

Manchester Art Association, Inc.
Monthly Members' Meeting
May 17, 2017
The Arbors

President Chris Larson opened the meeting promptly at 7:15 p.m. welcoming all to the last meeting of the year. She also welcomed new members and visitors including the high school scholarship winner Ariel Miner and her family. Chris thanked Carol Fins, Sue Masse, Rita Borden and Neill Monteserin for the fine refreshments this evening.

Chris then asked for approval of the May meeting minutes as posted on the website. Helena Deary moved to accept, seconded by Carol Bryant and so voted to accept.

Treasurer's report: Emilie Beckwith reported incomes from dues and donations and expenses for demos, MCC Foundation, Sculpture project for Manchester, Art in the Park equipment, Website, and a deposit to the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House for our upcoming auction. Full financial details are available for audit.

Membership: Doris Phillips reported we now have 102 active members. Tonight we have 50 members and their guests present. She noted that with 50 present and 19 proxies in hand we have a quorum for voting.

Exhibits: Registration is open online for Art in the Park which is June 4. Town Hall changeover is set for June 8 with the pastel exhibit going up. Eric Vogel and Pat Trapp are in charge.

Workshops: Carolyn Emerson reported the registration forms for Marla Greenfield's watercolor and Elizabeth Rhoades's pastel workshops are online and copies are available here this evening.

Scholarships: Sue Hollister had the pleasure of introducing our high school scholarship winner, Ariel Miner. Ariel was accepted at multiple colleges and has chosen the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts. She also was awarded a one year complimentary membership to MAA.

Normand Charlette has photographs available this evening for those who would like to use them for paintings. In return for the use of the photograph he asks for original photographer credit and he will post a jpg on his website of the artist's work. Thank you, Normand.

Chris mentioned the "Art Trail of CT" pass available for selected museums and exhibits at the cost of \$25. Further information is available on our website.

Ronnie Klukas offered information on the Art Center East upcoming juried multimedia exhibit 6/11 – 7/8. Registration and details are available online.

MAA will be memorializing Pat O'Brien with an art related book for a Manchester library.

The Arbors has requested assistance from MAA for a series of art programs for their residents. These would be done by volunteer members on a given Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the new art room at the residence. Demonstrations, lectures, slide/power point shows, or history programs are some suggestions. We have two volunteers lined up, but will need more for a continued series. This is one way we can return the generosity shown to us by the Arbors allowing us to use their facilities for our meetings free of charge and providing beverages for our refreshment table. Contact Chris if you can help.

The Board has been discussing a Facebook page for MAA. Anyone interested in assisting Jerry Madara and Chris on this project would be welcomed.

The Town of Manchester has asked for sponsorship of their visual arts musical playground in Charter Oak Park. For us this would entail the installation of a double musical visual art mural costing \$1500 for the materials and installation. (The artist illustrator is donating her time and design talent). The Board felt this would be a good community investment for MAA and Chris asked for a motion for the club to donate toward this double mural. Sue Hollister moved that we provide the \$1500 for this mural, seconded by Emilie Beckwith and so approved.

Carole Fins said the visual arts park will be enhanced with a brick patio sponsored by the Manchester Rotary Club. Engraved bricks will be available for \$125. Brochure and information available at the back table tonight.

Chris gave a hearty thanks to the Board and committee chairs for the hard work done this year as follows: Immediate Past President – Eric Vogel; Vice President – Carolyn Gimbrone; Secretary – Judy Burnham; Treasurer – Emilie Beckwith; At-Large – Doris Phillips, Diane McDonald, Bonnie Lindland, Jerry Madara, Jim Oliphant. Committees: Nominating – Eric Vogel, Jim Oliphant, Helena Deary. Membership – Doris Phillips. Programs/Demos – Helena Deary, Ann Martell. Exhibits – Carolyn Gimbrone, Chris Larson. Art of the Month – Victoria Dubiel, Jim Oliphant. Public Relations – Sue Aitner, Jim Oliphant. Scholarships – Sue Hollister. Hospitality – Carole Fins. Cheer – Anne Vogel. Workshops – Carolyn Emerson.

Change to the Bylaws: The Board is recommending the following committee title changes to more accurately describe the work done by each committee: Replace Fundraising with Workshops. Extend standing committees to include: Scholarships and Art of the Month. Hospitality to be divided into Hospitality and Cheer committees. Bonnie Lindland moved that these changes be made, Carolyn Emerson seconded the motion. So approved.

Eric Vogel, nominating committee chair, thanked Helena Deary and Jim Oliphant for their assistance and presented the Board recommended slate of officers for the 2017 – 2018 year:

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 Chair

Nominating	Nijole Currie
Membership	Doris Phillips/Mary Bollash
Programs/Demos	Helena Deary/Ann Martell
Exhibits	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
Scholarship	Sue Hollister

Judy Burnham moved the Board recommended slate be approved. Grace Talaga seconded the motion. Chris Larson asked for nominations from the floor. None were received. No further discussion was raised and the slate was approved.

Chris recognized our one charter member, Grace Tedford. A hearty round of applause was given in her honor.

Art of the Month:

1 st	Sue Masse	Country home	Mixed media	The Arbors
2 nd	Rhea Sutter	Friendly Phyllis	Oil	Webster Bank
3 rd	Sharon Gresk	Summer sleep	Quilling	Mary Cheney Library
4 th	Carole Fins	Approaching Storm	Acrylic	Whiton Library

Helena Deary introduced Joan Shapiro who gave a delightful presentation and discussion on abstract art. Many thanks to Joan.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Burnham, Secretary