

# Manchester Artists Association

Meetings take place at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, FrenchHall , corner of Pine and Concord Streets , Manchester, NH.

All meetings are held the first Monday of the month unless it falls on a holiday, (i .e. Labor Day). When this occurs we meet the following week . In case of bad weather,

If the Institute closes we will cancel the meeting and we will post it on our website: <http://www.manchesterartists.com> and announce it on WMUR-TV.

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APRIL 3, 2017 Presenter: Thomas Wright

In 2015 Tom Wright retired from a nearly 40 year career in hi-tech as a webmaster for Oracle Corporation, where his responsibilities included graphic art for use on the web. He is an MAA member, was the MAA Webmaster for 9 years and has been doing digital photographic art s ince 2005. Tom is also a member of the NH Art Association; is a past member of the NH Society of Photographic Artists and participates in the NHAA Photo Group, Friends of Art Manchester and the Goffstown Main Street Artists.

"You never know how getting out of your comfort zone and stretching yourself artistically will feedback into your art. In the Spring of 2016 I participated in a four-day 'Road Scholar' 'Hands on Glassmaking' workshop at the Corning Museum of Glass. Each day included kiln work (including glass blowing), flame work and fusion and produced about 20 finished pieces of glass by the end of the workshop. This presentation will briefly tell how the trip came about and then focus on the glass making activities, the Corning Museum of Glass, an finally explore how, through a 'midnight project', this all fed back into and enhanced my digital photographic art".

*Meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm. Please arrive 15-20 minutes early with your art piece to enter Artist of the month and to fill out paperwork. As usual, MAA Board meetings are scheduled for one hour prior to the regular general meetings. All members are welcome to sit-in at the Board meetings to see how the organization operates.*

Spring is in the air! Yay...It was a very looong winter!  
It's time to clean out your closets and set aside your gently used art related items for our annual art auction which will take place next month at the May 1st meeting. DO NOT bring these items to the meeting until the May meeting.  
All proceeds go toward our scholarship fund!  
Ideas: paints, brushes, easels, frames, books and magazines. Anything that would be of general interest to artists or photographers.

### **Art in the Park 2017 at Watson Park, Merrimack**

To have a successful Art in the Park Show this coming August 26th, we need as much publicity we can get. To do this effectively, we ask all members to find out the listings of area **radio, TV stations, publications** and forward this information to Show Chair, Laurie Lafleur at [donlauriel@comcast.net](mailto:donlauriel@comcast.net). We'd rather have duplication than miss some of them. ALSO, plan to participate in this show. The applications will become available in May.

### **ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

You will find the list of nominees and ballot at our website:

[www.manchesterartists.com](http://www.manchesterartists.com) and listed below. Please familiarize yourself with the nominees. The vote will not be taken until after the April meeting.

#### **Aline Lotter**

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 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 "Fab Gab". Aline regularly participates in AOTM and has exhibited at the Audubon Show, Trolley Night and Art in the Park.

#### **Howard Muscott**

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 and wildlife are remarkable. The photographs on canvas are difficult to tell from paintings. They are so life-like. He is faithful in attending monthly membership meetings. 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, is always very helpful and giving to other artists. Howard is a prime example of artist helping artists and the community. Howard is also chairman of the Nominating Committee who approaches each member to determine if anyone is interested in serving on the Board or as an Officer".

#### **Jim O'Donnell**

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".

## **Judy Palfrey**

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 'Trolley Night' 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 exhibit. 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 an/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 Trolley Nights 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 MAA Artist of the Year!'"

At each meeting, members are invited to submit a single piece of artwork for the Artist of the Month award. At the start of the meeting, members in attendance cast five votes each to select the month's award winners. The top 8 highest vote getters are chosen to display their artwork at one of eight select locations in the Greater Manchester area. To participate, bring in your painting at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.

**March Artists of the Month** Bentley  
Commons Lorraine Aucoin Bedford  
Library Judy Gelinas  
Days Jewelers Terry DesRosiers Peoples  
United Bank Rollande Rousselle E W  
Poore Virginia DemersThe Radisson  
Howard Muscott St Mary's Bank Beverly  
Descoteaux  
Triangle Credit Union Christine Keenan

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Although we enjoy having a casual get-together, the meetings must have some kind of order. The following is a basic pattern that we will try to maintain.

6:45 All Artists of the Month paintings signed in. 7:00

Voting for Artist of the Month; refreshments

7:10 Business announcements and Raffle; Artists of the Year nominees introduced; Artists of the Month announced

7:30 Program/Presentation/Guest Speaker

8:30 Thank our presenter; invite members to come up front to greet guest presenter

8:30 Group photo of Artists of the Month

## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

1. MAA has changed its Post Office Box from Bedford NH.  
The new address is: **MAA, P.O. Box 16713, Hooksett NH 03106**
2. The Audubon Society Show: "The Heart of Nature" continues until  
April 21. Pick-up date is **April 22, from 9 to noon**. If you cannot pick-up your work during those hours, please make arrangements with someone to do it for you.
3. MAA will be represented at the NHPTV auction. MAA members are donating artwork for the auction and volunteering to answer telephones during the "Gallery Night" auction Wednesday, April 26th. To volunteer to work at NHPTV auction contact: [www.nhptv.org/auction/aucvol\\_form.asp](http://www.nhptv.org/auction/aucvol_form.asp).  
There are 7 areas where help is needed. Also please notify Aline Lotter when you sign up to be included with MAA group.
4. Since there will only be 2 Trolley Nights this year, we have increased the number of paintings that you can put into the shows. Instead of just three paintings, you may now place five paintings. The new application has been adjusted for this.
5. There will be a special MAA tour at the Currier Museum on April 23rd. The "Deep Cuts and Biolath" exhibit will be at 11 am; lunch at the café; museum highlights after. Maximum 15 persons. \$10 each. Contact Aline Lotter for availability.

