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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE ARTISTS

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Presidential Perspective

LMA President's letter September 2023

Welcome back to our meetings!

This year we are welcoming many new things and celebrating a milestone.

Our meetings this year are in a new place. We will be meeting at Mount Mary University. All the directions, including parking information for our new meeting space can be found on our website.

At our September meeting we will welcome eight new members that were juried in during August. This is great news; we love our new members. Please join me in welcoming them.

The League of Milwaukee Artists will be turning 80 years old in 2024. We are in the midst of planning some special events for our anniversary year that we will reveal in the upcoming months. We also have a new LMA logo celebrating our 80th anniversary. Thank you to David Kurtz for his design.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Judy



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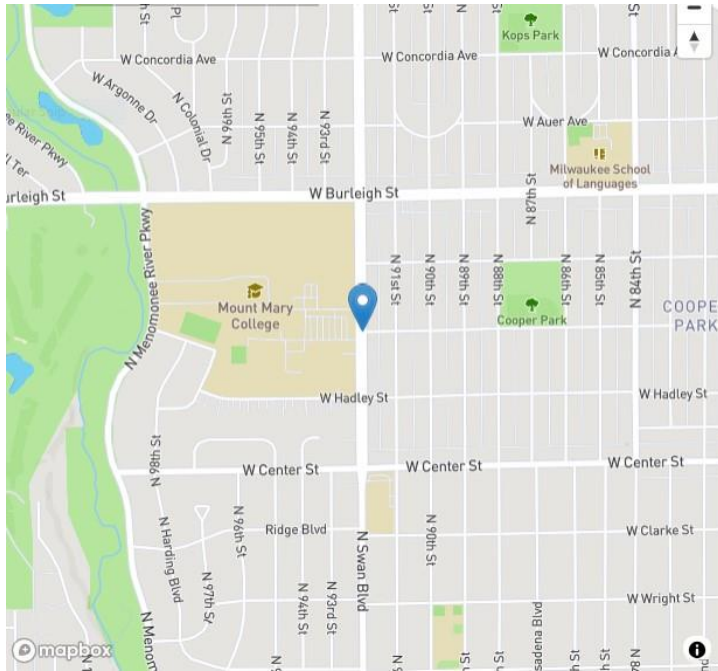
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LMA Meeting Information
NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Where & When We Meet:

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

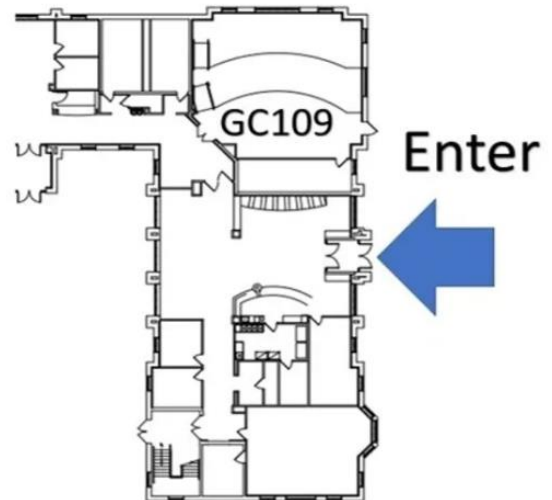
LMA meetings occur on the 2nd Saturday of every month from September through May and run from 9:30 - 11:30 am.



For directions, go to our website here:

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

Find the blue GET DIRECTIONS button and click!



Easier to see versions of these maps are found on our webpage!

Upcoming Meeting Preview: Saturday, September 9th.

For the meeting this Saturday from 9:30 - 11:30, please bring a piece that you completed over the summer to share with the group.

We want to know how you spent your "summer vacation".

We also have some exciting news about 2024 and the 80th year of LMA!

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.

Julie San Felipe has several pieces in group shows around the state...

RECEPTION Thursday 9/14, 6-7:30pm at the Foster Gallery, UW-Eau Claire, "Exchanges: Dialogues Between Poetry and Art" up 9/8 through 10/4, she's thrilled to be a poetry show!

She is also at the Art*Bar, Milwaukee, Martini Girls Invitational, "Off Kilter" up through 9/27, the

Richeson School of Art Gallery, Kimberly in the Rogues Artists Group's, "Zodiac" up through 9/22 and at the Art Garage, Green Bay, in "Influenced By" up through 9/30.

