

Manchester Art Association, Inc.
Monthly Members' Meeting
September 20, 2017
The Arbors

President Larson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and thanked all those present for coming and welcomed visitors and new members, Diane Say and Jay McCollum. She also acknowledged Carol Fins, Gail Crook and Neill Monteserin for the refreshments this evening. Chris noted we have received thank you letters from the town for participation in the mural project, the Charter Oak Park project, music garden and scholarship recipients.

Gail circulated the sign-up sheet for this year's meeting refreshments.

Chris asked for approval of the minutes of the May meeting as posted on the website. Gail Crook moved for approval, Carolyn Emerson seconded and this was approved

Treasurer's Report: Emilie Beckwith reported expenditures over the summer have been as committed for the town mural and scholarships. Income is shown from dues and workshops. All financial details are available for audit.

Membership: Doris Phillips reminded us that dues are payable this month and necessary for exhibiting. She and Mary Bollash will be at the South Windsor library show drop off to accommodate anyone not up to date on this. She said we have 12 visitors this evening with two new members. Doris reported that we have 50 in attendance this evening.

South Windsor Library: Judy Burnham reviewed the South Windsor Library exhibit schedule as follows: Drop off is Monday, October 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. The reception which is free and open to the public will be Sunday, October 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. Pick up of artwork will be Monday, October 30 from 2 to 4 pm. Members may enter two pieces of artwork which will be judged by Elizabeth Rhoades and ribbon awards presented at the reception. Items can be for sale, however, the library does not permit price tags on the artwork. Price lists will be available at the reception and throughout the exhibit at the library main desk. Interested purchasers can contact the artist directly. Please register your artwork online now.

Manchester Hospital change-out will be Thursday, October 5, 3 to 5 p.m.

Carolyn Emerson reported the watercolor workshop with Marla Greenfield on October 13 and 14 needs one more participant to have the class. There is still room available in the Elizabeth Rhoades workshop in November and Jerry Madera has agreed to an acrylics class January 19 and 20.

Small Art Action: Eric Vogel said the "Art Auction & Wine Reception" is set for Saturday, November 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society: East Meetinghouse on

Vernon St., West. Member artists are asked to donate one or two small pieces of artwork of any medium for this major fundraiser. These items should be original artwork up to 16" maximum or small free-standing craft items. Silent bidding on these items will begin at \$50 for framed paintings and \$25 for framed photographs. An extra added attraction this year will be a raffle. First prize will be a Carolyn Emerson framed original watercolor. Special Bonnie Lindland table centerpieces will be the next nine prizes.

Eric also asked for volunteers from the membership to assist in set-up and clean-up work, cashing, buffet monitoring, art table monitoring and promotion of the event. He sent a clipboard around for sign-ups and will provide further information to all volunteers in the near future. This fund-raiser netted about \$2200 for scholarships two years ago and we are hoping to double that this time. For registering artwork, pick up arrangements and volunteering, please contact Eric (860) 644-0272 or vogel212@cox.net.

Mary Bollash showed the banner that was painted at the Manchester ArtFUD music and art festival last Saturday by young and old visitors. It was a great method for town folk to become aware of our group and to connect with the Manchester community.

Normand Charlette reported on a new exhibit venue in Glastonbury. Symmetry, a financial company, has just moved into their new building and have wall space available for up to 40 pieces. Their thought is to rotate artists' work every couple of months throughout their space. They will be doing receptions for clients and can offer good visibility. Plans are not yet finalized, however, we will be working with them on the hanging/easel system and artist participation. Normand will keep us up to date on the progress.

Open studio is again available at the Community Y on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An inventory was done by Janet DePratti of the materials in our back room at the Community Y. Frames, matboard, prints and other items will be free to members on Open Studio Wednesdays for the next three weeks. Doris Phillips will coordinate the distribution at the Community Y from 10 to 4 pm. Any items left over will be donated to schools.

Art of the Month: Guest demonstrator, Karen Israel, judged with the following results:

1 st	Austin Pouliot	"fishy"	Watercolor	The Arbors
2 nd	Rhea Sutter	"Tuscan Villa"	Oil	Whiton Library
3 rd	Emily Beckwith	"Dawn at the Chatham Lighthouse"	Pastel	Cheney Library
4 th	Penny Brandt	"Sweet Nectar"	Watercolor	Webster Bank

Ann Martell introduced Karen Israel, well-known and award-winning pastel artist who demonstrated pan pastel painting. Thank you, Karen, for a fine presentation.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Burnham, substitute secretary