

MAA February 2025 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.

February Meeting: Monday February 3; Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 18



AOTM:

January AOTM WINNERS

Bedford Library - Terry DesRosiers
Days Jewelers - John Webster
Creative Framing - Sandee Nichols
Saint Mary's Bank - Cindi Chagaris
Triangle Credit - Joe Sweeney
Triangle Credit - Rollande Rousselle
City of Manchester Health - Sean Jameson
Saint Mary's Puritan - Jim Wong

February Presenter: John Shevenell, watercolor

Throughout my entire life, I have enjoyed drawing, and I have put those skills to good use as an architect. During the last few years of my professional career, I was introduced to painting watercolor. I found it a fascinating, fluid medium and likely to produce surprising and delightful effects. Traveling to paint has been hugely rewarding. Watercolor is a portable medium and lends itself to impromptu plein air sketching. I have painted in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, England, Wales, Greece, Morocco, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Italy, and France. Over the years, I have been lucky to paint alongside the renowned, late, English painter Ken Howard RA OBE, British/South African watercolor painter Hazel Soan, and Uruguayan artist Alvaro Castagnet.



I will continue this journey of discovery because this path takes me through revealing lessons and to wondrous places. I hope to continue, to become increasingly competent at my art and craft, and to share with you when I can.

Artist of the Year

It's that time! The nomination form is attached to this newsletter. Please think about which members you see stepping up to help MAA function efficiently on a regular basis. If that member is you, you may also self nominate. You must get your nominee's permission to submit their name. Forms must be handed in by our March meeting. Get nomination form [here](#).

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! [Click here](#) for scholarship application,

MEMBER NEWS

MAA will hold a Spring Show titled NATURE'S GALLERY at the Massabesic Audubon Center during March & April. Details are in the registration form included in the OPPORTUNITIES section of this newsletter. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 26.**

Several MAA members have work in NH PleinAir Artists' "World of Color" exhibit at the Pope Memorial Library in North Conway through February 14. There are 50 works by 10 artists - 1/2 of them MAA Members! They are: **Sharon Allen, Sandy Garrigan, Jim O'Donnell, & Rollande Rousselle**. Take a trek up to visit the show - it's definitely worth the trip!

Paul Ducret will be teaching a sculpture workshop at Creative Ventures Gallery in Milford. Details to follow on the Creative Ventures Website.



NH PleinAir Artists You can [request membership here](#) has geared down for the winter, but some dedicated members do venture out year round & you're welcome to give it a try whenever they do go out . In order to keep up their skills, members will also get together indoors when a space is available. Become a member to stay up to date on the latest happenings. It's FREE!

Art Opportunites (click links)

- **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/>.
- MAA Spring show: **NATURE'S GALLERY** at the Massabesic Audubon Center
- **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 NH Plein Air Artists (see above)
- **Art on the Wall at City Hall: Sign up link**
- Greater Salem Artists Association **Spring Fling Art Show**

For Future Newsletters & Programs:

Please, please, 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!

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