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APRIL 2024

Meet your fellow MAAA Members

Saturday, April 6, 3-5pm, is the Grand Re-Opening of the MAAA Art Gallery at Syd's. The event is an opportunity to see the work of 27 MAAA members and meet and mingle with many of them, as well as their friends and the public. Participating artists have been asked to share a notecard or bookmark as a party favor for guests. We look forward to seeing everyone at this great gathering in the comfortable, beautiful and joyful Gallery!

Please join us for the
Grand Re-Opening

ART GALLERY



SATURDAY
APRIL 6
3-5pm

Giveaways for
the first 100
guests
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Live music

A unique place where people can imagine dream spaces.... Come home to comfort, beauty & joy!

Syd's
Carpet & Snooze Room

St. James St, Keene
25+ artists
3+ rooms



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ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

monadnockareaartists.org

Promotions are underway for the Grand Re-Opening: Please look for the Facebook event, other social media posts, a story in the Shopper and listings in calendars. Remember, anytime you share an MAAA post, you are helping the organization build buzz and grow. You may hear Jay from Syd's on the radio too!



100 members of Monadnock Area Artists Association!

This is an exciting milestone for the organization! A few short months ago, our membership was hovering at 78 members. A series of exciting developments have attracted back former

more member dues—set and held at a modest \$25—the more working capital we have to invest in programs to benefit our members. The importance of that income stream, as well as Art in the Park fees—also modest and holding—keeps us operating as a responsible, respectable non-profit business. Member #99 is Kathy Kennedy, our new Workshop Chair, and an exhibitor at the MAAA Art Gallery at Syd's. Member #100 is Karen Wright! **Welcome all new members!**

Critiques with Care



Thoughtful, helpful, instructive, gentle: Register now for the next monthly Critiques with Care session

Time stood still for two hours in Jeanne Maguire Thieme's warm and welcoming studio at the inaugural Critiques with Care session on March 28. Professional artists brought projects that had stumped them, a neophyte artist sought style and technique coaching. The feedback, guided by MAAA's masterful teacher/artist, was insightful, astute, wide-ranging and always encouraging. Media covered the gamut, including oil, pastel, watercolor and pen & ink, and styles ranged from illustrative to realistic.

One participant commented, "Everyone's perspective and their comments are appreciated

Another wrote: "Thank you Jeanne for your generosity of time yesterday and your thoughtfulness while guiding us through our critique session. I am grateful for everyone's shared comments about my work, and I loved seeing the progress that others have made on their own, as well as having time together! It is very helpful to have the benefit of others' eyes giving feedback, a practice that I should do more often."

Registrations for the April session, the last Thursday of the month, April 25, 10am, are open now. Group size is limited and a wait list will be in effect.

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Member Exhibit

Crowell Gallery, Newfane, VT

July 2024 • Reception July 6

Time to register! July Member Exhibit in Newfane, VT

Call to artists! Limited to 3 pieces per artist (numbered in order of preference.) Participation is free for MAAA members. Deadline for forms and images is May 15; no exceptions can be made to this deadline. Kris Stewart, Art in the Park Chair and MAAA Treasurer, scheduled this Member Exhibit at the Crowell Gallery in nearby Newfane, VT, for the month of July, 2024 (Reception July 6.) Note: For this graphic, we used art images from several members who have expressed interest in the show. When we get all the entrants, we hope to redo

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Registrations for ART in the Park 2024

Twenty-three returning exhibitors signed up for Art in the Park in the first ten days of open registrations. That's 1/3 of last years total—in the first ten days! On top of the returning artists, we have three exciting new exhibitors! Registrations are initiating from our new website using the databases tended by our tech advisor Gary Lee. Gary has been helping registrants with snags and glitches—we can't pay him enough for his patience. Open registrations continue through August 15, with the last day to request your site from 2023 May 14. Note that Labor Day weekend is early this year—Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1.



Minutes from Spring Meeting held Saturday, March 16 at Hannah Grimes

From MAAA Secretary Kevin Whitfield

The MAAA Spring meeting was held at the Hannah Grimes Center from 10am -12 noon on Saturday, March 16, 2024 and was well-attended. Among those present were Ruth Sterling, Kevin Whitfield, Gill Truslow, Sue Doyle, Carol Corliss, Liz Winchester-Larson, Jeanne MaguireThieme, Kate and Sue Beetle, Kris Stewart, Gail Shelley, Gary Custer, Phil Bean, Vernon Thornblad, Sue Hum, Michael Torska and several other members and visitors. Around 25 total attended.

Under old business, the minutes of the last meeting were approved. Ruth Sterling (MAAA President) mentioned our 501c3 status and revision to our Pecuniary Benefits Policy for state compliance. Moving forward, MAAA will continue to be run as a business so that members can benefit as artists. A key factor in this organizational culture shift is: Effective 2023 people who provide professional services which are beyond the level of a volunteer will be paid stipends. This is an essential step to help prevent burnout among individuals providing these services.

For new business, effective April 1, the Board will accept Kate Shaffer, VP's resignation for health reasons. Carol Corliss will be appointed as Interim VP for six months. Kris Stewart gave her Treasurer's Report and discussed the current bank account balances, the expenses and profit for Art in the Park, which include \$9,041 and \$2182 for profit. For 2024, the expenses are estimated to be around \$8582 and a \$2641 profit. Another important point is that interest of \$500 will be earned by our CD by the end of July. Also, MAAA currently has three people/businesses who want to sponsor part of Art in the Park and Kris and committee will be making an effort to attract more sponsorships. This way, MAAA earnings will increase.

Kathleen Kennedy, the new Workshop Committee chair, gave her report. Kathleen called on members to give workshops. She posed the question of what is acceptable, only fine arts, or other things, such as stained glass? Participating artists will be charged a fee. The importance of using social media to promote workshops was discussed.

"Emerging" which consisted of two groups led by Jeanne Maguire Thieme and Ruth Sterling. Among the artists who brought their work to share were Gail Shelley, Sue Beetle, Sue Doyle, Sue Hum, Ruth Sterling, and Phil Bean. It was an interesting opportunity to see each artist's work shared and discussed among each group.

The final segment of the meeting was a presentation by Michael Torska, owner of New England Art Reproductions. He displayed examples of some reproductions he has done for some clients and mentioned that he does reproductions on varied surfaces which include cards and coasters, as well as varied objects. Indian King Framery in Keene is his drop off point for customers. Michael also discussed that he has some other possibilities he has been exploring, such as T-shirts. Gail Shelley mentioned that she had Mike do reproductions on her ceramic and wooden Christmas ornaments and that she had tried other people who offer the same service and found Michael to be the best one.

Refreshments for the Spring Meeting were provided by Hospitality Committee members Kate and Sue Beetle who capitalized on the St. Patrick's Day holiday to offer delicious Irish scones, cupcakes, cheeses and crackers. Gluten-free crackers and fresh fruit added to the spread, offering something for everyone. The consensus was that the refreshments were excellent.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Whitfield
(Edited by Ruth Sterling)

Photo by Vernon Thornblad

MEMBER NEWS

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 but spaces are currently available only at Branch & Blade - outside in your own tent. If you would like more information or an application, please contact:

rivervalleyartisanstour@gmail.com

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