

"ARTIST OF THE YEAR" BALLOT

PLEASE PLACE A CHECK MARK IN THE CIRCLE BESIDE THE PERSON YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AWARDED "2017 AOTY" AND INITIAL YOUR CHOICE.

LOTTER, ALINE - The Nominator's statement: "I have seen Aline volunteer tirelessly for MAA. She has held the position of Treasurer for some time. She has been successful as Program Director lining up very interesting speakers. Aline has now volunteered to be the Acting President. Also, she has just recently volunteered to take photos of members' artwork for the MAA Showcase. Aline continues to organize the annual banquet at the Back Room and the "Gab Fab". Aline regularly participates in AOTM and has exhibited at the Audubon Show, Trolley Night and AITP."

MUSCOTT, HOWARD - The Nominator's statement: "Howard has demonstrated his willingness to help fellow MAA members by currently serving as the Scholarship Chairman. He will identify and plan judging of the potential recipients. As part of the Committee, he will cast his ballot for whom should receive this scholarship. He regularly participates in AOTM program. His photographs of Nature & Wildlife is remarkable. The photographs on canvas are difficult to tell from paintings, they are so life-like. He is faithful in attending monthly membership meetings." And, "In addition to being an excellent photographer and creative visual artist, Howard is also a team player. He participates in almost all our MAA events and is always very helpful and giving to other artists. Howard is a prime example of artists helping artists and the community." Howard also is Chairman of the Nominating Committee who approaches each member to determine if anyone is interested in serving on the Board or as an Officer.

O'DONNELL, JIM - The Nominator's statement: Jim should be MAA's AOTY because he has jumped in with both feet to help with whatever job needs to be done. In addition to participating in AOTM, when he has new works, he also participates in every show and helps with organization and hanging. He volunteered to become a Board member and has served the Board in various positions, sometimes multiple positions when a position is vacant. He is currently MAA's Secretary. It seems to me that whenever something needs to be done, it's Jim who is the "go-to" guy to get the job done! He deserves recognition for that! He's also enrolled in classes, takes workshops when he can and is growing tremendously as an artist. He never fails to promote MAA when meeting artists who are new to the area."

PALFREY, JUDY - The Nominator's statement: "Judy has been a true asset to the MAA in many ways. She serves as MAA's "Publicity" person. She provides photographs and/or write-ups for three newspapers and radio stations relative to AOTM winners and upcoming MAA events. Furthermore, Judy is there to make the arrangements for our "Open Doors" events held at the Carol Rines Gallery. She makes sure the Gallery looks professional and pleasing to the eyes of our many visitors. She oversees the snack/beverage tables to ensure they are filled with goodies for all to enjoy. At the Audubon Exhibit, Judy is there to ensure the paintings are hung in a fashion that is captivating to the eye of those who enter the Gallery. She makes sure we are set up properly and she lends her hanging rods so all paintings have a place on the walls. Judy runs the "MAA Annual Auction" each year by obtaining an Auctioneer, making appropriate labels and ensuring the auction goes off smoothly. She provides tri-folds and/or any other hand-outs she feels will help invite a visitor to become a member of the MAA. During our monthly meetings, she shares her very creative and logical ideas with Board Members. She steps up to the plate whenever the MAA needs additional advice or help. In addition to being an amazing volunteer, Judy displays her beautiful watercolor paintings during our Open Doors and Audubon Exhibits. Always an overseer, and organizer and a genuinely kind and helpful person, giving of herself freely to be as much help to the MAA as possible, I truly believe Judy Palfrey has earned the award of "2017 Artist of the Year"!