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MARCH 2024



Spring Meeting

SAT, March 16, 2024 • 10am • Hannah Grimes Center



FREE
open to
the public

- The theme is EMERGING: Bring your art
- Refreshments • Association Updates
- NE Art Reproductions Presentation by Michael Torska

MAAA Spring Meeting: The Theme is “EMERGING”

Only two weeks until we get together for our Spring Meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Hannah Grimes Business Center on Roxbury Street in Keene. Bring a piece of art expressing anything about the idea of "Emerging." The first part of the gathering will be devoted to people enjoying each other's art in an informal atmosphere. Refreshments will be provided by our Hospitality Committee, MAAA members Sue and Kate Beetle. By the way, we have learned that Kate is a superb baker!

Afterward, Michael Torska from New England Art Reproductions will join us to talk about his business capabilities including photographing and scanning original art for reproduction. He also offers printing on interesting things



Sh-h-h!

Don't tell everyone but the MAAA Art Gallery at Syd's new exhibit is up!

Twenty-four MAAA member artists have shared their spectacular art in the amazing newly-refurbished MAAA Art Gallery at Syd's.

First, Wendi Hulslander painted the exhibit rooms in crisp, clean, contemporary tones. Then, Bill Wilkes and Wendi installed new rails for more hanging devices. By the time the art arrived, Wendi had the spaces looking top-notch. Drop-off Day on Tuesday, February 27, went smoothly with Kris Stewart, Gill Truslow, Ruth Sterling and others pitching in to greet, check in, inventory and stow art for safety. Wendi and friends had many pieces in place by the end of the day.

All MAAA members are welcome to attend the "Soft Opening" of the Gallery on Saturday, March 2, from 3-5pm. Tentative plans have been mentioned to walk over to Margarita's afterward to celebrate this great accomplishment for the association and to congratulate Wendi on achieving this daunting makeover in record time.

Critiques with Care

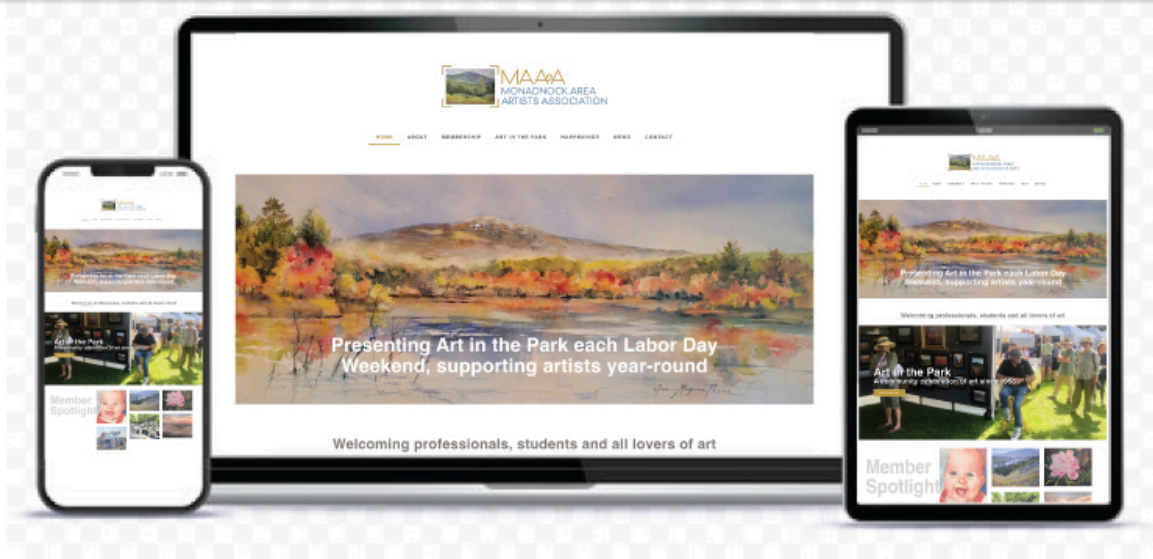


A new benefit we are thrilled to offer members!

In the comfort of Jeanne Maguire Thieme's warm and welcoming studio in Swanzey, NH, MAAA members can participate in monthly Critiques led by Jeanne herself. To attend the first Critique on **Thursday, March 28, 2024, 10am-11am** or so, please complete and submit the application form, link below. Registrations are first come/first served, limited to 8 participants per session. (Registrations for April, May not yet available.)

- Artists in all visual media are invited
- Group size is strictly limited to 8 each month
- Each participant may bring 1-3 pieces for discussion
- Participants can expect encouragement, feedback, support and suggestions
- Attendees contribute potluck snack offerings, tea provided
- No fee to attend but registration is required. To participate, please use this [FORM](#).

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Check out the association's new website, MonadnockAreaArtists.org!

Our new website has launched! Reflecting the quality of the art created by MAAA artists, our beautiful new website was due to go live the last day of February.... and it happened! We will be in the debugging phase for a bit but by the time Art in the Park Registration begins on March 14, the site will be ready to welcome our 2024 exhibitors. Website work team: Vernon Thornblad, Ruth Sterling, Gary Lee and Gill Truslow.



Save the Date! July Member Exhibit in Newfane, VT

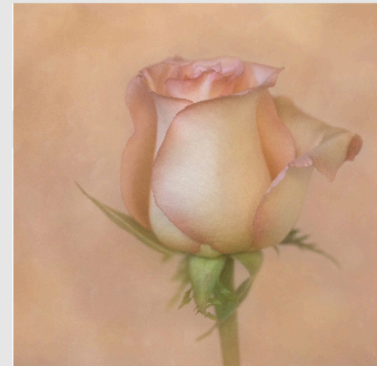
Kris Stewart, Art in the Park Chair and MAAA Treasurer, has scheduled a Member Exhibit at the Crowell Gallery

MAAA members. Here is the [FORM](#) to register, more details to come.



Registrations for ART in the Park 2024 Open March 14

It's a sure sign of Spring when the Art in the Park Registration page goes live and returning exhibitors get an email notification that they can start registering. March 14 is opening day! We are looking forward to a smooth process, with familiar online forms to fill out, the usual Paypal® PAYMENT system and the same old drill... initiating from our shiny new website (with the same web address). You'll know you are in the right place when you see Gill Trulsow's picture, shown in the screen shot above. Note that Labor Day weekend is early this year—Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1.



Social Media Sensations

Three recent separate social media campaigns gave members a chance to increase their exposure while giving the association plenty of positive attention. Such a great example of sharing our gifts and bringing beauty to the world.

The February campaign created a gorgeous grid on Instagram. Participating artists included Stephanie Baute (appeared in January and February), Liz Winchester Larson, Gill Truslow, Kris Stewart, Carol Corliss, Gail Shelley and Wendi Hulslander. Our social media will be actively promoting Art in the Park, the Spring Meeting of MAAA, and the MAAA Art Gallery at Syd's.

You can help (enormously!) by sharing MAAA posts on your own pages!

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

River Valley Artisans Art Tour 2024

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 tour held on September 7th & 8th. The two venues are Summit Winery in Westmoreland and Branch & Blade Brewing in Keene. Spaces are outside in your own tent. If you would like more information or an application, please contact: rivalleyartisanstour@gmail.com

MARKETPLACE

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Thank you

Carol

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