Adele Richert, (new member), is showing in the Cedarburg Artist Guild Annual Juried Exhibit at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, Sept. 3 - Oct. 15, and in the Christopher Gardens "Art in the Gardens" exhibit at the Ebenreiter Gallery in Sheboygan, Sept. 4 - Oct. 14.

Laurie Runnoe was awarded Best of Show at the Rogues Artist Group exhibit, Zodiac. The exhibit is on display at the Richeson Art Gallery in Kimberly, WI through September 22, 2023.

Laurie is also exhibiting a painting in the "Off Kilter" show at the Art Bar in Milwaukee. The exhibit runs through September 27, 2023.

Sue Schwegel was awarded second place at the WRAP show in May at the Oconomowoc Arts Center and received the Carmen & Eva Beining Award at the WRAP/AWA Annual September Exhibition at the Pyle Center in Madison.

Nick Schroeder had two ceramic wall tiles in the regional juried show, "From the Earth" in the Kavanagh Gallery of the Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, Illinois. The exhibition ran June 29 – August 9, 2023. He currently has three ceramic wall tiles at the Rahr-West Art Museum, Manitowoc. The state-wide juried exhibit, "Being: A Recognition of Self and Others," runs from August 20 – September 17, 2023.

Pete Zielinski made it to the final round of Artist64 in TOSA. Although he did not take home the big prize, he did sell all four of his paintings. He will be exhibiting in 2 upcoming art fairs: Wausau on the 9th and 10th and Hudson on the 23rd and 24th of September. Pete will also be participating in Waukesha's PleinAir Event Oct. 2nd thru 7th

Terri Lockwood will be included in the "Seasons" exhibit at Main Street Gallery, located in the Cedarburg Cultural Center, running from August 29th through October 17th.

Tom Smith won a 2nd place award in the nocturne category at the "Paint Cedarburg" competition, an "Award of Outstanding Achievement" at the Whitefish Bay Art Fest, a Fourth Place Award at the Jefferson Plein Air Competition, and an "Award of Merit" at the Wauwatosa Artists Workshop Greenfield Library show.

Carolyn Simpson will have a solo exhibit titled "Within Wisconsin: Hiking the Ice Age Trail" at the Wauwatosa Public Library, 7635 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213, October 3-30, 2023.

Thirty works done in watercolor, photography and a found art piece inspired by her 700 miles of hiking the Ice Age Trail will be on display. You are invited to an exhibit reception with light refreshments Thursday, October 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Wauwatosa Public Library.

Over 75 unframed mini-paintings will be available for a free will cash donation of any amount to the Ice Age Trail Alliance to be matched by an anonymous donor.

In addition, the Ice Age Trail Alliance will be holding an Ice Age Trail event held in conjunction with the exhibit at the Wauwatosa Public Library, October 3, 2023. The public is invited to an overview of the Ice Age Trail presented by the Ice Age Trail Alliance, 6:30-7:15 p.m., and "How the Ice Age Trail Inspires Art" presented by Carolyn Simpson, 7:15-8:00 p.m.

Three LMA members, as part of the "Martini Girls 4", **Marcia Hero, Debbie Callahan, and Marcia Hochstetter**, are enthusiastically announcing their 11th annual collaborative art exhibition "Off Kilter". 60 local artists will exhibit paintings in various media based on the title, which will open at the ArtBar, 722 E Burleigh St, Milwaukee, WI on Friday, September 1st.

Ken and Ruth Vonderberg have work on display in the Converge workspace on the second floor of the Eagleknit Building at 507 S. 2nd Street in Milwaukee's Walker's Point through October 20th. They have both also had artwork accepted for display in the Ronald McDonald guesthouse at the Milwaukee County Medical Complex through November of 2023.

Ken Vonderberg's black and white photo "Lauren Folded" has been selected for showcasing in the 2nd "Nuditas" international online group exhibition.

Karen Utech's painting "Poppies of Flanders Field" won **best of theme** in Florals and Plants with the Cedarburg Artist Guild. "Vanishing Gold" and "Eye of the Storm" are showing at the Grafton Arts Mill. Karen also has two paintings accepted in the Annual Juried Exhibit. Opening reception is September 10th from 1-4 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Karen also has a painting titled "Teacher Remote Training", and also a poem "Be Little Ed" published in the August issue of the book "Moss Piglet".