## OTHER ART/ EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Bedford Library: If you would like to exhibit for a month at the Bedford Library, contact Paul @ [paulducret@ymail.com](mailto:paulducret@ymail.com)
2. Londonderry Leach Library: month long exhibit for featured artist.  
[events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org](mailto:events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org)
- 3 Call to artists Studio 550: [www.550arts.com](http://www.550arts.com) Check their website under opportunities.
4. Linda Feinberg runs an artist blog at Friends of the Arts, Manchester. \$5 annual fee.  
[lfeinberg@gmail.com](mailto:lfeinberg@gmail.com)
5. Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce: [www.JacksonNH.com](http://www.JacksonNH.com) for info for their White Mountain Art and Artisan Festival on Aug. 9th and 20th.

6. Portland Art in the Park: August 12, 2017 Contact: City Manager's Office, PO Box 9422, South Portland ME or call 207-767-7606.

7. MAA Art in the Park tentatively scheduled for August 26, 2017 at Watson Park, Merrimack NH

8. NHIA lectures: March 30, 6pm: "Creating An Artistic or Literary Community" by Darcie Dennigan. April 19, 7pm: "How to Prepare For a Successful Interview" for creatives by Rita Armstrong. Reservations: Sara Ceaser at [alumni@nhia.edu](mailto:alumni@nhia.edu) or 603-836-2143.

#### **REMINDER:**

If you've forgotten to pay your membership dues, \$35 annually, you can renew by the following choices:

Get an application from our membership chair, Rollande Rousselle, or download the application from the website, or use Paypal Button below.

If you choose to pay by check made out to MAA, you may submit it at the meetings or mail to the following address.

Manchester Artist Association PO  
Box 16713  
Hooksett, NH 03106-6713

Even if you've been a MAA member for years, **we ask everyone to fill out a new application** so we can update our information.

If you have any questions about membership contact Rollande Rousselle

## **Join us: Artists Helping Artists!**

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN ON OUR BOARD MEETINGS. THEY ARE ALWAYS HELD AT 6:00PM ON THE SAME NIGHT OF OUR GENERAL MEETINGS RIGHT THERE AT THE INSTITUTE IN THE ADJACENT ROOM!

We're just like you. We're teachers, business executives, parents, retirees, students...you name it. But the one thing we all have in common is our passion for art. And the more volunteers we have, the bigger impact we can all make. Together. [Learn more.](#)

"Ask not what your organization can do for you.....but what YOU can do for your organization"!

**President:** WE NEED YOU! Temporary [Aline Lotter 289-7447](tel:289-7447) facilitate the running of monthly board and general meetings.

**Vice President:** [Laurie Lafleur; donlauriel@comcast.net](mailto:donlauriel@comcast.net). Organizes "Art in the Park" show and fills in for the President when needed.

**Secretary:** [Jim O'Donnell; SNTJM1@comcast.net](mailto:Jim O'Donnell). Takes notes and records all minutes of both general and board meetings.

**Treasurer:** [Aline Lotter:alotter@mac.com](mailto:Aline Lotter:alotter@mac.com). Keeps all the financials in order and reports all to the board

**Program Director:** [Sean Jameson](#) Finds guest speakers for our meetings. Collects their bio info to go in the newsletter the month before; organizes annual banquet meeting.

**Exhibits Director:** [Paul Ducret paulducret@ymail.com](mailto:Paul Ducret) In charge of coordinating and maintaining "Artist of the Month" exhibit sites.

**Librarian:** [Virginia Demers: roggin17@comcast.net](mailto:Virginia Demers)

- Maintains our free lending library of books and DVD's. Please be prompt in returning these periodicals so others might benefit from borrowing books and DVD's also.

Membership: Rollande Rousselle: 669-9754 Maintains our membership list and contacts.

Newsletter Editor: **OPEN**; Temporarily, Laurie Lafleur Receives from members, newsworthy events, news, shows, awards etc.

Publicity: Judy Palfrey; [looncovearts@metrocast.net](mailto:looncovearts@metrocast.net). Posts meetings and events to online website calendars. Works with Newsletter editor for information. Sends press releases to newspapers.

Scholarship: Howard Muscott

Looks for ways to raise funds for local college bound artists. Also runs the interview and judging process to give the award!

Website: Tracey Goowin 225-3485 Maintains our website(short description for a big job!)

Hospitality: Peg Lippin Responsible for getting members to signup at the meeting for our snacks and runs the hospitality station. Sends reminders one week before the meeting.

Historian: Judy Gelinis Keeps all documents up to date and manages MAA's Google account where all folders are stored.

Facebook Administrator: Lyudmilla Hoffman [lmayorska5@interusit.com](mailto:lmayorska5@interusit.com)

Meeting Assistants: Dolores Aucoin, Lorraine Aucoin, Rachel Paul: Collects all the votes at each meeting for the AOTM program and run the monthly raffle.

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(button near bottom of our home page)**

**or simply text  
MANCHESTERART to this phone# 22828  
You will be prompted to send your email address  
-and that's it!**

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