MAG Newsletter

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From the President

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend December's Pizza/Potluck party. The food was great, and we had fun playing games afterwards.

The Warrenton Small Works Art show was a great success. Holly Moriarty, Stephanie McGee and I helped coordinate and set up the show. We had 58 paintings on display and sold 23 of them! We were pretty amazed by the amount of sales. All art was priced at $100.00 or less; the lowest price sold was $50.00, five were sold at $100.00, and the rest were prices in-between. We're already working on another show for this spring, we hope everyone will want to participate again.

-- Laura Lavarnway, President, MAG

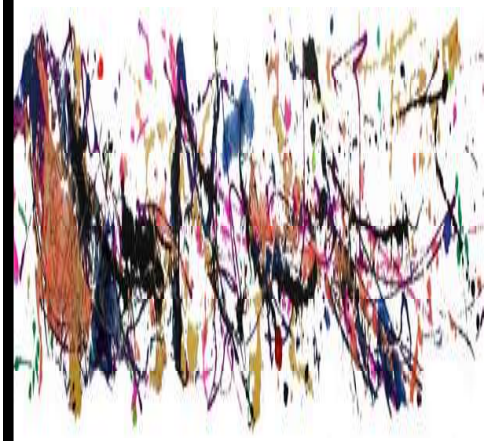
Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, January 11, 2-4 pm:
January's program will be the ever-popular **Critique Session.** Everyone is invited to bring 1 or 2 artworks for which you would like some helpful input.

In **February** we will be holding an art supply swap! Please bring any art supplies you would like to get rid of and hopefully pick up some you would like to use. We have quite a few things already, donated by Linda Rosen's family; some pastels, sketchbooks, lots of nice brushes, etc.

Meetings are on the 2nd floor of the ARTFactory, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas.

Exhibit Alert!



We will be changing the art at Centerfuse on Tuesday, January 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Have any news you would like to share?
Send it to Michele at myarcadia2@gmail.com, she'll try to get it into a future newsletter.

Artist of the Month

January's Artist of the Month is Karen Suarez. *"As an artist, I am continually inspired by the world around me. In the Northern Virginia area there is always something to inspire me. My paintings are often of Manassas. My artistic journey began at the University of Delaware. Over the years, I also studied at the Corcoran School of Art and Design, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Delaware Art Museum. I taught art in public schools for over 38 years."*

Stores where we display:
ARTfactory, 9419 Battle Street
Black Metal Mercantile, 9105 Center Street
Grounds Central Station, 9360 Main Street
Jirani Coffeehouse, 9425 West Street.
Things I Love, 9084 Center Street

Upcoming AOTM:
Feb: Rebecca Neiss
March: Lisa Stewart
April: Peter Smolens
May: Michele Frantz
June: Josie Tullo
July: Maggie Grace

If you would like to be an AOTM, please contact Rebecca at rebeccaneiss9@gmail.com to get on the schedule.

Member News

Janet Hansen Martinet had a painting accepted into the Women Artists of the DMV Exhibition, the first ever survey of female visual artists from the DMV (District, Maryland and Virginia). The exhibition was hosted in 19 major art spaces around the region and features the work of more than 400 female artists. DC-area curator, artist and art activist, F. Lennox Campello, selected all of the works.

Janet's painting, 'Dogwood Deconstructing' is on view at the Falls Church Arts Gallery, 700-B West Broad Street, Falls Church, thru February 22. Vote for People's Choice Award at the gallery until February 6. Check it out at https://www.womenartistsofthedmv.com/about

Artist Opportunities

Franklin Park Arts Center, Purcellville.
The gallery at Franklin Park is hosting a series of exhibits celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Exhibits are $20 each for up to 3 works.

The Themes:
February: *Freedom*
March: *Courage & Bravery*
April: *Revolutionary*
June: *Pursuit of Happiness*

Unfortunately some of the calls are not on-line yet, **but this is the page to visit:**
https://www.franklinparkartscenter.org/artist-opportunities/

LibertyTown Arts, Fredericksburg.

The Themes:
February: *Fire and Ice*
March: *Verdant*
April: *H2O*
June: *Dazzling Color*
July: *Birds and (Capy)Baras!*
August: *Oops!, All Landscapes*
September: *Golden Hour*

Full info is at:
https://libertytownarts.com/calls-for-artists/

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Artist Opportunities, cont'd

The Prince William Art Society is considering creating an *"Alliance of Visual Artists"*, with the goal of finding or creating exhibit spaces around the county. They are inviting area artists to a brain-storming session on Monday, January 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at:
Bull Run Regional Library
Community Room A/B
8051 Ashton Avenue, Manassas.

Please RSVP by Jan. 14 at:
https://www.jotform.com/app/260076097553158

For more information, contact Sandra Lewin at sm22026@comcast.net.

Tinsel Thyme Press, Warrenton is hosting an exhibition on Saturday, April 25 in honor of local artist Richard Norris Brooke. They are seeking adult artists who focus on plein air and/or landscapes.

The cost is $45 for an 8x8 booth space. Artists are required to submit images of the work they intend to exhibit in their booth. In addition, one piece may be submitted for judging: this piece must be a landscape work depicting a location within Fauquier County, and must be no larger than 16 by 20".

All details and registration are at:
https://form.jotform.com/253213474236150

Finally -- there is a new art venue in Warrenton named "**Art Studio 81**." Along with gallery space they offer events and workshops, such as "Coffee, Tea & Paint," weekend activities, and Open Studio. They are located at 81 Main Street in Warrenton; the website is https://www.artstudio81.com.

Guess what?

Yep, that's right - volunteers still needed! Please take a look at the front page and see where you can help. Don't delay, call Laura today! You can reach her at 703-801-3607 or laura.lavarnway@comcast.net; she'll always be happy to hear from you!

