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October 2024 Newsletter



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The Manchester Artists Association meets on the first Monday of every month from September Through May inclusive EXCEPT if the first Monday of the month falls on a holiday. In that case, the meeting will be held on the following Monday. Meetings are at 7 PM at the Michael Briggs Public Safety Building located at 406 Valley Street in Manchester NH 03103. Meetings are free and open to the public. All members are always welcome to attend Board meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

October Meeting: Monday October 7; Board Meeting: October 15



AOTM

SEPTEMBER AOTM WINNERS

Bedford Library - Marie Gervacio

Days Jewelers - John Webster

Creative Framing - Sandee Nichols

Saint Mary's Bank - Howard Muscott

Triangle Credit - Sandy Sereno

Triangle Credit - Terry DesRosiers

City of Manchester Health - Sharon Allen

Saint Mary's at Puritan - Judy Gelinis



October Presenter: Jim Luckern

I could draw from an early age, in fact from preschool on.

I came from a lower middle class upbringing in Concord NH. I had two brothers and three sisters, so we didn't have a lot of toys. We all occupied our time with sports and outside activities. But I loved to draw and create. I remember our mother bringing home the groceries in paper bags and I

would tear them into flat pieces and draw on them. I also remember our Dad bringing home old blue print sheets for me to draw on.

I attended Bishop Brady High school in Concord NH in the seventies where I excelled in art, sports and mathematics. I found that my reading level was extremely low and struggled to get by. But art and sports kept me from quitting and enlisting to go to Vietnam. I graduated, barely, and was one year past the draft, So I didn't have to go.

At Bishop Brady High I had an art teacher named Mrs. Tudor who constantly encouraged me to go further and challenged me. She would have us draw and paint everywhere the nuns would allow us. When my senior year approached she had sent some of my work out to colleges and the Philadelphia college of fine arts answered.

When I discussed attending with my parents the explained that three of my siblings were already in college and could not afford another tuition. My mother explained that artists usually starve and struggle financially. She suggested that I start in the steel construction industry with my father and uncles. That way I could make a good living and practice art on the side, she was right.

I started as an Ironworker on buildings in the northeast from Washington DC to the Canadian border. I started my family young and spent my whole career as a proud Ironworker.

When my career came to an end because of back issues, I was trying to occupy my time. I had always been a good drawer, for the kids and the grandkids.

I started to draw because my wife wanted a portrait of Mookie Betts of the Boston Red Sox. She was astounded at how realistic it was, so I decided to start portraits of the Grandkids.

I was hooked especially during tyhe Covid lock down.

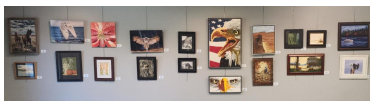
I took classes, I learned online and practiced every day.

I mainly use graphite and charcoal.

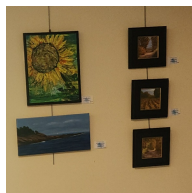
Scholarship

It's never too early to start planning a portfolio! Do you have a family member or neighbor who's a Senior in High School & planning to pursue arts education? Encourage them to talk to their HS Art teacher and/or Guidance Counselor to get the MAA Scholarship Application in the Spring. Howard sends it to ALL the high schools in NH. MAA is proud to offer some financial help to an art minded student!

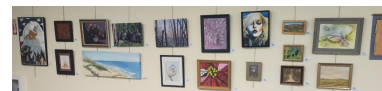
MEMBER NEWS



Our Exhibit
at the
Massabesic Audubon Center
8/30 - 11/2
(take down is before our
November meeting)



A Harvest of Art



41 artworks
by
15 artists

have a painting at Chris Pappas's new office in North Conway Sharon is a regular exhibitor at Lane House Art Center in Hampton.

Sharon invites everyone to visit her studio/gallery in the Atrium Building at 1001 Elm Street. Bring a friend! The wing is keypad entry so text her if you're coming! (603)490-2929



Jim O'Donnell has been busy doing shows & collecting award ribbons. He participated in the Newburyport, MA show, got an Honorable Mention at MWVAA's Art in the Park, & 2nd place in oils at NAAA's Greeley Park Show.

Joe Sweeny participated in the "Pop-Up Art Show" at Searles Chapel in Windham.



Howard Muscott was an exhibitor at the NHAA's space at the League of NH Craftsmen's Show in Sunapee & at Hollis Old Home Days

John Marmonti has donated books & CDs to MAA



NHPleinAir Artists You can [request membership here](#)
The **20th Annual Fall Get-Away in the White Mountains** will take place from **Thursday October 24 to Sunday October 27, 2004** with "home base" at the Swiss Chalets Village Inn in Intervale. Continental breakfast buffet included. Less than \$370 for lodging for the whole 3 nights. **Let Sharon know** now that you want to join in the fun of painting in the mountains with other artists (non painting friends also welcome)!

[Art Opportunites \(click links\)](#)

- **Visit Beaver Brook's 43rd Annual Fall Festival & Art Show. 9/28 & 9/29 , 10-4, rain or shine**
- **Creative Ventures Gallery** in Milford hLabor Day Weekendas new classes and exhibit opportunities. For all the latest news: **click here to visit the website**
- Current exhibitions at The Currier: <https://currier.org/exhibitions/>.
- **NH Arts E-Opps**
- **NH Art Association Art Around Town Newsletter**
- **Union Coffee Company, Milford** contact David Cianci, Head Roaster/Senior Partner via email to express interest. david@unioncoffee.co or 603-566-2616.
- Weekly Plein Air Painting with NHPleinAir Artists (see above)
- **Art on the Wall at City Hall: Sign up link**

For Future Newsletters & Programs:

Please send your news to Sharon at PleinAirGal@gmail.com This can be ANY news you want to share with the MAA members including shows that you're in, exhibit opportunities, receptions, Awards, new websites, birth announcements - whatever news you have to share!

Who or What would you like to see as presentations at monthly meetings? Painting demos (what mediums or styles)? Art history? Color theory? Sculpture? Photo Manipulation? Balloon animals? Website Building? Are there past presenters you'd like us to invite back again? Howard promises to make a survey questionnaire but in the meantime please send your suggestions to Howard at hmuscott@gmail.com

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