Here is a special project and an "ask" from **Michelle Savas Thompson**.

She has been heavily involved in a yearlong project with Mequon Nature Preserve. She visited MNP once a week this year, took notes of weather that day, made some sketches, took photos and ultimately created a painting from that experience each week. That is at a min. 52 paintings for the year. She has a show set up for April of 2024 at the CCC, however she is looking to take this project to whole different level.

Mequon Nature Preserve is a pretty special place. It started with and is funded completely through donations as a 150 year long land restoration project back what it was over a 100 years

ago. They are currently 20 years into that project. What's unique is unlike most other land restoration projects, which are closed to the public, this one is completely open to the public to hike through over 500 acres of land with 5 different eco systems. Dogs allowed as well on a lease.

She is looking to create a tabletop book, calendar and prints to help document where MNP is today. So that people in 150 years can see where it all started. The book will contain the notes from Michelle's sketchbook and all the paintings from the year.

In order to do Prints and ultimately produce the book, she looks for the best image quality and will need to get each and every painting a color correct scan. (That will be \$2000) She is hoping to frame all the paintings for the show. (That will be \$2000) and then printing will be another \$1000-\$2000

This is Michelle's first attempt at a fundraising campaign through Kickstarter. The project only becomes a go if it gets fully funded. The way she figures, she needs about 70-100 people in the \$100 range. There are all different reward levels set up in there from \$5 to \$2000. The \$250 reward levels gets you a copy of the book and all the other rewards. Each reward level offers more shipped to you once they are completed next year.

Would you consider supporting this project either by becoming a backer and/or sharing with people you know?

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/savasfineart/art-on-the-preserve>

Announcing the award winners for the LMA Juried Members Show at The Arts Mill in Grafton, up until September 30th.

- **\$150 Best of Show - Moondancer, Laurie Runnoe**
- **\$100 First Place - The Grackle, Jennifer Herro**
- **\$75 Second Place - Migration, Jack Pachuta**
- **\$50 Third Place - Depression Glass Shine, Laura Fesser**
- **\$25 Honorable Mention - The Look, Michael Gundlach**
- **\$25 Honorable Mention - Siberian Iris, Bob Fesser**
- **\$25 Honorable Mention - Mirror Lake, Renee Couture**
- **\$25 Honorable Mention - Contrasts, Julie San Felipe**

This is what juror Tom Kubala had to say about the show:

“It was a distinct pleasure to pour over the artwork offered for this exhibition. An intimate review of your submissions has revealed to me a serious yet joyful approach to the making of art in the world. Many media were utilized, making it clear that you are not afraid to experiment and to push the boundaries of your personal expectations. As an artist, I am greatly encouraged by your efforts and appreciative of the positive effects they have registered on my heart. If there were one attribute that rises above all others in determining the judged quality of your work it would be the ability of an artwork to deeply resonate with living beings, and contribute to their peace.”

Artist Opportunities

Leenhouts Gallery **Call to Artists: Jury Day 2023**

The Leenhouts Gallery will jury work for the 2023-2024 exhibition season on Saturday, September 16, 2023.

Artists should drop off three works, a resume, and an artist statement between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM and pick them up between 1:00PM and 2:00 PM. Additional photographs of your work can be included as a complement to your three original pieces.

All work must be 2D only, original, gallery ready and no larger than 24" x 36" unless the work is lightweight, foldable or rollable fiber art such as quilts or hangings. If selected for one of our solo shows, artist must be prepared to exhibit at least 10 pieces. Selected artists will be notified by email no later than Saturday September 30, 2023

Contact Gallery Chair Jeff Percy with questions at jeffpercy@outlook.com.

If someone you know is an accomplished artist please let them know about this great opportunity to be considered as an exhibitor.



Please note: you will need to contact Jeff Percy at the email listed, or call First Unitarian at 414-273-5257 to get materials for entry.

The Art of Hearts

Enter now until 9.20.2023
www.artconnective.org



This is for an online show. The gallery is in De Pere.

