

Manchester Art Association, Inc.
Monthly Members' Meeting
April 19, 2017
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President Larson opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. welcoming all members and guests and thanking Penny Brandt, Bonnie Lindland, Sue Masse, and Neill Morteserin for providing refreshments.

Doris Phillips said we have four new members this month, including one this evening bringing our total to 104 members. New members are Donna McMahon, Don Ludwig, Adeebah Alnemar and Vinodhini Murahdharan. Welcome to all.

Chris asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March as posted on the website. Carolyn Emerson moved for acceptance, seconded by Gail Crook and so approved.

Treasurer's report: Emilie Beckwith said we will have scholarship expenses this month and have income from memberships. Full details of all income, expenses and balance on hand will be available for audit.

Exhibits: The Manchester Hospital change out will be Thursday, May 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. If you cannot pick up your artwork, kindly designate someone to do this for you. Pieces for the new exhibit should be framed and wired properly for safe and secure hanging.

Art in the Park will be June 4 where we will have two booths for members to offer their work for sale. Details and registration will be forthcoming by email. Those exhibiting are asked to assist in set up and monitoring the booths.

Workshops: Carolyn Emerson reported we are done with this year's workshop schedule which was very successful. We have two definite workshops already scheduled for this fall. Announcements and registration information for these will be online next week and several additional workshops are in the planning stage as of this time.

Chris suggested checking the "Member News" page on the website for information on where and when members' shows are occurring.

The call for entries for the MCC on Main upcoming exhibit was emailed to our members yesterday. This will be a juried show.

The Town of Manchester sculpture project is underway creating bronzes to honor prominent citizens of the community. Solicitations have been made for funds and the MAA board has recommended that we donate \$2500 to this art oriented project. This donation category will give us recognition on the sponsor plaque at Town Hall. Judy Burnham moved that MAA

donate \$2500 to the Town for this project, Grace Tedford seconded the motion and the membership voted in the affirmative.

Nominating Committee: Eric Vogel, Chair, presented the slate of officers and committees being nominated by the Board to be voted upon at the annual meeting in May for 2017-2018. He was assisted by Board member, Jim Oliphant, and general membership representative, Helena Deary.

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| Officers: | President | Chris Larson |
| | Vice President | Carolyn Emerson |
| | Secretary | Bonnie Lindland |
| | Treasurer | Emilie Beckwith |

Board at Large: Jerry Madara
Jim Oliphant
Diane McDonald
Doris Phillips
Mary Bollash

Committee Chairs/Co Chairs:

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| Nominating | Nijole Currie |
| Membership | Doris Phillips/Mary Bollash |
| Programs/Demos | Helena Deary/Ann Martell |
| Exhibitions | Carolyn Gimbrone/Judy Burnham |
| Communications/PR | Susan Aitner/Jim Oliphant |
| Hospitality | Carole Fins/Gail Crook |
| Cheer | Carol Bryant |
| Art-of-the-Month | Victoria Dubiel/Jim Oliphant |
| Workshops | Carolyn Emerson/Emilie Beckwith |
| Scholarships | Sue Hollister |

Official notice of this slate will be emailed/mailed to all members two weeks prior to the annual meeting, May 17, at which time additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor. A quorum of voters present and/or proxy votes will be necessary for this vote.

The Board is recommending some minor bylaws changes to more clearly define committee assignments and names. A vote will be taken by the membership at the annual meeting, May 17, to approve these changes. A formal notice of these changes will be sent in writing via email/mail to the membership two weeks prior to the meeting. A quorum of voters present and/or proxy votes will be necessary for this vote.

Eric Vogel has agreed to chair the Silent Auction program scheduled for November. It will be held November 11, 4 to 6 p.m. at the same location as last time, the Unitarian Universalist Society East meeting house in Vernon. More information will be coming soon on this fundraising project.

Normand Charlette has offered to make some of his outstanding photography available for members' artwork projects. In return for permission to use his photos, he will simply ask for photographer

recognition and will likewise promote the artist whenever possible, thus encouraging sales. He will bring selected photos to the May meeting for anyone interested in this cooperative venture.

Our guest for the evening, Sandra Wakeen, judged the Art of the Month offerings with the following results:

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| 1 st | Normand Charlette | Docked Dinghies | Photography | Arbors |
| 2 nd | Sue Masse | CAT-onese | Mixed Media | Webster Bank |
| 3 rd | Emily Beckwith | Neuscharstein Castle | Watercolor | Whiten Library |
| 1 st Hon | Rachael Hora | Stormflower | Acrylic | Mary Cheney Library |

Helena Deary introduced Sandra Wakeen, artist and teacher, as our guest for the evening who critiqued the artwork presented by members.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Burnham, Secretary