50 Paintings* exhibition will open on November 17 in the Bradley Gallery on the second floor.

The Museum Café on the Café Level, under Windhover Hall, is open. The Kohl's Art Studio is open Saturday–Sunday, 10am–4pm. Reserve your admission tickets and find information on parking, safety protocols, and more at mam.org/visit



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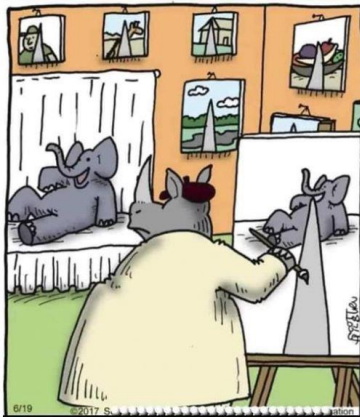
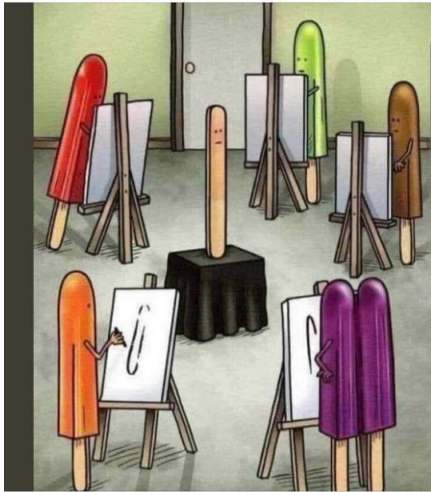
Totems sculptures by Nora Naranjo Morse (Santa Clara Pueblo), inspired by the rock art of her Puebloan ancestors.

Rembrandt van Rijn (Dutch, 1606–1669), *Head of an Old Man in a Cap*, ca. 1630.

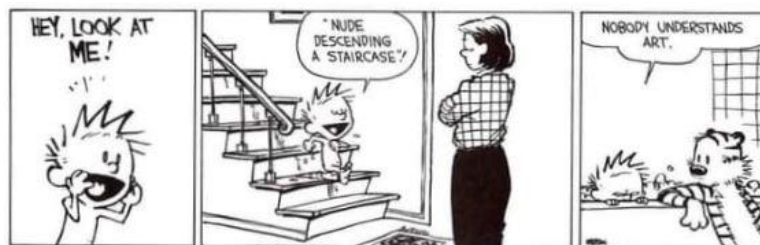
Amy Sherald (American, b.1973), *Sometimes the king is a woman*, 2019.

The Funny Page!

If you struggle with figure drawing, just stick with it!



Mechanicangelo 😊



I used to do fine arts, until I decided I didn't like the arts.

Now I'm doing just fine.

What kind of shoes do artists wear?
Sketchers.

How do you get an arts major off your doorstep?

Pay for the pizza.

Whenever my artistic girlfriend is sad, I let her draw things on my body...

I gave her a shoulder to crayon.

A friend of mine is drawing realistic pictures of the Ford F-150.

He is a pickup artist.

What sound does a dog that's really into art make?

He doesn't bark. He bauhaus.

How many surrealist painters does it take to change a lightbulb?

A fish!

What do you call a sculptor that loves to get high?

A stoner.

My friend was a struggling artist until he decided to just do sculptures.

He made over six figures last year.

How can an artist fill in a CV?

Drawing from experience.

My older brother always tore the last pages of my comic books, and never told me why.

I had to draw my own conclusions.

What do you call a painter that loves running through the grass?

Jackson Frolic.

My art teacher said my self-portrait looked horrible.

However, she did say it was extremely realistic and lifelike.

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>

Speaking of exhibits, our Exhibit Chair **May Klisch** is retiring! This is what President Judy Murphy had to say:

“On behalf of all of us at the League of Milwaukee Artists, I want to thank you for all your tireless work as our Exhibit Chair. We all know it was countless hours of your efforts that allowed us to show our work and be recognized as the wonderful artists that we are. Thank you for that! We appreciate you and wish you the best in your new endeavors.”

With that, we introduce our new Exhibits Chair **Mike Gundlach! Thank you, Mike, for stepping up to fill this import Board position!**

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 20, 2023	January 26, 2023
April 21, 2023	April 27, 2023
August 18, 2023	August 24, 2023
November 17, 2023	November 22, 2023

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>**