<https://www.artconnective.org/ca>
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NAdiaNA Gallery is a fairly new space that has a call for a show called "Ultimate Abstract" <https://nadianartgallery.com/page/3-Exhibitions%20%26%20Art%20Submissions.html>

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>

**SEE THE LAST PAGE FOR A LINK TO OUR UPCOMING SHOW “Bounty”
Applications are due on September 17th so you need to get ready!**

Milwaukee Art Museum Update (from member Mauree 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 to represent the number of annual moons and the cyclical sense of time that brings Indigenous beings from the past, present, and future into close relation. 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.
- Opening on September 29, in the Baker/Rowland Galleries is Art, Life, Legacy: Northern European Paintings in the Collection of Isabel and Alfred Bader. This exhibit featuring masterpieces of 17th-century Dutch and Flemish painting—including works by Rembrandt van Rijn and Jan Lievens—is the only U.S. exhibition of the Baders’ exquisite collection.

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.



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

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.



Do you like to go to thrift stores? Read about someone who found a treasure! <https://hyperallergic.com/841507/n-c-wyeth-painting-bought-at-thrift-store-could-sell-for-250k/>



Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes as an art judge?

Here's a peek!

<https://ac.streamlinepublishing.com/index.php?action=social&chash=c8f5b1786c5c5f89edf17f37dbca107e.11615&s=07a8f980cafec0634644a387f6a084db>



This site has lots of FREE art videos!

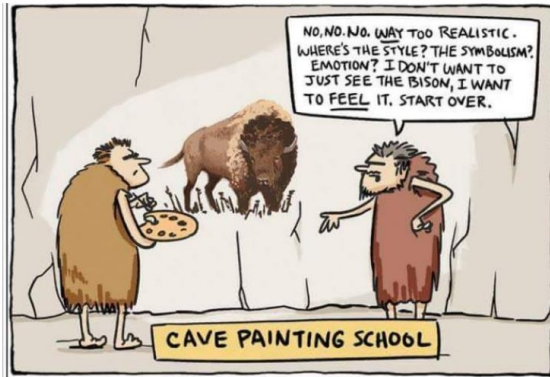
<https://painttube.tv/pages/free-videos>



Baumgartner Restoration is based in Chicago. This site will introduce you to Julian Baumgartner and show you how he goes about his restorations. If you like it, he has multiple videos on YouTube that are fascinating to watch.

<https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2018/12/conservation-by-baumgartner/>

The Funny Page!



This is how people ignored each other before smartphones



The artist wanted to quit but he was on the home sketch.

What farm animal is an artist? Pablo Pigcasso.

When I went into my art lesson covered in yeast and flower, my teacher said I was the perfect roll-model.

Don't be caught smack daub in the middle.

What's an Etch-A-Sketch artists' worst nightmare? An earthquake.

How can an artist fill in a CV? Drawing from experience.

If Van Gogh were alive today, what would the title of his autobiography be? The Starry Of My Life.

What did the painter say to the wall? Another crack like that and I'll have to plaster you!

The artist told the dentist, "Matisse hurt!"

What time do artists wake up? At the crack of drawn!

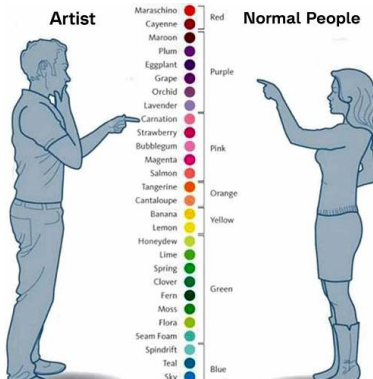
The artist was great. He could always draw a crowd.

What is a painting done by a cat called? A paw-trait.

Don't be so mad! Easel up.

When Vincent Van Gogh told stories, he had Story Night.

The art show is coming up. I'm etching to go!



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.**

“Bounty” at the Polish Center for Wisconsin

The League of Milwaukee Artists seeks works of art for the juried exhibit “Bounty,” an exhibit sponsored by and to be held at the Polish Center of Wisconsin (Art Gallery) from October 1 through December 3, 2023. Works are encouraged that invoke aspects of abundance, especially as celebrated in the Polish culture.

Hurry! Digital entries must be submitted by September 17, 2023, at midnight, and artists will be notified as soon as jurying is complete, no later than 9/21/2023. *Here is a site with possible inspiration:*

<https://polishatheart.com/wilno-polish-city-of-dreams>

***** Go to our website for more info and to enter! *****

<https://milwaukeeartists.org/exhibitions>

Welcome New Members! As of this writing we have 6 paid new members! They are Janet Nelson, Paula Hare, Shim Burich, Deb Van Eyck, Erin Joslyn, and Erica Lambrecht. Welcome All!

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>